

**Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.**

**Present:**

Bob Blakeman Chairman  
John Lawrence  
Bernard Lowe  
Mrs Vicki Cook  
Tim Hankins  
Paul Williams

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

**23/038 Public Open Time**

There were no members of the public in attendance and no issues had been brought to the attention of councillors.

**23/039 Apologies**

Cllr. Watts

**23/040 Declarations of Interest**

None declared on agenda items.

**23/041 To Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 06.03.23**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Cook and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

**23/042 Matters arising.**

Cllr. Blakeman had contacted the school regarding the circulation of Trinity Times.

Cllr. Mrs Cook gave an update regarding her meeting with the headmaster. The contract for the school buses does not allow for a smaller coach. The drop-off zone is to be looked at.

**23/043 Village Hall**

Cllr. Lowe presented his report. The repair works following the leak are complete although the contractors raised concerns over damp in the walls and this is to be investigated. A further quote for the fence had been received. A revised quote is to be obtained for the original submission. **Action: BL**

A price is to be obtained for a replacement wooden gate as the cost of a metal one is prohibitive. **Action: TH**

Cllr. Mrs Cook is looking at ACRE's hire agreement template and also risk assessments. The fire risk assessment is to be discussed at the Village Hall Committee meeting later this week.

Cllr Blakeman was negotiating arrangements with the loss adjustor for the reimbursement of electricity costs while the repairs were undertaken.

**23/044 Risk Assessments**

These are now being forwarded to the Clerk and electronically filed.

**23/045 Play Area**

Cllr Blakeman has dealt with the potentially hazardous gap identified in the inspection report.

The signage is now in place and Cllr. Mrs Cook had dealt with the ivy on the wall and had undertaken some cleaning.

**23/046 Highways**

The quote for the VAS post had now been received and accepted but NNC would not programme the work until payment received and the invoice was still awaited. It was agreed to now place the order for the sign. Cllr. Hankins is to arrange storage. Action: BB/TH

Cllr. Williams presented his report which had previously been circulated. There was concern over the general lack of highway maintenance.

There are issues over the condition of the verge and highway damage at the site of the new development in Lowick Lane.

The claimed upgrading of public footpath MC13 to bridleway status was discussed but there were no objections to the proposal. **Action: Clerk**

**23/049 Maintenance issues: Grass cutting, tree management and village green (car park)**

Following the first two cuts, the grass cutting results looked good.

A revised quotation of £1500 had been received for the necessary tree work and this would commence in May.

Chairman

Date

Village Green/car park: The adjacent works had now been completed and the surface area restored along with some potholes.

**23/048 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Mrs Cook said she was unaware of any issues at the moment.

The Clerk had received notification from E.ON of an increase in maintenance charges.

**23/049 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

**23/050 Planning**

- a) No applications had been received for consideration.
  - b) No applications had been commented on following the last meeting.
  - c) Cllr. Blakeman had attended a recent STAUNCH meeting.
- It was noted that the application for Tavern Cottage had been withdrawn

**23/051 Finance**

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. It was noted that the defibrillator fund had now been spent. Cllr. Blakeman proposed that the Parish Council continues funding maintenance etc., and this was seconded by Cllr. Lawrence.
- (ii) The Clerk had circulated the Budget Monitoring Report and based on this, Cllr. Blakeman presented a revised budget.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence.

Retrospective

28.03.23 R Reed £401.68 Cheque No. 200180

28.03.23 HMRC (*Reimburse R Reed*) £87.60 Cheque No. 200182

Cheque No. 200181 void

Spanglefish £29.95 Cheque No. 200183 (*Reimburse R Blakeman*)

E.ON £56.84 Cheque No. 200184

Northants CALC £285.67 Cheque No. 200185

Emery Grounds and Garden Maintenance £468.00 Cheque No. 200186

Peterborough DBF (Glebe A/C) £100.00 Cheque No. 200187

Drax £40.83 D/D

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- (iv) There was no other financial business.

**23/052 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

The Clerk had put his retirement on hold for the time being.

There were no other items at this time.

**23/053 Date of Next Meeting**

30<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This would follow the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7:15pm and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm.