

**Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the Village Hall immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Present:**

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

NNC Cllrs. Geoff Shacklock, Mrs Wendy Brackenbury and David Brackenbury

There were no residents present

**21/056 Public Open Time**

There were no residents present

**21/057 Apologies**

None

**21/058 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

**21/059 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29.03.21**

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Lowe that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

**21/060 Matters arising.**

There was still no progress over the Pocket Park lease.

Following the meeting in March with Francis Hale, some areas of the churchyard have been cut but not as agreed. Cllr. Blakeman is to speak to Mr Hale. **Action: BB**

**21/061 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall**

Cllr. Lowe said that the hall was due to open the next day for groups in the morning and evening. Other groups are looking to return as soon as possible.

**21/062 Play Area**

The Play Area remains open. Cllr. Mrs Cook expressed concerns over the cleaning of apparatus and would send a link to the Chairman for Government recommendations. **Action: VC**

**21/063 Highways and Street Lighting**

Cllr. Watts spoke of a large tree which came down in the recent gales blocking Cross Lane. The tree had been cleared from the road but remained on the verge.

Cllr. Blakeman said that potholes have been repaired in Lowick Lane and Thorpe Road. Drainage issues are being dealt with but surface water at the Lowick Lane junction continues to be a problem. Councillor Brackenbury suggested an on-site meeting with Highways might help progress the matter.

The Village Sign is still missing and the Clerk will contact Sarah Barnwell over this. **Action: Clerk**

Following the e-mail from NNC, nominations for Parish Path Warden are required for the next meeting. **Action: All**

The Clerk had received an e-mail from E.ON advising that spares for the old low pressure sodium lamps were no longer being manufactured and supplies would run out shortly. Two lamps in Aldwincle are affected at the moment, PL12 in Cross Lane and PL113 in Main Street. These can be replaced when required by LEDs at a cost of £265 + VAT each.

Concerns were raised over a collapsed wall that could be obstructing a fire hydrant. Councillor Hankins said he would check. A tree on the Village Green by Baulks Lane is covered in ivy. Cllr. Williams said he would cut this back to determine the condition of the tree. **Action: TH/PW**

*The Chairman asked the NNC councillors if they wished to speak at this point. The Annual Meeting of the new council is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at which time individual councillor's responsibilities will*

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be determined. The three councillors said that they could not guarantee that they would all attend future meetings of the Parish Council but would try and have one councillor present whenever possible.

#### **21/064 Rural Co-ordination Group**

The Chairman spoke of the background to the group and the question of traffic issues in the area. Councillors were requested to consider traffic issues in and around Aldwinckle and notify the Chairman who would raise them at a future meeting of the group. **Action: All**

#### **21/065 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

#### **21/066 Annual Review**

Financial Regulations – these had been updated in 2019 to meet the revised regulations at that time. Consideration is to be given to online banking.

Risk Assessment – this had been updated 29.06.20

Internal audit arrangements – to be considered at the next meeting.

Insurance – currently in LTA with Came & Co.

#### **21/067 To approve the Internal Auditor's Report**

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the report be approved.

#### **21/068 To approve the Certificate of Exemption**

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the Certificate of Exemption be approved.

#### **21/069 To approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Audit Return**

It was proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the statement be approved.

#### **21/070 To approve the Accounting Statement of the Annual Audit Return**

It was proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the statement be approved.

#### **21/071 Planning**

a) The following application was considered: NE/21/00592/FUL: Single storey flat roof rear and side extension c/w lantern. 7 Main Street, Aldwinckle. There were no objections. Proposed Cllr. Blakeman, seconded Cllr. Hankins. **Action: Clerk**

b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.

c) The notice of the Residential Annexes SPD Consultation had been circulated by the Clerk.

#### **21/072 Finance**

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts for 2020/21 and 2021/22. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. The bank reconciliation statement for 2020/21 was also presented.

(ii) Councillors considered the budget monitoring report for 2020/21

(iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Hankins.

##### Retrospective

05.04.21 E.ON £51.11 Cheque No. 200101

05.04.21 Northants CALC £256.67 Cheque No. 200102

05.04.21 Came & Co. £971.36 Cheque No. 200103

Ian Arnott £75.00 Cheque No. 200104

R Reed £41.11 Cheque No. 200105

Havenpower £191.48 D/D (2 x invoices)

(iv) Next meeting: Should the PC continue to pay the Village Hall Committee insurance?

#### **21/073 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

The Chairman encouraged the new councillors to look at the training courses offered by Northants CALC.

#### **21/074 Date of Next Meeting**

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

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