

**Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.**

**Present:**

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

**22/107 Public Open Time**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**22/108 Apologies**

Cllr. Hankins

**22/109 Declarations of Interest**

None declared on agenda items.

**22/110 To Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 05.09.22**

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Cook that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

**22/111 Matters arising.**

Cllr Blakeman had reported the displaced setts to the Street Doctor but Highways did not consider attention was required. The dinghy by Thorpe Bridge has been removed.

The Clerk had written to Savills over the Parish Council's intention not to renew the holding lease at the end of March and an acknowledgement had been received.

**22/112 Village Hall**

Cllr. Lowe had raised the question of the fence between the Village Hall and the play area but the VH Committee wished to retain it. However, they have offered to adopt it and replace with a hooped metal fence.

*7:45pm Cllr. Watts arrived*

Cllr. Blakeman suggested that the Parish Council could fund a matching metal gate for the Play Area.

Cllr. Lowe spoke of door repairs that have been arranged and future events including the Pub Night 29.10.22 and Quiz Night 19.11.22

Cllr Blakeman thanked Cllr Mrs Cook for arranging for the insurance through Zurich Municipal. Cllr. Mrs Cook said she would look at risk assessments, etc., to meet the insurer's requirements. **Action: VC**

**22/113 Play Area**

It was noted that the soft surfacing was showing signs of wear but Cllr. Blakeman said that the annual inspection still identifies this as low risk so it would be monitored for now.

Cllr. Watts is to look at grinding down the exposed tree roots in the area to remove a possible trip hazard. **Action: BW**

Cllr Blakeman reported that the sycamore saplings were growing back in the All Saints Church graveyard and said he would deal with them. **Action: BB**

Cllr. Watts is to speak to the owners of the paddock regarding the need to cut the trees back that are obstructing the footway. **Action: BW**

Cllr. Mrs Cook said that issues concerning the misuse of the play area had improved following the posting of signs. Cllr. Williams raised concerns over the wording of the signs. This, and the condition of other signs at the site are to be considered at the next meeting.

**22/114 Highways**

Cllr. Williams was unaware of any other problems following the report of the displaced setts.

Following the VAS presentation at the last meeting, Cllr Williams discussed the details of the various units that are available. A meeting with Steve Barber is to be convened following the latter's return from holiday to discuss the proposed siting of the sign, etc. Cllr. Blakeman is to submit the grant application as soon as possible. The Truvelo quote is to be confirmed. **Action: BB/PW**

Chairman

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**22/115 Street Lighting**

It was noted that the cover on one street light was hanging down and Cllr. Mrs Cook is to report this to E.ON. **Action: VC**

**22/116 Grass Cutting Tender**

Cllr. Blakeman had previously circulated a revised draft. This was agreed unanimously and it would be put out to a number of contractors. **Action: BB**

**22/117 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

Cllr. Blakeman had attended a further meeting regarding the AONB and discussed the current situation.

**22/118 Planning**

- a) There were no planning applications for consideration.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

**22/119 Finance**

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Williams.

Retrospective

27.09.22 Zurich Municipal 31419.71 Cheque No.200157

05.10.22 HMRC £79.60 Cheque No. 200158

GeoXphere Ltd £57.60 Cheque No. 200159

E.ON £56.84 Cheque No. 200160

R Blakeman £28.80 Cheque No. 200161

R Reed £345.39 Cheque No. 200162

Mr TW McLean £210.00 Cheque No.200163

- (iii) There was no further financial business.

**22/120 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

Next agenda: 2023/24 Budget; Warm Space initiative

Cllr. Watts spoke of forthcoming bell ringing sessions.

**22/121 Date of Next Meeting**

28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:52pm.

Chairman

Date