

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2020 by means of video conferencing due to the lockdown restrictions associated with the coronavirus situation. The meeting followed the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present:

Bob Blakeman Chairman
John Lawrence
David Strode Willis
Bernard Lowe
Barry Watts
Tim Hankins

Richard Reed – Clerk

NCC/ENC Cllr. Mrs Wendy Brackenbury

There were no residents present

20/051 Public Open Time

There were no residents present

20/052 Apologies

Cllr. Penney

20/053 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

20/054 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30.03.20

It was proposed by Cllr. Strode Willis and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30th March 2020, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

20/055 Matters arising.

Minute 20/048 (iii) – Cllr. Blakeman clarified that the payment to him was for reimbursement of the cost of the defibrillator battery.

20/056 Village Hall

All events have been cancelled and the hall is closed. A donation was expected from ENC. Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury said that this was a small business grant for relief due to lost income during the closure. The VE Day 75 party has been deferred to VJ Day if restrictions at that time permit.

20/057 Play Area

The play area remains closed. Francis Hale is continuing to mow the site.

20/058 Highways

Cllr. Blakeman said that although the repairs to Thorpe Bridge have been completed there was still no adequate protection to prevent HGVs from continuing to use it. He has e-mailed David Grindley with his concerns. Cllr. Brackenbury asked for details to be forwarded to her. **Action: BB**

Cllr. Hankins raised concerns over the potential hazard caused by cyclists using Baulks Lane in contravention of the No Cycling order. Also, the barrier for Green Lane has still not been installed. Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury said she would follow this up. **Action: WB**

20/059 Street Lighting

All units were operating.

20/060 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury discussed the situation with the unitary authorities, hospital attendances, and the Covid 19 leaflet distribution. The recycling centres in the County have opened today.

20/061 Annual Review

Councillors reviewed the following documents:

Financial Regulations: This had been updated to the 2019 version last year.

Risk Assessment: The Chairman suggested changes to the council's internal audit and the seeking of quotations. **Action: Clerk**

Internal Audit: This met the council's requirements.

Insurance cover: The main policy was satisfactory but the Village Hall Committee policy needs to be discussed at a later date. **Action: All**

Chairman

Date

20/062 To accept and approve the Internal Auditor's report.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the Internal Auditor's report be approved.

20/063 To Approve the Certificate of Exemption

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

20/064 To Approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Audit

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

20/065 To Approve the Accounting Statement of the Annual Audit

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

20/066 Planning

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) Application 20/00387/ADV had been considered since the last meeting and there were no objections.
- c) There were no other planning issues at this time.

20/067 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts for 2019/20 and 2020/21 together with the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 31.03.20. There had been no receipts since the last meeting although 50% of the precept was due to be paid into the bank account by the end of April.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the final budget monitoring report for 2019/20 and confirmed that due to meeting dates both the 2019 and the 2020 premium for the Village Hall Committee insurance had been paid in 2019/20.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Watts:
 - Came & Co. £944.52 Cheque No. 200068 Re-issue as original lost in the post
 - E.ON Street light maintenance £51.11 Cheque No. 200069
 - Northants CALC £255.18 Cheque no. 200070
 - Francis Hale 3 x invoices £350.00 Cheque No. 200071
 - Ian Arnott £75.00 Cheque No. 200072
 - Mr R Blakeman reimburse for defibrillator battery £172.80 Cheque No. 200073 Re-issue as original lost in the post.
 - Havenpower 2 x invoices £8.92. Direct debit
- (iv) HSBC had written about business overdrafts.

20/068 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Cllr. Lawrence asked about the policy for re-opening the playground. It was agreed to follow Government advice

20/069 Date of Next Meeting

29th June 2020.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.