

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021 at the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

Mrs S Herbert

21/113 Public Open Time

Mrs Herbert explained the reasoning behind her proposals under planning application NE/21/01344/REM which the council would be considering later in the meeting. The Chairman thanked her for her presentation and invited her to remain for the meeting although she could not take part in the discussions about the application but she declined.

21/114 Apologies

There were no apologies.

21/115 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: Cllr. Lawrence declared an interest in planning application NE/211/01344/REM as a neighbouring resident.

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

21/116 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 06.09.21

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Cook and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6th September 2021, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

21/117 Matters arising.

21/082: (June meeting) Cllr. Blakeman had followed up actions. The Flower Show had been a success. The school had been informed that a Parish Council representative for the School Governors had not been nominated but a councillor would attend meetings when requested. The Newsletter had started to be issued to the PC but had now stopped again. Cllr. Blakeman is to follow this up. **Action: BB**

21/101 Cllr. Blakeman had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Committee when the insurance was discussed. The Committee agreed to contribute 50% of the annual cost of the insurance for an initial period of three years. Councillors expressed their appreciation of this offer.

21/104 Cllr. Mrs Cook said that a street light fault reported just after the last meeting had been dealt with promptly.

21/106 Cllr. Blakeman presented a summary of the grass cutting tenders from 2014. It was decided to continue with the current contractor, Francis Hale, who had confirmed that he will available to carry out grass cutting during 2022.

Arrangements are to be made for a working party to tidy All Saints churchyard. **Action: All**

Consideration is to be given to the provision of a regularly collected compost bin. **Action: PW**

Action is still awaited regarding Thorpe Lakes.

21/118 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall

Cllr. Lowe said that a commercial cleaning company had now been employed by the Village Hall Committee. Bookings were now returning. A large bill had been received for the Broadband and this was under dispute.

21/119 Play Area

Cllr. Blakeman has registered the Parish Council on the grant website to apply under the WREN scheme. Proposals are required to enable a bid to be submitted by 1st December 2021. Cllr. Mrs Cook raised concerns over the requirement for planning permission for play equipment. Advice is to be sought.

Cllr. Mrs Cook raised concerns over noise from the play area during Church services and funerals. There has not been any complaints but Cllr. Hankins will relay this to the PCC.

Chairman

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21/120 Highways

Cllr. Williams discussed his report which he had previously circulated. Regarding the bend on Lowick Road at the entrance to the village, Cllr. Hankins suggested the use of a mirror and the clearance of some vegetation.

Nothing further had been received regarding the raised walkway and Cllr. Williams is to follow this up. The Clerk will forward the contact details. **Action: PW/Clerk**

The Clerk spoke of the winter weather actions now being received from NNC. He would retain the reports and forward to councillors those that indicated that salting would be carried out. **Action: Clerk**

21/121 Street lighting

It was reported that the light at the junction of Main Street and Lowick Road was out. Cllr. Mrs Cook is to check and report as necessary.

21/122 The Queen's Jubilee: Proposal for Mini Orchard

Cllr. Williams's previously circulated report was discussed by councillors. There was a preference for fruit trees and Cllr. Williams is to put forward ideas. Cllr. Hankins reminded all that a BT cable crosses the area and this would have to be located. Examples of benches were tabled and the type will need to be determined in due course but a budget of £700/750 per seat would be allocated. A site meeting is to be convened at 10:00am on 30th October to agree the layout of the orchard and the area of mowing.

21/123 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

Cllr. Blakeman had been approached by a resident regarding possible tasks for their child who is taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. There did not appear to be anything suitable at the moment.

Details of ACRE's Parish Council Network Event and NNC's Strategic Town and Parish Forum had been received.

21/124 Planning

a) The following planning application was considered: NE/21/01344/REM. 8 Lowick Lane
(Having declared an interest, Cllr. Lawrence took no part in the discussion or determination of this application)

Councillors raised concerns about the size of the proposed development relative to the size of the plot and the significant difference from the original outline proposal. They were also concerned that there were windows in habitable rooms on the flank elevations which was contrary to the original Supporting Planning Statement.

It was agreed to raise these concerns with the Planning Authority. **Action: Clerk**

b) The following application had been considered since the last meeting:
NE/21/01167/FUL: 5 Cross Lane, Aldwinckle. There were no objections.

c) There were no further planning matters at this time.

21/125 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. A VAT refund of £1270.91 had been received since the last meeting.

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

Retrospective

22.09.21 Came & Co. £1674.51 Cheque No. 200117

R Blakeman £28.80 Cheque No. 200118

E.ON £56.84 Cheque No. 200119

Francis Hale 3x invoices £230.00 Cheque No. 200120

ICO £35.00 D/D

(iii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring report which was discussed by councillors.

(iv) The Clerk said that HSBC's review of the bank account was still going on with a further letter arriving which stated that the process had not started. The Clerk has subsequently had a telephone interview with one of the review team and the next instalment was awaited.

21/126 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

The Chairman asked if there were any objections to moving the May meetings from 16th May 2022 to 30th May 2022. This seemed to be acceptable at this time.

The Carol service is to be held on 18th December 2021 commencing at 3:00pm.

Next agenda – 2022/23 budget.

21/127 Date of Next Meeting

29th November 2021 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:31pm.

Chairman

Date