

**Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by means of video conferencing due to the lockdown restrictions associated with the coronavirus situation.**

**Present:**

John Lawrence Chairman

Barry Watts

Bob Blakeman

Brian Penney

Tim Hankins Part meeting

Bernard Lowe Part meeting

Richard Reed – Clerk

NCC Cllr. Mrs Wendy Brackenbury

There were no residents present

*As Cllr Blakeman was away and unsure of the Wi-Fi connection, Cllr. Lawrence took the Chair.*

**20/103 Public Open Time**

There were no residents present

**20/104 Apologies**

Cllr Strode Willis (unwell); Cllr. Hankins (May be delayed or unable to attend due to farm commitments)

**20/105 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

**20/106 Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on 07.09.20**

It was proposed by Cllr. Penney and seconded by Cllr. Watts that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

**20/107 Matters arising.**

Minute 20/090: The Clerk had contacted Sarah Barnwell regarding the replacement village sign and she was following this up.

Cllr. Blakeman said that the website was now compliant with the accessibility requirements.

Minute 20/093: Cllr. Watts has completed the repairs to the Church wall.

**20/108 Corona Virus Update**

Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury gave an update on the progress with the unitary authorities in view of Covid 19. The new authorities will be created on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 with the elections for the new authorities together with Town and Parish elections will take place in May. The CEO for North Northants has been appointed and other posts will be filled by the end of the year.. Cllr. Blakeman is to join the Rural Working Party meeting being organised by Oundle TC on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

In accordance with NALC advice, Parish Council meetings are to continue online for now.

**20/109 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall**

The Village Hall was open for some activities complying with current restrictions.

**20/110 Play Area**

Councillors discussed the question of re-opening the Play Area. The options considered were:

Remain closed

Open at weekends

Open daily but restrict at school leaving time

Open fully.

The concerns raised by the school were considered and whether the number of parents with children could be restricted. Given the ready access to the countryside, both Cllr. Watts and Penney were reluctant to see the Play Area re-opened. Cllr. Strode Willis had expressed his view by e-mail that it should stay closed. Cllr. Penney proposed that the area remained closed and this was seconded by Cllr. Watts. Cllr. Blakeman was opposed to it remaining closed while Cllr. Lawrence supported the continuing closure. It was agreed to keep the area closed subject to review at the next meeting if not before.

**20/111 Highways**

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Cllr. Penney said that repairs to Lowick Lane were scheduled for the end of the month and the situation would be reviewed after Anglian water works.

Sarah Barnwell had requested that reports of flooding continue to be made.

#### **20/112 Street Lighting**

A report had been received that the lamp at the top of Cross Lane was out. **Action: BP**

*8:05pm Cllr. Hankins joined the meeting.*

#### **20/113 All Saints Church Mowing Arrangements**

Following discussions at the last meeting, Cllr. Lawrence had inspected the Churchyard and some mowing of the footpath and other areas had taken place. Following further discussion, Cllr. Lawrence proposed a site meeting and review takes place before next year's mowing season. This was seconded by Cllr. Blakeman. **Action: BB/JL**

*8:10pm Cllr Lowe joined the meeting following internet connection issues.*

#### **20/114 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

#### **20/115 Planning**

a) The following applications were considered:

20/01046/LBC: internal alterations. 4 Fuller Close. No objections

20/01222/PDU: Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling. Cllr. Hankins declared an interest as tenant farmer. Following discussion, which included the expectation of further development of the land and buildings, it was agreed that the clerk would draft a response for councillors' consideration. **Action: Clerk**

b) Application 20/0104/FUL: Detached garage, 12 Cross Lane. No objection but concerns raised over the position of the garage at the front of the site.

c) Other planning matters: It was noted that ENC and CPRE are looking at the Planning White Paper.

#### **20/116 Finance**

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts recorded on the bank statement since the last meeting. Unless anything unexpected occurs it looks as though the Parish Council will underspend this year.

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

Cllr. Blakeman (Reimburse Calico payment) £28.80 Cheque No. 200084

E.ON £51.11 Cheque No. 200085

Francis Hale 3x invoices £300.00 Cheque No. 200086

(iii) 2021/22 Budget. Councillors were asked to consider items for inclusion in next year's budget which will be determined during the next two meetings. **Action: All**

(iv) There was no further financial business.

#### **20/117 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

Cllr. Lawrence asked that when responding to enquiries such as planning application responses, all councillors are copied in. **Action: All/Clerk**

#### **20/118 Date of Next Meeting**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Meetings will continue to be held via the Zoom platform until further notice.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Chairman

Date