

Approved Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2024 at the Village Hall immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Present:

Tim Hankins Chairman
Bob Blakeman
Paul Williams
John Lawrence

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were two residents present

24/078 Public Open Time

The issue of flooding in Main Street raised with NNC Cllr. David Brackenbury at the previous meeting has not resulted in any action to date. Cllr. Williams had been following this matter up and was waiting for a response from Cllr. Brackenbury.

Both residents stayed to observe the meeting to gain an insight prior to next year's elections.

24/079 Apologies

Cllrs. Mrs Cook, Barry Watts and Bernard Lowe.

24/080 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

24/081 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 07.05.24

It was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Blakeman that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 7th May 2024, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

24/082 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 07.05.24

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Williams that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th May 2024, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously

24/083 Matters arising.

Cllrs. Hankins and Williams had cleared some of the area by the silver birches but further attention was required.

24/076: The Friendly Club pays £20/meeting and councillors discussed the possible contribution by the Parish Council. Cllr. Hankins is to speak to Mrs M Hankins. **Action: TH**

The update of the Financial Regulations is pending. **Action: Clerk**

24/084 Village Hall

Cllr. Hankins spoke of forthcoming events. The new sound system is to be installed shortly.

24/085 Risk Assessments

The Play Area Risk Assessment had been completed. Cllr. Hankins was aware that some minor attention was required to the fort. Cllr. Blakeman said he would check this. Action: BB

Cllr. Williams is to update the Village Green assessment following Giles Howard's visit tomorrow.

Action. PW

24/086 Play Area

Generally covered under minute 24/085

24/087 Highways

Cllr. Williams said that he was still waiting for a response from Highways although he was aware that there were resource problems at NNC.

24/088 Maintenance issues

The grass cutting was satisfactory although there were minor variances from the requirements.

VAS: Cllr. Blakeman had spoken to Steve Barber over adding a second site, Lowick Road, to the licence and he had received a quote for a post. He would check with the Police to see if a grant would still be available. **Action: BB**

It was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Blakeman that the revised quote for tree works from Giles Howard be accepted.

Chairman

Date

24/089 Street Lighting

There had been no reports of outages.

24/090 Trinity School Liaison

Cllr. Mrs Cook is to be in touch with the school before the end of term. **Action: VC**

24/091 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

24/092 Planning

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) Cllr Blakeman spoke of his recent attendance at a Local Nature Recovery Strategy which is being developed by NNC. Parish Councils are being asked to complete a questionnaire. Also, Parish Councils should have had a Biodiversity Policy by the end of 2023 although it is believed that few have reached this stage.

24/093 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. £9604.10 had been received since the last meeting being the balance of the now closed HSBC account.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Blakeman.

Retrospective

10.05.24 Emery grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd. £165.00 OLT

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YU Energy £127.93 D/D

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E.ON £88.20 OLT

R Reed £299.10 OLT

R Blakeman £4.20 OLT

- (iii) The External Auditor had notified the Clerk that a parish council specific e-mail address was required. Cllr. Blakeman and the Clerk to look into this. **Action: BB/Clerk**

24/094 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

The 2024 Risk Assessment Policy is to be approved at the next meeting following the review at the May meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Blakeman is to issue the note for new councillors in the August/September Pink Sheet.

Cllr. Williams suggested that consideration be given to preparing guidance notes on procedures and processes for new councillors.

Cllr. Lawrence announced that the Flower Show will be held on Saturday 7th September 2024

24/095 Date of Next Meeting

2nd September 2024 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at the later time of **8:00pm**.

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

Chairman

Date