

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th March 2022 at the Village Hall.

Present:

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Due to the absence of Cllr. Blakeman, Cllr. Lawrence took the Chair and in view of the absence of Richard Reed, Cllr. Mrs. Cook minuted the meeting.

As NNC Cllr. Brackenbury was unavailable, the item for Neighbourhood Plan was deferred to a late meeting to be determined.

22/037 Public Open Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

22/038 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Blakeman, (Covid), and Hankins; Richard Reed, Clerk; NNC Cllrs. Mrs Brackenbury, Mr Brackenbury and Mr Shacklock.

22/039 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

22/040 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21.02.22

It was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Cook that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st February 2022, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously. Cllr. Blakeman to sign at the next meeting.

22/041 Matters arising.

Call for Sites – this was discussed and it was agreed to defer to the next meeting for action. **Action: Clerk.**

Councillors offered a huge thank you to Alice Healey for her litter picking across the village. The Aldwincle Village litter pick took place on 26th March with 11 members of the village taking part. A significant amount of litter was cleared, particularly from the lay-by next to the A6116. NNC is arranging for this to be removed as well as the already reported fly-tipping around the village.

22/042 Village Hall

The Clerk had received the Reinstatement Assessment Report for the Village Hall. It was noted that part of the assessment included the play area which is covered separately by the insurance. Gallagher's representative is raising this with the report's author.

22/043 Play Area

The Annual Inspection Report had now been received and there were no significant issues noted. Cllr. Blakeman is going to action any small repairs that are required. Action: BB

"Ice Cream Friday" which is organised by the PTA was discussed. It was proposed to approach the school to arrange for litter collection to be completed on the day as litter does not seem to be getting to the appropriate receptacles.

Cllr. Blakeman has received a response from the school regarding some children's inappropriate behaviour such as climbing on the walls and playing in the graveyard and parents would be asked to ensure that their children respected the play area.

Cllr. Lowe had attended the first Community Meeting and minutes would be circulated when available.

22/044 Highways

Cllr. Williams had previously circulated his report and update of highway issues and this was discussed. Work on the raised footway was largely completed and councillors were pleased with the work.

Highways had intimated that the potholes in Lowick Lane could be filled or the road completely resurfaced. Cllr. Williams is to canvass residents for their preference as there is concern that resurfacing may increase vehicle speeds. **Action: PW**

Cross Lane – road markings scheduled for refurbishment and 30mph speed restriction is to be extended to the edge of the built-up area.

Chairman

Date

Lowick Lane – drainage to be monitored and actions on-going.

22/045 Street lighting

Cllr. Mrs Cook said that street light Nos. 13 and 4 are not working and this has been reported.

22/046 The Queen's Jubilee: Proposal for Mini Orchard

Cllrs. Williams and Blakeman were thanked for organising the acquisition and installation of the bench. The road closure request for the street party has been received and approved.

Birds of a Feather, (previously the WI), would like to donate a tree to the village. Cllr. Williams is to consider the species of tree and location and will report to the next meeting. In the meantime he will contact Lynn Payne to thank them for the offer. **Action: PW**

22/047 Asset Mapping

Cllrs. Blakeman and Lawrence had completed the project. Cllr. Williams to ask if the Thorpe walkway should be added. **Action: PW**

22/048 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors and covered under other items.

22/049 Planning

a) Cllrs. considered applications NE/22/00189/FUL and NE/22/00190/LBC: Proposals at 45 Main St. Aldwinckle. There were no objections subject to the following comments - Given that the property is in the narrowest part of Main Street, concerns were raised over the obstruction of the carriageway during the construction period by skips, scaffold and deliveries, especially as the property has no drive. Careful consideration should be given over the issue of licences for skips and scaffold and deliveries should be scheduled so as to miss school pick-up times. Any materials placed on the footway or carriageway should be promptly moved into the site.

b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.

It was noted that the planning application for 8 Lowick Lane had been approved.

c) (i) STAUNCH – the Thrapston application had been submitted and the one for the Glebe site is due to be submitted in April.

(ii) Manor Farm – An informal meeting with Savills is scheduled for 4th April when a revised proposal will be presented.

22/050 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. Cllr. Blakeman to sign at the next meeting.

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

Glasdon UK Ltd £948.41 Cheque No.200129 (*Now submitted following receipt of invoice*)

Wicksteed Leisure £103.20 Cheque No. 200133

R Blakeman £34.80 Cheque No. 200134

SMV £10.00 Cheque No. 200135

R Reed £365.14 Cheque No. 200136

HMRC £78.80 Cheque No. 200137

P Williams £26.60 Cheque No. 200138

Spanglefish £29.95 Cheque No. 200139

(iii) Cllrs. considered and noted the Budget Monitoring Report

(iv) Grass cutting – it was suggested that alongside the re-tender, consideration is to be given to the community supporting this task themselves and utilise the budget allocation in other ways.

This is to be discussed further at the next meeting. Action>: Clerk

22/051 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Grass cutting options.

22/052 Date of Next Meeting

30th May 2022 to be held in the Village Hall. This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will commence at the earlier time of 7:00pm.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.

Chairman

Date