

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29th June 2020 by means of video conferencing due to the lockdown restrictions associated with the coronavirus situation.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

20/070 Public Open Time

There were no residents present

20/071 Apologies

NCC/ENC Cllr. Mrs Wendy Brackenbury; ENC Cllr. Mr Geoff Shacklock

20/072 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

20/073 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meetings held on 18.05.20

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18th May 2020, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Penney that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th May 2020 following the Annual Meeting and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

20/074 Matters arising.

Highways: Cllr. Blakeman said that Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury had followed up the revised signage associated with Thorpe Bridge. The works were scheduled but there was no funding at the moment. NCC had said that it was not responsible for the disappearance of the Aldwincle village nameplate but would be arranging for a replacement. The installation of the barrier on Green Lane was scheduled but no date given. There continues to be concerns over cycling issues in Baulks Lane. Large no cycling signs are in place but there do not appear to be any other practical options to stop cyclists.

The Clerk had submitted the exemption certificate to the external auditors and its receipt had been acknowledged.

20/075 Corona Virus Update

- i) Parish Council meetings are to continue via Zoom until notified otherwise.
- ii) Street Party: The 75th VE Day commemorations had to be cancelled, and there were provisional plans to hold the street party on VJ day, August 15th. The situation is to be monitored to see how things develop but currently gatherings of more than 30 people are unlawful, and it was felt the facilities at the Village Hall would also need to be available. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council may be necessary if the situation changes.
- iii) Flower Show: Restrictions on the size of groups and the need for social distancing are likely to prevent the show going ahead in its usual form but consideration is being given to see if something can take place but this will be dependent on the restrictions likely to be in place by September.
- iv) Play Area. The Government requirements to enable re-opening were very restrictive and impractical for a small village play area. NALC were lobbying the Government to see if more practical recommendations could be resolved. For the time being it was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the Play Area should remain closed, and this was agreed unanimously.

20/076 Village Hall

Cllr. Lowe said that the Village Hall remains closed although it could re-open with the lifting of the restrictions but the general feeling is that it should remain closed for now.

20/077 Play Area

See minute 20/075 (iv) above. Francis Hale is continuing with mowing to keep the area tidy for when it reopens.

Chairman

Date

20/078 Highways

There were no new issues at this time.

There appear to have been some investigatory work at the Main Street/Lowick Lane junction which continues to flood during rainfall. The gullies upstream of the junction are blocked adding to the flooding. Cllr. Blakeman is to report the situation to the Street Doctor. **Action BB**

20/079 Street Lighting

There were no known problems.

The Clerk hadn't received any invoices from Havenpower recently.

20/080 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

The Clerk would be dealing with the Workplace Pensions re-declaration. **Action: Clerk**

Website Accessibility: All websites require an accessibility statement by 23rd September 2020, clarifying the actions taken to make as much content as possible available to people with long term illness, impairment or disability. The PC website provided by Spanglefish already has an accessibility statement, but there was still a requirement on the PC to ensure its documents and design comply.

Action BB

Francis Hale had put forward proposals to change the grass cutting arrangements at All Saints Church. Following discussion it was agreed to have a 12 month trial of the proposals with the area closest to the church to be kept as tidy as possible. Proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Hankins. Cllr. Blakeman is to contact Francis Hale. **Action: BB**

Cllr. Lowe suggested seeking further quotations for the mowing work in the village. This would have to be for 2021/22 and could be further discussed at the September meeting. **Action: Clerk**

20/081 To Approve the Amended Risk Assessment

Cllr. Lawrence suggested changing to "£4000 and above...." In the Financial Assessment section. With this amendment it was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Penney that the Risk Assessment be approved. **Action: Clerk**

20/082 Planning

- a) Councillors considered application 20/00641/VAR: Lyveden Manor. There were no objections.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning issues at this time.

20/083 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. Since the last meeting, £5,100 had been paid into the bank account being 50% of the precept.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Lowe:

HMRC £76.40 Cheque No. 200074

R Reed £317.37 Cheque No. 200075

Rushton Parish Council (Zoom subscription contribution) £29.98 Cheque No. 200076

Francis Hale 3x invoices £310.00 Cheque No. 200077

Royal British Legion £18.50 Cheque No. 200078

- (iii) There was no further financial business.

20/084 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Nothing at this time.

20/085 Date of Next Meeting

7th September 2020.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:26pm.

R.H. Blakeman

7th September 2020

Chairman

Date