

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29th November 2021 at the Village Hall.

Present:

Bob Blakeman Chairman
John Lawrence
Mrs Vicki Cook
Tim Hankins

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no members of the public in attendance.

21/128 Public Open Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

21/129 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Williams, Lowe and Watts

21/130 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

21/131 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18.10.21

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th October 2021, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

21/132 Matters arising.

21/106: (September meeting) Cllr. Blakeman said that the All Saints Church working party had been a success and thanked the volunteers.

21/117 Cllr. Blakeman reported that Savills had informed him that the proposed works regarding permissive access at Thorpe Lakes have now been completed.

21/133 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall

Cllr. Lowe had e-mailed his report to councillors.

The Village Hall Committee had sent its cheque to cover 50% of the insurance premium.

The Chairman also reported that Thrapston Town Band are booked for 3pm on Saturday 18th December for the Annual carols and, as is customary, the Parish Council will provide mulled wine and mince pies. This will take place outside the Village Hall on the Village Green.

21/134 Play Area

Cllr. Blakeman had circulated his report. The planning issue have now been resolved in conjunction with NNC's Planning Enforcement Officer.

21/135 Highways

Cllr. Williams had circulated his report and update of highway issues.

21/136 Street lighting

It was reported that the light at the junction of Main Street and Lowick Road was still not working following a visit by E.ON's engineer. Cllr. Mrs Cook is to check and report as necessary. **Action: VC**

The Clerk had been asked by Western Power Distribution to update the street light inventory. **Action: Clerk**

21/137 The Queen's Jubilee: Proposal for Mini Orchard

Cllr. Williams's previously circulated report was discussed by councillors. The tree planting is arranged for Monday 13th December at 2:30pm. Benches are to be ordered once the type and number are determined.

The Chairman also reported at the PC nominated sub committee organising the Jubilee Street Party were meeting this evening.

21/138 Strategic Town and Parish Forum

Cllr. Lawrence had joined this Zoom meeting and spoke of the discussions for which the minutes are still awaited. The aim of the Forum is to enable liaison between NNC and town and parish councils and although this meeting just involved the former East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough districts, the numbers involved could make this difficult. The terms of reference have yet to be confirmed but the Forum is expected to be held at least twice a year. Cllr. Lawrence didn't think the Forum will replace the Rural Co-ordination Group given the size of the meetings making it difficult to deal with local matters.

21/139 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

Chairman

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The request from the Police for the identification of local priorities had been circulated on the village network.

21/140 Planning

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) The Parish Council has been invited to join the STAUNCH campaign addressing the proposed industrial developments around Thrapston. It was noted that investigatory works had commenced on the Glebe land. It was agreed that the PC would lend its support and that the Chairman would be the point of contact.

21/141 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence.
 - Northants CALC £44.00 Cheque No. 200121
 - E.ON £28.16 Cheque No. 200122
 - HMRC £78.80 Cheque No. 200123
 - R Reed £443.68 Cheque No.200124
 - Drax (Ex-Havenpower) £203.36 D/DCllr. Blakeman spoke of a discount offer for a 3 yr subscription from Calico. It was agreed not to take this up.
- (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 had produced a further letter this time stating that the PC had not provided requested information. The Clerk had e-mailed the case officer and had asked for a response to the e-mails. **Action: Clerk**

21/142 2022/23 Budget

The updated draft budget had been circulated to councillors and will be finalised at the January meeting. The insurance contribution from the Village Hall Committee will be added to 2021/22 income. Action: Clerk

21/143 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Nothing at this time.

21/144 Date of Next Meeting

10th January 2022 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm.

Chairman

Date