

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30th March 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
Brian Penney
Barry Watts

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

20/036 Apologies

Cllrs. Hankins and Lowe

20/037 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17.02.20

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Penney that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th February 2020, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

20/038 Matters arising.

As nothing further had been heard from NCC over signage, etc., to prevent HGVs from using Thorpe Bridge the Clerk had contacted David Grindley who said he would follow the matter up.

20/039 Elections Update

Owing to the current situation, the proposed elections scheduled for 7th May have now been deferred until 6th May 2021. It is not known at this time if the term of office following the elections will be four instead of the intended five years.

20/040 Coronavirus situation

The Chairman said that he had asked for volunteers to assist those in self-isolation and several members of the village had joined. Cards had been issued to every household with three contact numbers as well as those for the shop and the Clergy.

20/041 Village Hall

All events have been cancelled.

20/042 Play Area

The play area was closed immediately the restrictions had been announced.

20/043 Highways

Cllr. Penney said that a number of repairs had been carried out since the last meeting.

Cllr. Blakeman discussed the recent meetings in respect of the Cowthick Plantation application at Stanion and the concerns over the need for protection of Aldwincle turning traffic at the A6116 junction.

20/044 Street Lighting

All units were operating.

20/045 Village Green/Car Park

The resident of the Old School House had carried out some repairs to the potholes himself and Cllr. Blakeman has thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council.

20/046 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

The letter from the First Responders was noted.

20/047 Planning

a) The following application was considered by councillors: 20/00387/ADV. As this was only received this afternoon, councillors are to check ENC's website and let the Clerk have any comments. **Action:**

All/Clerk

b) Application 20/00135/FUL had been considered since the last meeting and there were no objections.

c) There were no other planning issues at this time.

20/048 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr Strode Willis that the statement be approved.

(ii) The Clerk will prepare the final budget monitoring report for 2019/20 when the next bank statement is received. **Action: Clerk**

Chairman

Date

- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Strode Willis:

Retrospective

Anglian Water £12.07 Cheque No. 200062

Haven Power £78.81 D/D

Haven Power £1.60 D/D

Savills £10.00 Cheque No. 200063

Cllr. Blakeman Reimbursement for defibrillator battery. £172.80 Cheque No. 200064

HMRC £76.60 Cheque No. 200065

R Reed £352.08 Cheque No. 200066

Came & Co. £944.52 Cheque No. 200067

- (iv) The external auditors are holding back this year's instructions pending any changes to the signing off date.

20/049 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

It was agreed to await guidance over the May AGM etc., but for now go ahead as planned.

20/050 Date of Next Meeting

18th May 2020. This will follow the AGM.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Chairman

Date