

## **Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Village Hall.**

### **Present:**

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were two residents in attendance for item 17/030

### **17/030 Public Open Time**

1) The benefit of the proposed H-bar markings to the other residents was questioned and also the problems of congestion in Main Street. The Chairman explained the reasoning behind the use of the markings and acknowledged the concerns over traffic.

2) There have been instances of vehicles, including buses being driven on the footway due to road width limitations caused by parked vehicles. The Chairman said that such practice is unlawful and that when this occurs it should be reported to the Police.

3) In respect of parking at the school, the layout of the available space meant that vehicles became “boxed-in” and staff were using the road and the Parish Council’s car park instead. Concerns over parking had been raised at the time of the planning application but were discounted by NCC. It was agreed to write to the Police and the school expressing concerns over the congestion and driving on the footway with reference to the near miss experienced by a resident when a bus was driven on the footway. **Action: BB**

### **17/031 Apologies**

ENC Councillor Geoff Shacklock.

### **17/032 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

### **17/033 Minutes of the meeting held on 27.02.17**

It was proposed by Cllr. Strode-Willis and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **17/034 Matters arising.**

17/019: Cllr Lawrence reported on the successful litter pick with 16 taking part.

17/023: Two residents had declined the offer of the H-bar markings. It had not been possible to meet Erik Drake on the suggested date and there had been no response from him over alternatives.

17/023: The Clerk had not received a response from Sarah Barnwell over a contribution towards the repairs to the car park.

17/024: The Chairman said that the installation of the notice board was not to the satisfaction of the Parish Council in spite of the contractors returning to carry out remedial works. Cllr. Lawrence considered that there should be a discount on the cost of the unit. Payment will be withheld until the work is acceptable.

The Chairman had drafted a letter to the Rev. Jim Mynors and this had been circulated to all for comment.

Cllr.Shacklock had not be able to get ENC to place a litter bin at the layby near to the A6116 junction.

### **17/035 Reports from Other Bodies**

Village Hall: Cllr. Lowe reported on the recent AGM. A new committee has been appointed and it is working on a programme of events. The 200 Club has been suspended for the rest of the year. Regarding the Village Hall Committee Insurance renewal, Cllr. Lawrence said that although the Parish Council pays for this, the Village Hall Committee should check the policy and ensure that it met its needs. The documents are to be forwarded to the Secretary. **Action: Clerk.**

### **17/036 Pocket Park**

There had been no action over the trees nor any communication from Savills.

Chairman

Date

### **17/037 Highways**

- 1) Cllr. Penney said that no new defects had been identified and areas had been marked for repair.
- 2) The Clerk presented the new Definitive Map and the questionnaire regarding the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. The Chairman is to look at the routes and draft a response for consideration at the next meeting. **Action: BB**

### **17/038 Street Lighting**

E.ON has provided a quotation for the additional street light but the total cost is in excess of the budget figure previously approved. It was agreed to defer a decision until the June meeting when the financial situation would be clearer.

### **17/039 Workplace Pensions.**

The Chairman had written to the Clerk setting out the situation. The Clerk would not be automatically enrolled due to age and pay levels and he said that he would not be asking to be enrolled in a pension scheme. The Declaration of Compliance will be completed by the Clerk in due course. **Action: Clerk.**

### **17/040 Annual Parish Meeting – Format**

Members discussed how the agenda could be made more inviting. It was agreed to start the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:00pm and councillors are to encourage residents to attend. **Action: All**

### **17/041 To Consider Correspondence Received**

Various items of correspondence as per list circulated to Members were discussed.

### **17/042 Planning**

- a) There were no applications to consider.
- b) No application had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) Approval had been given to the tree works in the Pocket Park.

### **17/043 Finance**

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly 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. Strode-Willis:
  - E.ON Street light maint, £43.76.00 Cheque no.100665
  - Greenbarnes Ltd. £4257.26 Cheque No.100666
  - Cheque No. 100667 – void
  - Northants CALC £229.62 Cheque No. 100668
  - E.ON Street light energy £181.52 Cheque No. 100669
  - Came & Co. £787.00 Cheque No. 100670

NB: Greenbarnes cheque to be held until installation is satisfactory – see 17/034 above. **Action: BB/ Clerk**

The Savills' invoice is to be returned for re-issue within the terms of the new lease. **Action: Clerk**

- (iii) The Annual Audit documents had been received by the Clerk and it was noted that Aldwinckle has been selected as part of the 5% sample for an intermediate audit. **Action: Clerk**  
E'ON had written advising of a price increase from 01.04.17

### **17/044 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

Cllr. Penney asked about the mowing programme as he felt that the Village Green was in need of attention. The Chairman said he would look at it in the next day or so. **Action: BB**

### **17/045 Date of next meeting.**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 commencing at **7:00pm** in the Village Hall. **This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the AGM.**

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:17pm.