

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

County Councillor Mrs Wendy Brackenbury

There were no residents in attendance.

17/001 Public Open Time

There were no issues raised at this time.

17/002 Apologies

ENC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock

17/003 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

17/004 Minutes of the meeting held on 12.12.16

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2016, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

17/005 Matters arising.

Cllr. Strode-Willis had further information regarding civic protocol. Guidance had been issued but it was felt that there would be a minimum effect at parish council level. It was confirmed that a Union flag was available.

17/006 Reports from Other Bodies

Village Hall: Cllr. Lowe reported that the hall now appears to be functioning satisfactorily and a new committee will be elected at the March AGM. The 200 Club has been suspended temporarily pending the acquisition of a licence, the application for which having been submitted on this day. Cllr. Lowe is to check the situation over any outstanding pay-outs. **Action: BL**

The Chairman asked that the Village Hall Committee sets a date for the AGM and publicise this so that residents can attend.

Cllr. Lowe agreed to continue as the Parish Council representative on the VH Committee. **Action: BL**

The original deed for the hall had now come in to the possession of the Parish Council and it would be made available for the AGM.

Police Liaison: Cllr. Hankins said that there were no formal Police Liaison Meetings now although there are regular e-mail reports.

17/007 Pocket Park

The Chairman had contacted Savills who had said that works had been instructed for the beginning of the year following the recent tree inspection. Consideration is to be given to the renewal of the lease once Savills have contacted the Parish Council to agree terms. There was concern over branches growing from the hedge and over the adjacent footway. Cllr. Penney said that he would deal with these.

Action: BP

17/008 Highways

The current situation over the "H-bar" markings was discussed. It was suggested that Erik Drake meets with representative councillors on site when he makes his inspection. **Action: Clerk**

As the property owners have not yet been contacted it was agreed to wait and see what Erik Drake decided over the proposed sites and then contact the owners.

Cllr. Penney said that he was concerned about the potholes being created at the road edge in Lowick Road from the speed limit up to and including the bridge. To be reported to The Street Doctor. **Action:**

Clerk. *Subsequent note: Street Doctor Reference 851826*

Chairman

Date

Cllr. Penney had contacted E.ON over the additional street light but the latter has to liaise with Western Power Distribution as the owner of the pole.

Cllr. Hankins raised concerns over the broken flood walk plank and the general condition of the others. To be reported to The Street Doctor. **Action: Clerk.** *Subsequent note: Street Doctor Reference 851830*
The Chairman is to compile the list of works for the Community Enhancement Gangs. The Clerk is to forward the request forms. **Action: BB/Clerk**

17/009 Play Area and Village Notice Board-Progress Report

The play area remedial works have now been completed satisfactorily and the invoice paid. The Chairman has a Big Lottery plaque which he will fix on site. The notice board has been ordered and is due for delivery shortly. The Clerk had contacted the bank but, up to lunchtime today, the ARAPAC funds had not been transferred. The new notice board is to be positioned forward of the current unit and the latter will be removed. The Chairman is to acquire headers for the various bays. Notwithstanding the absence of the ARAPAC funds, Cllr. Blakeman proposed that the order for the notice board stands, seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis.

17/010 To Consider Correspondence Received

There were no items not covered by agenda items.

17/011 Planning

- a) There were no planning applications to be considered.
- b) No application had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) Northamptonshire County Council's consultation on its Minerals and Waste Plan following modifications introduced following the SoS's examination of the document was noted.

17/012 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts. The £1000 contribution from NCC towards the "H-bar" markings had been paid into the account since the last meeting. It was agreed that the expenditure of this amount be included in the 2017/18 budget.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Hankins:
 - E.ON Street light maintenance £43.76 Cheque no.100661
 - E.ON Street light energy £185.56 Cheque No.100662
- (iii) There was no further financial business.

17/013 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Cllr. Lawrence spoke of this year's litter pick. It was agreed to arrange this for Saturday morning, 1st April 2017.

Cllr. Lowe raised concerns over the strength of the security light on the school which is on continuously.

Cllr. Hankins said he would speak to the school. **Action: TH.**

Cllr. Lawrence spoke of the fly tipping that takes place on the hardstanding near the A6116 junction.

Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury said that she would speak to ENC and NCC to see if a bin and a sign could be provided. **Action: WB**

17/014 Date of next meeting.

Monday 27th February 2017 commencing at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Chairman

Date