

**Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Village Hall.**

**Present:**

Bob Blakeman                      Chairman  
John Lawrence  
Tim Hankins  
David Strode-Willis  
Barry Watts

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents in attendance

**17/046 Public Open Time**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**17/047 Apologies**

Cllrs. Lowe and Penney. ENC Councillor Geoff Shacklock.

**17/048 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

**17/049 Minutes of the AGM held on 22.05.17**

It was proposed by Cllr. Strode-Willis and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**17/050 Matters arising.**

Big Lottery Return: The Chairman had contacted the Big Lottery and there is no need for a return to be sent but all paperwork and invoices should be retained for seven years. However, this is routine for all Parish Council finance documents.

**17/051 Reports from Other Bodies**

Village Hall: The Chairman presented Cllr. Lowe's report of recent and forthcoming events. Cllr. Lowe had expressed concern over insurance issues when certain events are held in the Village Hall and children use the playground when the light fades.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain from the insurers if commercial hirers should provide their own cover for events and also see if there is a requirement for a notice at the playground stating that its use is restricted to daylight hours only. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Lawrence spoke of the arrangements for this year's Flower Show which is due to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**17/052 Pocket Park**

The Clerk had received a call from Savills regarding the invoice for the lease holding over fee. He had discussed the need for an assurance from Savills that the trees were now safe and also the request for a draft lease for consideration by the Parish Council. It was decided at this stage to defer a survey of residents until the draft lease had been received and considered but to go ahead and pay the invoice. Proposed by Cllr. Blakeman, seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Blakeman will check with Savills over the safety aspect and also request a draft lease. **Action: BB**

**17/053 Highways**

Cllr. Blakeman had been assessing the use of the public rights of way in connection with Northamptonshire Highways questionnaire and had identified the well-used paths. Details would be submitted to Northamptonshire Highways by the revised deadline date of 1<sup>st</sup> August. **Action: BB**

It was noted that the "No horses" sign was missing from the top of Baulks Lane. NCC had originally supplied these and a request is to be made for a replacement. **Action: Clerk**

The damage to the Thorpe road bridges has been inspected by Northamptonshire Highways and as it had been determined as non-urgent, repairs would be carried out within three months.

The flood walk board has been replaced.

The damage to the height barrier at the reserve car park was discussed.

**17/054 Street Lighting**

The new lamp was now in place.

**17/055 Application for Re-cycling Collection Bank**

Chairman

Date

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Planet-Aid requesting the siting of a collection bank on the car park. As a collection bank already exists at the school, councillors considered that there was no need for a further unit and Planet-Aid will be notified of the decision. Action: Clerk

**17/056 To Consider Correspondence Received**

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

The proposed MUGA for the school was discussed. In principle it would provide a useful facility for the village but there were concerns over supervision and possible misuse. Cllr. Blakeman will inform Scott Dainty of the Parish Council's views. Action: BB

**17/057 Planning**

- a) 17/00556/FUL: There were no objections to the amended proposals. Action: Clerk
- b) No application had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

**17/058 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. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis:
  - Anglian Water £29.22 Cheque no.100673
  - HMRC PAYE £70.40 Cheque No.100674
  - R Reed £307.12 Cheque No. 100675
  - Francis Hale (3 x invoices) £305.00 Cheque No. 100676
  - Carter Jonas £5.00 Cheque No. 100677
  - Society of Merchant Venturers £10.00 Cheque No. 100678
- (iii) The Annual Audit is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> July and the Clerk would be sending the documents off in due course. Action: Clerk

**17/059 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

The next agenda is to have an item for Vehicle Activated Signs. Action: Clerk

**17/060 Date of next meeting.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 commencing at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:58pm.

Chairman

Date