

Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd February 2016 in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were two residents in attendance.

16/015 Public Open Time

There was concern over the filling of holes on the unmade section of Cross Lane with bricks and broken paving slabs. It was reported that these presented a hazard and had led to an injury to a horse. The Clerk is to check the status of this part of the lane and contact Northamptonshire Highways. **Action: Clerk**

16/016 Apologies

Apologies had received from Cllrs. Penney and Hankins; ENC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock and NCC Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury.

16/017 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

16/018 Minutes of the meeting held on 11.01.16

It was proposed by Cllr. David Strode Willis and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the meeting held on 1th January 2016, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

16/019 Matters arising.

16/005: Cllr. Lawrence said that he had spoken to the recently appointed Dog Warden who would visit the village in due course. Cllr. Lawrence had asked that he be notified when the visit was due.

16/009: The Chairman had set aside £500 from the defibrillator fund to cover future maintenance and costs and this left £380 for the agreed donation to the British Heart Foundation. The training courses were continuing with 25 volunteers having now been trained. A further 10 would attend a future session scheduled for 21.03.16.

16/020 Reports from Other Bodies

- (i) Village Hall: Cllr. Lowe gave his report on the current situation and said that the kitchen had been awarded ENC's highest hygiene standard rating. A music event is to be held in the hall on 9th April.
- (ii) Police Issues: There were no local incidents reported.
- (iii) All Saints Church: Two posts for the chain link fence needed attention and Cllr Watts agreed to carry out this work at cost. **Action: BW**

16/021 Pocket Park: Lease Update

The Chairman said that Savills had now instructed a tree surgeon to inspect trees in the Pocket Park and roadside following the recent gale damage. It was understood that volunteers were carrying out some clearance work in the Park and there were concerns over public liability cover in view of the fact that the lease had expired. The Clerk was asked to contact the insurers for clarification. **Action: Clerk**

16/022 Play Area-To consider safety inspection report.

It was noted on the report that a tree inspection was recommended but there did not appear to be any problems and the trees have been pollarded so no action is proposed at this time. Regarding the rest of the report, no action proposed at this time but some items will be dealt with when other work is carried out if the grant bid is successful.

16/023 Highways

The Clerk presented Cllr. Penney's report.

The Chairman said that he would report a dangerous pothole near Brancey Bridge to The Street Doctor. **Action: BB**

Chairman

Date

The street lamp that was brought down by the falling tree seems to have disappeared. EON and Western Power are to be contacted to see if it is with either of them. **Action: Clerk**
NCC Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury had offered to meet councillors with Sarah Barnwell to consider parking issues. Dates are to be requested. **Action: Clerk**

16/024 Grant Application for Community Notice Board and New Play Area Equipment

Cllr. Lowe had received a quotation from Greenbarnes for a powder coated aluminium notice board for community use at approximately £3,000 including VAT. It was suggested that a grant application be made for £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund which will leave approximately £7,500 for play area equipment taking into account the refunding of VAT. The Chairman proposed that the grant application be made and this was seconded by Cllr Strode Willis.

16/025 To Consider the Refurbishment of the Seats on the Village Green

The seats are structurally sound but require treatment to prevent further deterioration. It was agreed to obtain quotes for the work. **Action: BB**

16/026 To Consider the Parish Council's Protocol Where Meetings are Being Recorded

The Clerk had circulated a draft document and it was agreed that with the addition of a note to say that the Parish Council reserves the right to record meetings at its discretion, then the protocol be adopted. Proposed Cllr. Blakeman, seconded Cllr. Strode Willis. **Action: Clerk**

16/027 To Consider Correspondence Received

There were no items of correspondence other than those covered under agenda items.

16/028 Planning

- a) Applications for consideration:
No applications had been received since the last meeting.
- b) Applications considered since the last meeting: None
- c) It was noted that 15/02202/FUL had been withdrawn by the applicant.

16/029 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts and the budget monitoring report to the end of January. 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:
NCALC Training £39.00 Cheque No. 100622
Anglian Water £31.94 Cheque No. 100623
Cllr. Blakeman reimbursement of costs £4.99 Cheque No.100624
British Heart Foundation £380 Cheque No. 100625
- (iii) It was noted that ENC was hosting a funding day on 18th March.
The Church gate at All Saints is in need of attention. It was agreed that Cllr. Watts would deal with this at cost up to £50.

16/030 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Cllr. Lawrence said that the litter pick has been arranged for 02.04.16

It was noted that the playground lease matter was progressing.

A meeting is to be convened with Francis Hale to discuss the mowing of the Village Green.

Action: BB

The Clerk said that NCC Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury had offered a contribution from her Empowerment Fund towards projects. The refurbishment of the seats was a possibility.

16/031 Date of next meeting.

Monday 4th April 2016 commencing at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:28pm.

Chairman

Date