

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th October 2016 in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents in attendance.

16/084 Public Open Time

There were no issues raised at this time.

16/085 Apologies

ENC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock

16/086 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

16/087 Minutes of the meeting held on 12.09.16

It was proposed by Cllr. David Strode Willis and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. The Clerk stated that there was an error with the numbering on the draft minutes but this had been corrected for the Minute Book.

16/088 Matters arising.

16/071 The Complaints Procedure had been developed and was posted on the website. Proposed by Cllr. Lowe and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that this be approved.

16/089 Reports from Other Bodies

Village Hall: The Chairman gave an update of the situation with the Village Hall since the last meeting. Following a meeting of the Village Hall Committee, all future meetings have been cancelled until the AGM in March. It was known that a number of committee members had subsequently resigned. Bookings are continuing and it is understood that the Village Hall website is due to be taken down, the Parish Council website only carries contact details of the booking clerk.

It was believed that the 200 Club was waiting for a licence after which the draws would recommence. Arrangements for the Christmas event on 17th December are in hand. It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis that the Parish Council would contribute up to £60.00 towards the costs.

The Chairman handed over an interim statement in respect of the Queen's Birthday costs, to take account of £60 spent on bulbs and compost for boxes at the entrances to the village, and this is appended to these minutes.

Police Liaison: Cllr. Hankins said that there were no regular meetings but reports were e-mailed through on more or less a daily basis. The Police & Crime Commissioner's survey seeking the requirements of communities has been e-mailed to councillors. **Action: All**

16/090 Parish Council Representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr. Lowe had previously sent a letter of resignation to the Village Hall Committee but it had not been acted upon and therefore he was still the Parish Representative. With his agreement it was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Watts that Cllr. Lowe continue in this role.

16/091 Pocket Park

The trees had now been inspected by Savills and it was understood that there were no problems although a formal report had not been received. The park remains closed and it was agreed to leave it pending further information by the next meeting.

16/092 Highways

Chairman

Date

Cllr. Penney said that he had inspected the roads and there were no problems other than a couple of areas that he was monitoring. All street lights were now working.

The Chairman had e-mailed Sarah Barnwell and Wendy Brackenbury over the programming of the H-bar markings but had not received a response. The Clerk said that he would follow this up. **Action:**

Clerk

16/093 Play Area and Village Notice Board-Progress Report

Cllrs. Hankins and Blakeman had removed the redundant equipment and following a meeting between the Chairman and HAGS, the installation of the new items was scheduled to commence on the 24th October. However, work commenced the week before and resulted in some equipment in the wrong place and items removed that should have remained. These matters were subsequently sorted out but the park remains closed pending the safety inspection and changes to some of the matting. The safety inspection does not include the existing units but it was agreed to wait for the report before issuing instructions to Wicksteed. The final cost of the work should be £9864.60 + VAT although a formal invoice had not yet been received. If payment is required prior to the next meeting, subject to satisfactory completion of the outstanding items, it was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Hankins to approve payment in principle with retrospective formal approval at the December meeting.

As the situation over the ARAPAC money had yet to be resolved, there had been no further progress over the purchase of the notice board. The ARAPAC account had been closed in 2013 due there being no activity on it and the funds transferred to a NatWest HO account. The money can be retrieved by completion of certain documentation and the Chairman said he would contact Chris Noble, one of the signatories, to see if he would make the necessary application. **Action: BB**

The Clerk said that ENC had approved a grant of £250.00 from Cllr. Shacklock's member Empowerment Fund.

16/094 To Consider Correspondence Received

A complaint had been received by the Chairman in respect of noise from children. The complainant had been advised over what action was available to them.

16/095 Planning

- a) There were no planning applications to be considered.
- b) No application had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) Notices of approval had been received for 16/01710/VAR and 16/01873/AMD.

16/096 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts and the Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2016. The second half of the annual precept £4350.00 had been received.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis:
E.ON Street light energy £185.56 Cheque No. 100650
Francis Hale. Mowing, etc. £305.00 Cheque No. 100651 (3 invoices)
- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the Parish Council would purchase the Christmas tree and wreath as usual.

16/097 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Next agenda: 2017-18 budget/precept. The Clerk will circulate a draft in advance of the meeting.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed to send a response in respect of the Draft summer Settlement based on NCALC's template. **Action: Clerk**

16/098 Date of next meeting.

Monday 12th December 2016 in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:48pm.

Chairman

Date