

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2016 in the Village Hall.

Present:

Bob Blakeman Chairman
Bernard Lowe
John Lawrence
Brian Penney
David Strode-Willis
Tim Hankins (Part meeting)

PCSO Ali Wallace (Part meeting)

Richard Reed – Clerk

16/001 Public Open Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

16/002 Apologies

Apologies had received from ENC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock.

16/003 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: Cllr. Lawrence declared an interest in planning application 15/02077/FUL as a neighbouring property owner.

Requests for Dispensations: None

16/004 Minutes of the meeting held on 01.12.15

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. David Strode Willis that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2015, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

16/005 Matters arising.

15/117: The Chairman had spoken to Francis Hale who had confirmed that he was prepared to undertake grass mowing this year under the current arrangements. A site meeting will be convened in early March to discuss the extent of mowing on the Village Green.

15/113: Cllr. Lawrence said that he had contacted the Dog Warden in respect of dog fouling and was waiting to hear from the latter over a date for a site meeting.

16/006 Reports from Other Bodies

- (i) Village Hall: The curtains were now in place and the new chairs are to be delivered next week.

In respect of minute 15/114/(i), the Clerk had spoken to Came & Co. and provided a copy of the inventory. The insurance cover for the contents had been confirmed as sufficient

- (ii) Police Issues: Copies of the P&CC's Delivery Report had been received. .

16/007 Pocket Park: Lease Update

It was understood that an arboriculturist had been to view the Estate and was believed to have visited the Pocket Park. The Chairman said that he would contact the agent to check the situation in respect of the condition of the trees. **Action: BB**

16/008 Highways

Cllr. Penney spoke of the Anglian Water incident in Cross Lane and had contacted Northamptonshire Highways to have the gullies cleansed of silt.

There were concerns over flooding at the Main Street/Lowick Lane junction where the drainage is by means of a soakaway. It was decided to monitor the situation at this location.

Cllr. Strode-Willis spoke of a fire hydrant near his home access to which is restricted by parked vehicles. Cllr. Penney is to check with Sarah Barnwell at Northamptonshire Highways to see if there is any legislation over the obstruction of hydrants. **Action: BP**

It was reported that a number of potholes were appearing around the village but their depth was below intervention levels at the moment.

16/009 Defibrillator: Update

The defibrillator was now in place, the alarm fitted and signs were being acquired. The first training session had been held and further sessions are to be held in the coming weeks.

As the equipment had been provided free of charge, the Chairman suggested making a donation of £400 to the British Heart Foundation with the rest of the funds donated for the

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defibrillator being retained for future maintenance, etc. This suggestion was met with councillors' approval.

Cllr. T Hankins arrived at 7:50pm accompanied by PCSO Ali Wallace.

PCSO Wallace discussed local crime incidents and spoke of Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch initiatives. She said that it was hoped to reinstate the monthly crime report for circulation to local councils. The Police have developed cross-border arrangements with neighbouring forces in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Cambridgeshire. As Oundle Police Station is no longer staffed, contact for non-emergency matters should be via 101.

16/110 To Consider Correspondence Received

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

16/111 Planning

- a) Applications for consideration:
15/02022/FUL: the Chairman gave a background to this application in respect of previous proposals for the site. Members had concerns that the size of the development was disproportionate to the size of the plot. It was agreed to object to the proposed development and the Chairman would circulate the Parish Council's response for comment early the next day and then the final response would be submitted to ENC by lunchtime. (ENC had granted an extension to the response time). **Action: BB/Clerk**
- b) Applications considered since the last meeting:
15/01785/REM: No further comments on the amended documents.
15//02077/FUL: Now approved.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

16/112 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts and the budget monitoring report to the end of December. A VAT refund of £740.37 had been received from HMRC.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Hankins:
Cllr. Blakeman reimbursement of costs £98.71 Cheque No.100616
EON Street light maintenance £43.76 Cheque No. 100617
Wicksteed Leisure inspection £54.00 Cheque No. 100618
E.ON Street light energy £159.78 Cheque No.100619
H G Watts & Son Christmas tree & wreath £67.99 Cheque No. 100620
Cllr. Lowe reimbursement of costs £29.44 Cheque No. 100621
- (iii) The revised draft budget and precept for 2016/17 was discussed and some final amendments made. It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence to set the precept for 2016/17 as £8700.00.
- (iv) The proposed changes to the external audit arrangements for 2017/18 and beyond were discussed following the e-mail from Danny Moody at NCALC. It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that Aldwinckle Parish Council would have its external auditor appointed by the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd.
- (v) There was no further financial business.

16/113 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Next agenda: Draft protocol for recording at meetings; Play Area Inspection; Notice Board.

16/114 Date of next meeting.

Due to commitments of the Clerk and some councillors, it was agreed to hold meetings on Mondays in future. The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd February 2016 commencing at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The other meetings for which dates have already been set will now be 4th April and 16th May. The Chairman will amend the website. **Action: BB**

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

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