

ALDWINCLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.30 in Aldwincle Baptist Church

PRESENT: Bob Blakeman (Chairman) (RB), John Lawrence (JL) Bernard Lowe (BL), Barry Watts (BW), Tim Hankins (TH) & Brian Penney(BP)

1 PUBLIC OPEN TIME. There were 2 members of the public present- as they had already spoken in the Parish meeting the issues raised would be discussed on the agenda under Planning.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. There were no apologies for absence.

3 Declarations of Interest – RB reminded all councillors to send their D of I forms back to ENDC by 11th June

4 All councillors signed their declaration of acceptance of office for the minute records

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 14th April were signed by RB.

7 MATTERS ARISING.

10.3 New notices re dog fouling have now been put up in the village by RB

8 FINANCE

JL stated that we would need to get a new bank mandate as there has been a change of councillors & we are left with less people to sign cheques.

Accounts for payment:

£15.79 Anglian Water

£309.37 NCALC- this was debated as there was a 50% increase due to less central government funding. However it was felt we gained a large amount of advice & training from them for the fees

£255.00 Frank Hale- Grass cutting.

All of the above were resolved to be paid. **Action JL**

9 Play area wall- the wall next to the car park area has a large bulge in it & needs urgent attention. Repair costs have been included in the grant application for the Play Area but it was agreed that there would be too long a delay in waiting for the outcome of that. BW agreed to repair the smaller section with the bulge as part of his previously accepted quotation for the full wall section. BW is to attend to this within 7-10 days **Action BW**

10 PARISH CLERK RECRUITMENT.

RB is to send contract for new clerk to sign- all councillors have read contract & agreed on it.

It is agreed that the new clerk will start from 1st September so the financial impact for the 2015/16 financial year would not be as great as previously thought. **Action RB**

11 HIGHWAYS.

11.1 BP reported that there were large holes in the highway around Lowick Lane & the road is becoming very bad- he is in constant contact with highways.

11.2 It was noted that although the undergrowth along the Thorpe road had been cut back that the footpath was still closed due to no repairs being done. **Action BP**

12 Planning. 15/00018/CCDFUL

The issue of the planning for the extension of the village school was then discussed by the council

The priority is the problems associated with the parking of all the parents/staff cars in the village, These have raised serious safety issues within the village for residents & schoolchildren.

The 2 residents at the meeting had expressed their concerns during the public meeting and all councillors were in agreement that these issues should be passed onto Northamptonshire County Council by way of a letter in response to the notification of planning from ENDC.

A copy of contact details for residents to send their comments would be put on the Parish Council website and RB would email those residents for who we have email addresses to alert them to the May 29th deadline for responses. **Action RB**

13 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

2 members of the public have expressed an interest in the vacancy of councillor although only 1 has written, so the vacancy will be advertised until 15th June & then all candidates would be voted upon on the next meeting On 30th June if necessary.

14 CORRESPONDENCE.

There had been some further correspondence regarding "Take your litter home" signs in the village. As previously agreed, the council are reluctant to add further signs in the village. However, it was agreed to hold a second litter pick within the village boundary in the Autumn as most litter is outside the village boundaries. **Action JL and RB**

15 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES.

15.1 The church is holding a village fete in the rectory garden on Monday 25th May

15.2 Village Hall. BL advised that the Village Hall Committee were to hold a pig roast & pub night on 6th June to celebrate the new refurbishment of the hall

15.3 An afternoon tea dance is planned for August 30th along with a bar b q /disco in the evening to raise money for a village defibrillator

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday 30th June at 7.30 in Village hall

17 Dates for forthcoming year.

30th June

8th Sept

20th Oct

1st Dec

12th Jan 2016

23rd Feb 2016

5th April 2016

17th May 2016 AGM

The meeting was closed at 9.13 pm.