

ALDWINCLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7.30 in Village Hall

PRESENT : Bob Blakeman (Chairman) (RB), John Foster (JF), John Lawrence (JL) Bernard Lowe (BL)

1 PUBLIC OPEN TIME. There were no members of the public present.

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

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

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

There was an amendment to previous minutes, item 12.2 should not include "environmental impact". With this change the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 24th February were signed by RB.

5 MATTERS ARISING.

12.1 & 12.2 Submitted by Mid March

12.4 Moles. Traps put down but no moles caught. Problem seems to have sorted itself out.

13.1 Litter Pick. 16 volunteers, many thanks to all those who helped and to JL for organising.

Tim Hankins (TH) joins the meeting.

14 Defibrillator. TH yet to produce leaflet.

6 FINANCE

6.1 Accounts to be produced for next meeting.

6.2 Village Hall insurance JL had negotiated a 5% reduction on price quoted down to £ 808.48.

Brian Penney (BP) joined the meeting

6.3 E-on are to increase power supply charges by 50%. NCALC are trying to negotiate on behalf of all Parish Councils but if they get no results we might have to re-visit the options .

Accounts for payment:

£808.48 Village Hall Insurance

£43.76 E-on Quarterly maintenance charge

£756.00 Two new street lamps as agreed at last meeting

£170.00 B Lowe, re-imburement for Mole catcher

£210.00 Frank Hale Grass cutting. Twice

All of the above were resolved to be paid.

7 HIGHWAYS.

7.1 BP reported that there were no large holes in the highways around the village at the moment but there were lots of small holes especially in Lowick Lane and he would continue to monitor the road surfaces. The main priority at the moment is to get road markings in front of the School (to include a Drop Off Zone Box)

7.2 It was noted that the undergrowth along the Thorpe road had been cut back but that the footpath was still closed.

8 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

8.1 It was noted that only six nominations had been received and these were elected to the Parish Council. The list to be put on the Parish Notice Board. There might have to be an election in the future.

9 PARISH CLERK RECRUITMENT.

9.1 Two applications had been received from one male and one female. After much discussion it was agreed that the council would prefer to offer the post to the person who has experience of other Parish Councils and would need very little expensive training. However the cost was higher than expected and an appointment of the experienced person is likely to cost the council £1550 - £1600

Action: RB & JL

10 CORRESPONDENCE.

10.1 Village Hall Lease. RB & JL had meeting with Carter Jonas, there is positive hope that this might be drawing to a conclusion Carter Jonas were wanting to finalise and both sides have instructed solicitors to conclude.

10.2 Litter. A letter had been received from a parishioner wanting LITTER signs on approaches to the village, councillors were not in favour but considered having an Autumn litter pick within the village boundary.

10.3 Dog waste. It was noted that there was a problem with dog owners throwing dog waste bags in the hedges adjacent to footpaths. RB & BL to produce laminated A4 signs to advise dog owners to put bags in the black litter bins around the village.

11 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES.

11.1 Village hall. BL Village hall still waiting for contract to come but hope to start work on May 11th .

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday 19th May at 7.30. To include Village meeting, A.G.M., and Parish Council meeting.

BL to contact Baptist Chapel if Village Hall not available.

Date of the following parish council meeting to be Tuesday 30th June.

13 ITEMS FOR NOTING.

13.1 There were none, but at this point John Foster handed over a box full of historic documents which included minutes books right back to the start of the Parish council in December 1894. He was thanked by the council for his contribution to the village over the 28 years of service on the Parish Council and that they regretted he had decided to stand down.

The meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.