

Aldwincle Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2013

Present

Bob Blakeman (RB) (Chairman), John Foster (JF), Tim Hankins (TH) John Lawrence (JL), Bernard Lowe (BL) and Brian Penney (BP) (together, the councillors)

1. Apologies

Helen Wilson (clerk)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Public Session

Helen Mynors was in attendance & asked whether a working party could be assembled to help tidy up the overgrowth in front of All Saints church.

PC to raise issue with BW to see if this is part of his contract

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th May 2013 were approved and signed by RB.

5. Matters arising

5.1 TH reported that Baulks lane weeds had been sprayed by highways but would keep an eye on future growth & deal with accordingly

5.2 The PC discussed further cuts on village green & RB to contact highways to see how many cuts we are due & when they are to be done so we can assess how many we would be looking at doing in future.

5.3 JF had drafted a letter to be sent to East Northants Council and local councillors with regard to the points system used to allocate housing in Cross Lane and relative position of Aldwincle parishioners. The council will give its approval after a final draft has been completed.

5.4 As there had not been a satisfactory response from the residents at No. 40 Main Street with regard to overhanging vegetation onto the footpath, the council will send an official letter requesting this be dealt with.

6. Finance Report

6.1 JL gave a report on the annual accounts & stated that they would be audited next week. Having given a copy of the account statements to all councillors JL then summarised the account statements. The PC then approved the accounts with JF proposing & BP seconding, with a unanimous approval. The chair then signed the accounts.

6.2 The PC then approved the Governance Statement with RB proposing & JF seconding

6.3 JL then proposed a quarterly payment of clerk's wages and this was agreed.

7. Highways

- 7.1 BP reported that 3 holes along Thorpe road had been filled in & had reported a new one outside of All Saints- this would be repaired in the next 3 months.
- 7.2 BL reported that the gully outside of village hall has hopefully been repaired- he will monitor it the next time it rains.

8. Planning

- 8.1 A planning application for roof-lights to be fitted at The Old Barn House Fullers Close has been applied for, the Council had no objections.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Tree packs are available from Woodland Trust this will be reassessed in September.

10. Reports from other bodies

- 10.1 BL- the village hall had had a successful Coronation lunch. The hall is to have new heating installed & there is to be a pub night held in the future.

There were no other reports.

11. Any other business

- 11.1 The council is to produce an action plan for the cutting of village grass by the end of October in readiness for next year's tendering process.

The date of the next meeting is **3rd Sept 2013 at 8pm**. All welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Approved

Date