

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th February 2018 in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were two residents in attendance

18/020 Public Open Time

Two concerns were raised by the residents in attendance. The first concerned the speeding of vehicles at the Wadenhoe end of the village, a situation that was worsening, and the hazard presented by a lack of footway in this area. Secondly, it was reported that the condition of the playground wall was deteriorating.

In response, the Chairman acknowledged that speeding was a long standing problem and spoke of the recent trial of a speed indicator device which would be discussed later in the meeting. Traffic calming measures may be permitted by Northamptonshire Highways but would in all probability have to be financed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to both Highways and the Police over these concerns. **Action: Clerk**

Repairs to the playground wall are to be scheduled.

18/021 Apologies

Apologies had been received from ENC Cllr. Shacklock and NCC Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury.

18/022 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary: Cllr. Watts declared an interest in respect of his quotes for the playground wall repairs and fencing at All Saints Church.

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

18/023 Minutes of the meeting held on 15.01.18

It was proposed by Cllr. Strode-Willis and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2018, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

18/024 Matters arising.

Cllr. Lawrence had arranged for the litter pick on Saturday 7th April commencing at 10:00am.

18/025 Reports from Other Bodies

Village Hall: Cllr. Lowe discussed issues arising from recent events and also referred to forthcoming items. The AGM is scheduled for 28th March. There were no objections to Cllr. Blakeman obtaining a quote for the installation of Broadband in the Village Hall.

Copies of the relevant insurance documents are to be provided for display. **Action: Clerk**

18/026 Pocket Park

Following a change of personnel at Savills this has been passed to another member of staff together with the fencing request. There were concerns about the tipping of garden refuse in the park and this is to be monitored before action is taken.

18/027 Highways

The continuing deterioration of local highways and the apparent lack of action following the submission of reports to The Street Doctor was giving cause for concern. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Head of Highways at NCC expressing these concerns and also making a request for a footway at the Wadenhoe end of the village. **Action: Clerk.**

In respect of the closure of Thorpe Road in March to enable the repair of the bridge parapets to go ahead Cllr. Hankins is to contact Kier to discuss field access. **Action: TH**

The recent problems created by HGVs passing through the village during the A605 closures were discussed and it was noted that there are still occasional vehicles using this route.

18/028 Street Lighting

The replacement lanterns have been installed by Cross Lane and at 20 Main Street and the invoice received from E.ON.

Chairman

Date

18/029 Vehicle Activated Sign

The Chairman circulated vehicle/speed data obtained from the loan unit from Traffic Technology. There were concerns over the number of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit and it was agreed to submit details to the Police and request enforcement of the restriction. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Shacklock is to be contacted to see if he had spoken to Barnwell PC over the possibility of sharing a device. **Action: Clerk**

18/030 Playground Inspection Report

The annual inspection had been carried out on 8th January and the report circulated to Members. There were only 2 medium risk items and it was considered that no further action was required at this time in respect of these. Cllr. Watts is to seek a quotation for dealing with the erosion problem at the gate. He stated that the trees were in a satisfactory condition but should be kept low for ease of maintenance. He would monitor these in his role as Tree Warden. **Action: BW**

18/031 Grass Cutting

The Chairman had spoken to Francis Hales who is willing to continue with the grass cutting. He had submitted a quotation that had some minor increases over previous years. Cllr. Blakeman proposed that these increases be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr. Lawrence with all in agreement.

18/032 E-mail Addresses

Cllrs. Lawrence, Hankins and Strode-Willis have arranged for Parish Council specific e-mail addresses. Others to follow in due course. **Action: BL/BP/BW**

18/033 General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk had received nothing further on this matter but said that NCALC would keep town and parish councils informed as relevant information came available.

18/034 Refurbishment of War Memorial

The War Memorials Trust had responded to the initial grant application enquiry. No funding would be available for cleaning or for refurbishing the lettering, as the Trust considered these to be in an appropriate condition. Pointing and the removal of moss would be eligible but the demand on funds was high and allocations would be on a priority basis. The Trust inferred that it was reluctant to see over and frequent cleaning as it preferred the monuments to indicate their age. Cllr. Watts suggested that a small working party carry out basic cleaning and removal of moss and he would try a section to see how it went. **Action: BW**

Letters are to be sent to the companies quoting for the work thanking them for their interest but following receipt of photographs the War Memorials Trust was not prepared to approve a funding grant. **Action: Clerk**

A request is to be made for posters to be placed in All Saints Church to ask "Champing" users to respect the memorial. **Contact to be provided by Councillor Hankins**

18/035 To Consider Correspondence Received

As per circulated list.

The complaint regarding mud on the road was discussed and Cllr. Hankins responded to the points raised.

18/036 Planning

- a) Councillors considered 18/00001/CCDFUL (NCC) and there were no objections subject to the games unit being for the sole use of the school as they did not wish the existing parking problems to be exacerbated. **Action: Clerk**
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

18/037 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The budget monitoring report to 31.01.18 had been circulated to councillors and was considered. Cllr. Watts had submitted quotations for fencing repairs at All Saints Church and the repairs to the playground wall up to the gate. Cllr. Blakeman proposed that as the quote for the wall was considered value for money it should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Lawrence with all in favour. Cllr. Blakeman asked that the unstable stones be removed the next day so as to make the wall safe pending full repair. **Action: BW**
Cllr. Blakeman proposed that the quote for the fencing works at All Saints Church be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis with all in favour.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis:
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. £54.00 Cheque No. 100703
CP Hankins & Son £44.88 Cheque No.100704

R Reed £330.13 Cheque No. 100705

Cheque 100706 void

HMRC PAYE £70.60 Cheque No. 100707

E.ON Replacement lights £864.00 Cheque No. 100708

(iv) There was no other financial business.

18/038 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

There were no items at this time.

18/039 Date of next meeting.

Monday 9th April 2018 commencing at **7:30pm** in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:37pm.

Chairman

Date