

Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th June 2021 at the Village Hall.

Present:

Bob Blakeman Chairman
John Lawrence
Tim Hankins
Barry Watts
Bernard Lowe
Mrs Vicki Cook
Paul Williams

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

21/075 Public Open Time

There were no residents present

21/076 Apologies

NNC Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury

21/077 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

21/078 Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 17.05.21

It was proposed by Cllr. Lowe and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Cook that the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th May 2021, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

21/079 Matters arising.

The debris from the collapsed wall had been cleared and the fire hydrant sign uncovered. It was noted that the hydrant itself is in the carriageway.

21/080 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall

Cllr. Lowe said that the hall was now open with regular groups attending. The Management Committee had been re-elected at the recent Village Hall Annual Meeting. A village party is planned for 14th August in the paddock to celebrate the lifting of Covid restrictions. The Chairman received a copy of the financial report from Cllr Lowe.

21/081 To consider the continuing payment of the Village Hall Committee Insurance.

The Chairman has had concerns over the cost of insurance, in excess of 20% of the precept, and questioned the continuing payment of the Village Hall insurance. The building itself is covered by the Parish Council's insurance but the VH policy covers the contents and public liability covering their activities. Cllr. Lawrence explained the background to this arrangement. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Came & Co. to seek their advice at this stage over transferring the contents element to the PC policy leaving the public liability side to be paid by the VH Committee. **Action: Clerk**

21/082 Play Area

There have been issues over child behaviour and pigeon fouling of the swings. The fitting of bird deterrent spikes on the top of the swing frames have proved successful and the Chairman suggested fitting more. However, as the problem is not so great elsewhere and in recognition of Cllr. Mrs Cook's concerns, it was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being.

The Chairman will contact the school over the issues of eating and drinking in the Play Area while the Covid restrictions remain and would also request that forwarding of copies of the Newsletter be resumed. **Action: BB**

21/083 Grass Cutting: New regime for All Saints Churchyard

Francis Hale has proposed strimming the long grass, mow paths and only collect cuttings from visible areas by the wall. Cllr. Watts was unhappy with the standard of the work and councillors discussed how the grass cutting in the churchyard could be simplified. It was agreed to undertake a site inspection at 9:00am 23rd July to determine the arrangements. In the meantime, councillors could visit individually to acquaint themselves with the current situation. **Action: All**

21/084 Highways and Street Lighting

The situation with potholes was discussed.

Chairman

Date

Mr Norman McLeod had offered to be the Parish Path Warden and Cllr. Blakeman would ask him to send his details to the Clerk for registering with NNC. **Action: BB/Clerk**

It was noted that the village nameplate on the approach from Thorpe had now been replaced.

21/085 To determine Councillor Responsibilities.

The Chairman had circulated a list of responsibilities indicating where vacancies existed. Cllr. Williams offered to take on the responsibility for highways while Cllr. Mrs Cook would be responsible for street lighting. Cllr. Mrs Cook would also take on the role of deputy to the Chairman for the Play Area to give cover when the latter was unavailable. Cllr. Lawrence would share the role of representative on the Rural Co-ordination Group with the Chairman.

As previously noted, Mr McLeod would take on the role of Parish Path Warden.

21/086 The Queen's Jubilee – Green Canopy and Street Party

A street party is planned for 4th June 2022 and this would be organised by a working group overseen by the Parish Council for insurance purposes.

Cllr. Williams is to draw up proposals for tree planting under the Green Canopy initiative. **Action: PW**

21/087 To consider amendments to the financial Regulations and Risk Assessment

The Chairman had circulated suggested amendments to these documents to bring them into line. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Cook and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the amendments be approved.

21/088 New Code of Conduct

It was proposed by Cllr Blakeman that the NNC document, suitably retitled and previously circulated by the Chairman be adopted, seconded by Cllr. Hankins.

21/089 Training

Cllr. Mrs Cook has been booked on two NCALC courses.

21/090 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

The proposed MNDA Charity event scheduled for the weekend of 16-17 July was discussed following the receipt of further details. The Parish Council had raised its concern, especially in respect of the inconsistency of numbers likely to attend. It was agreed to make NNC Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury aware of the event. **Action: BB**

21/091 Planning

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) NE/21/00706/FUL and NE/21/00707/LBC had been considered since the last meeting and there were no objections.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

21/092 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence.
 - HMRC £2398.96 Cheque No. 200106
 - R Blakeman £14.44 Cheque No. 200107
 - E.ON £56.84 Cheque No. 200108
 - R Reed £332.83 Cheque No. 200109
 - HMRC PAYE £78.60 Cheque No. 200110
 - Francis Hale 3x invoices £870.00 Cheque No. 200111
 - Havenpower £103.47 D/D
- (iii) The Clerk had submitted the Exemption Certificate to the external auditor and the required documents had been posted on the website.

21/093 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Cllr. Lowe spoke of the PCC's request to reconsider the VH rent (£1.00). It was agreed that the PCC should make a formal request and this would be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Lawrence is to produce a councillor contact details list. **Action: JL**

21/094 Date of Next Meeting

6th September 2021 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:14pm.

Chairman

Date