

Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 in the Village Hall.

Present:

Bob Blakeman Chairman
Bernard Lowe
John Lawrence
Brian Penney
David Strode-Willis
Barry Watts

Richard Reed – Clerk

Mr A J Boddington

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

15/094 Public Open Time

Mr Boddington spoke of the proposed development in Lowick Lane. The Chairman thanked him for his presentation and said that this would be taken into consideration when the Parish Council discussed the planning application later in the meeting.

15/095 Apologies

Apologies had received from Cllr. Hankins who would be late arriving.

15/096 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

15/097 Minutes of the meeting held on 07.09.15

It was proposed by Cllr. Lowe and seconded by Cllr. David Strode Willis that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2015, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

15/098 Matters arising.

- (i) The Clerk said that he had booked the unaccompanied playground inspection.
- (ii) In respect of minute 15/092, Cllr. Lawrence spoke of the current situation over the playground lease. A sum of £1700 + VAT has been lodged with Shoosmiths as an undertaking of fee payment subject to the satisfactory completion of the matter. It was felt that this issue had been subject of debate for too long and had yet to reach a conclusion. The Chairman said that he would prepare a letter to Carter Jonas. **Action: BB**
- (iii) In respect of minute 15/090, the Chairman had not followed up the call for written evidence as it was felt that this applied to a higher level of local government.

15/099 Reports from Other Bodies

- (i) Village Hall – Cllr. Lowe spoke of the successful bid for a grant for additional heating, new curtains and additional chairs and was waiting for the transfer of funds. The quiz was now arranged for 21.11.15 and the Chairman said that he would put the details on the website. **Action: BB**
- (ii) The Clerk had received an invitation from the Police for the Parish Council to join next year's Community Speed Watch initiative. Given the difficulty in getting the required number of volunteers, it was agreed to decline the offer. The Clerk was asked to enquire over the availability of the speed message boards. **Action: Clerk**

15/100 Pocket Park; Lease update

The Chairman had spoken to Savills and had agreed that the Parish Council would not proceed with the renewal of the lease until an assurance was given that the trees were in good condition. An inspection was being arranged but no date had been given.

15/101 Highways

Cllr. Penney said that water leak in Lowick Lane had now been repaired.

Checks are to be made on street lights in Lowick Lane and Cross Lane over probable failures and if these are old lamps they are to be replaced with modern units. **Action: BP**

The potholes in Lowick Lane had received some attention.

There were reports of dog-fouling outside the school among other locations. Cllr. Lawrence is to contact the Dog Warden at ENC. **Action: JL**

15/102 Transparency Code Regulations

The requirements for the Parish Council to publish certain information on its website were discussed and it was considered that in the main, these were being met. It was agreed that the full requirements would be met with the publication of annual documents by 1st July 2016.

Action: Clerk

15/103 Defibrillator – Update on progress with funding

A further £125.00 in donations had been received and the Chairman expressed his appreciation to all those who have given towards the purchase of this item of equipment. The Chairman was in discussion with the East Midlands Ambulance Service who were supportive towards the project. He was also making an application to the British Heart Foundation for further funding.

The proposed location of the equipment was discussed and the Chairman considered that it was best located at or opposite the school as it needs to be checked daily and during term time this was the area with the largest concentration of people, and he suggested an approach be made to the school. The Village Hall was suggested as a favoured alternative and further consideration would be given to the location following discussions with the school.

Action: BB

15/104 To Consider Correspondence Received

There were no items of correspondence other than those dealt with under agenda items.

15/105 Planning

- a) 15/01781/VAR: Mr Boddington explained the reason for the removal of Clause 15.
15/01795/REM: Councillors had a number of concerns in respect of the application, namely: the proposed access and vision splay arrangements; the height of the proposed dwellings in relation to nearby buildings; the style and design again in relation to existing structures and the appropriateness of the materials. Mr Boddington said that the dimensions of the buildings were within ENC's specifications. He also clarified the planting proposals. Members discussed the proposed development and agreed that the style and design did not blend in with the surrounding area and would be likely to dominate the surrounding buildings. By a majority decision it was agreed to express the Parish Council's concerns over the visual impact and materials to ENC.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

15/106 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts. The second half of the annual precept was due to be paid into the account by the end of September. Cllr Lawrence proposed that the statement of accounts be approved and this was seconded by Cllr. Strode-Willis.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence:
Came & Co. Insurance £1076.97 cheque No. 100608
E.ON Street light energy £159.78 Cheque No. 100609
E.ON Street light maintenance £43.76 Cheque No. 100610
There were concerns over the value of the insurance cover, specifically for the buildings and the Clerk was asked to check the policy. **Action: Clerk**
Cllr. Lowe is to provide an inventory of the Village Hall for the Parish Council's records. **Action: BL**
- (iii) It was resolved that the Mandate be changed and the forms had now been completed. The Chairman and the Clerk are to arrange a visit to HSBC at Kettering. **Action: BB/Clerk**
- (iv) There was no other Financial Business.

15/107 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Next agenda: 2016.17 Budget/precept; Review of grass cutting arrangements; Christmas events.

Cllr Watts said that he had received a number of requests for the provision of public toilets.

15/108 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 commencing at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20pm.