

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2011**

Present: Roland Crooke (Chairman) Flawith Parish Councillor
Henry Dean Youlton Parish Councillor
Colin Stroud Aldwark Parish Councillor
Alison Pollock Aldwark Parish Councillor
Alan Boddy Aldwark Parish Councillor
Sue Southall Clerk

In Attendance: Cllr Nigel Knapton & 7 members of the public.

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2011 as circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Dog bin in Youlton – no further progress, still awaiting supplies to come in to HDC.
- (b) Grit bin in Youlton – now delivered and full of grit.
- (c) Aldwark notice board – quotation from John Gandy in the region of £600 + fitting. In the absence of a response from an alternative supplier CS to ask John Gandy to proceed.

CS

3 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Items raised by Claire Brooks with a request for action:

- (a) grass trimming required at the edge of the footpath in Aldwark before the path disappears again.
- (b) the hedge on the bend opposite the play area in Aldwark desperately needs cutting to make the corner safe for pedestrians.

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4 FLAWITH VILLAGE GREEN

Following concerns raised at the last meeting RC had circulated information to Flawith residents about the trees on the village green and had received several responses, most of which favoured the removal of some or all of the front row of trees and appropriate trimming/pruning/treatment of the back row, although some long-standing residents did not agree with this solution. After discussion at the meeting it was agreed: back row – appropriate pruning & trimming; front row – whitebeam to be pruned, sycamore to be cut down, hawthorn - RC/HD to meet with Pete & Jenny Rudd & Stuart Challis to discuss and agree action.

RC/HD

5 ILLEGAL FOOD DISPOSAL AT ALDWARK

RC raised the Council's concern regarding the recent court case involving Coast to Coast (David Coning)'s fine of £15,000 for illegally disposing of food waste on land at Aldwark. RC had contacted the Environment Agency asking them to look fully into the legitimacy of licenses/exemptions granted to David Coning in the area and had been informed that Mr Coning would be required to produce a post conviction plan before the EA made a decision on his future. The matter was fully discussed, along with possible implications of loss of jobs should action be taken. However it was agreed that RC should draft a letter, for circulation to Councillors, to be sent to the EA and the Secretary of State for Agriculture, copied to Anne McIntosh, County and District Councils, asking that, in view of the recent court case and Mr Coning's evident abuse of the exemption/licensing conditions and total lack of consideration to local people, he should no longer be allowed to dispose of waste in the Aldwark/Flawith/Youlton area.

RC

6 PARISH PLAN

Leisure: Play Area - all in order following a further safety report. The bolts on the kissing gate need attention – AB to investigate.

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Roads & grass verges: Hagg Lane, Youlton – pot holes in Hag Lane have received attention but AB reported that for the foreseeable future only emergency road works will be carried out due to lack of funding.

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Fishing rights – the recent advertisement for the rental of fishing rights (10 rods) for a 2 mile stretch of river from Aldwark Church towards Myton had raised the possibility of creating a riverbank walk for residents. RC expressed the hope that a group could be formed to look into this and come back to the PC with a proposal but, in the first instance, CS undertook to find out if there was any likelihood of this happening and discuss further with Claire Brooks who was a keen supporter of establishing a riverbank walk. CS

7 PARISH WEBSITE

CS meeting with Ian Jackson, organiser of the Tollerton website, within the next week to discuss linking the two (or three if Alne join in) websites. CS

8 PARISH GROUP

HD had circulated the notes taken following a recent meeting which outlined action taken within the 3 villages. Everyone was keen on keeping up the village appearances. Concern was expressed that knowledge and membership of the group was not advertised sufficiently but HD felt that if numbers grew it would become unworkable. HD to reflect the comments expressed back to group members and ask them to take a more pro active role in getting opinions from local residents. HD

9 NEW PLANNING FRAMEWORK

RC and Cllr Knapton reiterated the basis of the Localism Bill, currently going through Parliament, which would, effectively, become another layer of planning to cater for local needs, albeit at a cost to District Councils.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Hambleton & Richmondshire Update - parliamentary boundary review
- (b) HDC – payment of parish precept £800
- (c) Country Commission for England - 2013 review of parliamentary constituencies in England
- (d) NY Fire & Rescue Service – summary of accounts 2010/11
- (e) White Rose Update
- (f) HDC - request for parish precept 2011/12
- (g) HDC - public open space, sport & recreation action plans
- (h) South Cleveland Heart Fund – request for donation
- (i) Clerk & Councils Direct - newsletter
- (j) Country Air - newsletter
- (k) Hambleton & Richmondshire Community Safety Partnership - speeding concern in Flawith - RC to investigate further the letter stating agreement to the deployment of a matrix sign. RC

11 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) Bank account, as at 21 October 2011, £6,688.01.
Cheques approved: Clerks fees July – October £70; Mazaars Auditors £60; Rural Action Yorkshire annual membership renewal £35; Parish website quarterly maintenance fees £25. AP
- (b) The accounts for the financial year to 31 March 2011 had been returned by the Auditors and there had been no matters giving cause for concern. Attention drawn to (i) the council's need to update their standing orders and financial regulations and review on a regular basis (ii) the requirement of the council to register for PAYE – RC to obtain written confirmation that this was not necessary for the current Clerk. (iii) The notice of conclusion of the audit to be posted on the relevant notice boards. All
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- (c) Insurance – reminder from HDC re payment for the block insurance. AP recommended payment of £172.78 + £254.40 to cover both the employer liability and damage, theft and vandalism to the play area. AP
- (d) Precept – AP's recommendation that this should remain unchanged at £1,600 was agreed. AP

12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) **11/02438/FUL** 1st floor extension to existing dwelling, **2 Tholthorpe Road, Flawith** – recommended (NB application received after publication of the agenda). RC
RC raised the application for the proposed retail development at Easingwold.
Planning approval: **11/01482/FUL**, proposed extension to existing dwelling, **The Granary, Aldwark.**

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13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) RC trying to get something done about the derelict building in the middle of Flawith. RC
- (b) Sue Southall is standing down as Clerk to the Council after 8 years. RC and AP to recruit a successor. RC/AP
- (c) CS has not yet paid the fee for the Parish on Line as the trial is still functioning.
- (d) Pete Rudd raised the need for a play area in Flawith due to the number of young children. RC happy to submit a plan - the HDC public open space, sport and recreation action plan could well be relevant to this – but a viable location was vital and asked for people to come forward with ideas. All
- (e) CS to look at the possibility of changing the doors on the Youlton notice board so more of the notices are on view. CS
- (f) Problem with blue bins left at the end of the lane in Youlton – CS taking up with HDC. CS

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10 January at Aldwark Manor Hotel.