

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

In Attendance: Cllr Nigel Knapton & 3 members of the public.

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2011 as circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Dog bin in Youlton – HDC have gone out to tender and will supply a new bin when supplies are restored, cost in the region of £250. HD
- (b) Grit bin in Youlton – HD awaiting delivery of a green bin. HD
- (c) Aldwark notice board – CS in the process of obtaining a quote from John Gandy; NK suggested also contacting Peter Pennock, who had recently made other local notice boards, for a quote. It was agreed that one side of the board should be lockable if possible, for PC notices. CS

3 PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Jenny & Pete Rudd raised the issue of ongoing discussions regarding work needed to the trees on Flawith village green and the subject was explored at length with RC stating that no decisions had as yet been made on any work to be carried out and the PC had merely obtained advice from two separate tree experts. It was agreed that some work was necessary as the area had become very overgrown and RC undertook to circulate a letter to Flawith residents setting out the recommendations of the tree experts, asking for opinions on the proposals. The matter would then be discussed further at the next PC meeting. Jenny Rudd expressed interest in becoming an active member of the Parish Group. RC

4 PARISH PLAN

Leisure: Play Area - safety matting is now in place and a new litter bin had been placed immediately outside the play area which would be emptied by HDC on a regular basis, negating the need for the small bin inside the gate.

Environmental: RC to contact Mike Riby regarding the current noxious smell around Flawith. RC

Roads & grass verges: Hagg Lane, Youlton - grass not yet been cut and potholes need repairing again. HD to speak to AB to see where things stand. HD/AB

5 PARISH WEBSITE

CS had contacted Tollerton PC and was in discussion looking at ways of using the general information contained on the Tollerton website to avoid duplicating things on the Aldwark site, subject to agreement by Tollerton PC. RC to email Gudrun at Alne to try and establish a link between the 3 village sites. It was agreed to include a feature on the website in the next PC newsletter (www.aldwarkparish.co.uk) to encourage more people to make use of it. CS
RC
AP

6 PARISH GROUP

HD was planning to hold a meeting in the near future to review the self help work carried out in the villages and plan for the future. He was asked to report back to the next PC meeting with suggestions for costed projects. HD

7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

RC reported on the changing planning regulations and the introduction of the neighbourhood plan scheme

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Signed:
(Chairman)

Date:

which, in theory, would allow neighbourhood communities to have much more say in what planning decisions are made at local level. However, as local referendums would have to be held the cost might prove to be prohibitive and render the scheme impractical. RC to investigate further.

RC

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Clerk & Councils Direct newsletter.
- (b) HDC - street naming, new commercial property and change of name of existing property – Haddocks Farm, Myton.

9 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) the accounts for the year 31 March 2011 had been submitted to the auditors and the further information requested sent to them by AP.
- (b) it was agreed to discuss the precept for 2011/12 at the next meeting. AP
- (c) bank account balance as at 21 August 2011 £5,888.01.
- (d) the block public liability insurance with HDC was due for renewal - £172.78 + an extra £254.40 for cover for the play equipment. AP had requested the policy details to check on the cover provided and was also asked to seek an alternative quotation and circulate to councillors. In the meantime AP to speak to HDC regarding temporary insurance cover. AP

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) 11/01582/FUL, proposed extension to existing dwelling, **The Granary, Aldwark** – recommended.

Planning Approvals:

11/01006/FUL construction of double garage and attached store, The Headlands, Flawith.

11/01061/FUL construction of an agricultural building to be used as an isolation unit for livestock, **The Haddocks, Myton.**

11/01307/CAT works to trees in designated conservation area, **The Granary, Aldwark.**

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Speeding in Flawith - RC had met with a representative from the Safer Communities Taskforce and the conclusion had been there was very little that could be done because the stretch of road either side of the 30mph limit was not long enough to allow prosecutions to be brought.. It was agreed to keep pursuing the matter and HD was asked to contact Zilla Hopps, Clerk at Little Ouseburn, PC regarding the cost of matrix signs. HD
- (b) Parish on Line - it was agreed to pay the subscription of £36 for the first year and then review. CS

12 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 November 2011, at the Aldwark Arms.