

ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL, ALDWARK
ON THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Henry Dean, Allan Boddy, Roland Crooke.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk: Nigel Knapton
County Councillor Peter Sowray

No members of the public were present.

13/79 **CO-OPTION**

It was agreed that Sue Southall be co-opted as a member onto the Council. The Clerk had sent her the standing orders, code of conduct and policies.

13/80 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no apologies as everyone was present. There were no declarations of interests.

13/81 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2013**

Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

13/82 **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

13/83 **CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Two roads within the parish had been repaired but the road out of the parish to Linton-on-Ouse was still in poor repair. The road from Youlton to Alne Cross had not been repaired. County Councillor Sowray explained there had been problems with the contractor who should complete the work at a later date. The road from Aldwark Manor to the bridge had also not been repaired but was being assessed by NYCC Highways.
- b. The new ward area map link had been emailed to all members by the Clerk.
- c. The new Good Councillor's Guides were distributed to members.
- d. There had been no further information regarding the possible overlap of landscaping conditions on planning application 12/02092/FUL. The Clerk was asked to check minutes of previous meetings to see if the parish council had raised any objections to the application. Alne and Tollerton are due to get superfast broadband next month but Aldwark Area was not. It was agreed that a public meeting should be held at Aldwark Manor to discuss the future options for enabling Aldwark Area with superfast broadband.
- e. The complaint regarding the walk around Aldwark had been passed to the Rights of Way Officer at NYCC.

13/84 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. 13/0117/FUL – Demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of a replacement agricultural storage building at Youlton Hall, Hag Lane, Youlton for Mr G Inchboard. **Wish to see granted.**

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- b. 13/01492/CAT – Proposed work to trees at Ings View, Aldwark for Mr R Mell. **Wish to see granted.**
- c. 13/01430/FUL – Alterations to roof of existing dwelling, change of use of agricultural land to domestic, construction of a detached domestic garage building and formation of a new vehicular access at The Gables, Alne for Mr Mark Hutchinson. **Wish to see granted.**
- d. 13/01807/FUL – Construction of a field gate into agricultural land at Fold House, Aldwark for Mr & Mrs Martin Brooks. **Will be considered in more detail when paper application is received.**

13/85 HAMBLETON DC – PLANNING DECISIONS & APPEALS

- a. 13/01081/FUL – Alterations and extension to existing holiday cottage at OS Field 5513, Straight Lane, Aldwark for AR & JM Boddy. **Granted.**

13/86 POLICE

PC Chris Jones was not present.

13/87 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP

Councillor Crooke and the Clerk had attended the workshop at Northallerton and Councillor Crooke had raised the issue of family members being unable to build dwellings on family owned plots and that a more flexible approach should be adopted. Settlement hierarchies were discussed as length. The process of review would take at least another 12 months.

13/88 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

The recruitment campaign for new Special Constables was noted and a recruitment poster would be put on each noticeboard.

13/89 RURAL ACTION YORKSHIRE

The AGM date of 12 October 2013 was noted. No nomination was made for a board member.

13/90 AUDIT OF VILLAGE SERVICES

The Hambleton District Council audit was completed.

13/91 TELEPHONE BOX

The signed agreement had been received back from BT. A guide to looking after the box had also been received and would be passed to Councillor Southall. The future use of the box would be discussed with her and other interested parties. Alison Pollock had identified a volunteer to paint the box. Councillor Crooke stated that he would give her half a tin of red paint left from the Flawith restoration.

13/92 DRAINS IN FLAWITH

Councillor Crooke reported that work had commenced by Yorkshire Water to separate the surface and foul water. This was due to be completed by the end of September. Yorkshire Water had maintained excellent communications about the project.

13/93 WASTE SPREADING

Councillor Stroud reported on a meeting between himself, Councillor Dean and Mr & Mrs David Coning of Coast to Coast Recycling Ltd. Notes of the meeting had been circulated to

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all Council members. The meeting had been productive and a draft code of conduct had been drawn up.

The following amendments to the code were agreed:

Para 1. Mr Coning to be asked to reconsider his request for the addition of the words ' or other workloads' in para 1 of the draft as this gave too much scope for spreading every Saturday. It was also agreed to ask him to inform the Council when and why spreading on Saturday would take place.

Para 2 Add the words "and to keep all vehicle lighting and number plates clean".

In response to a proposal made by Mr Coning, although the Council, could see the pros and cons of spreading in an area on 5 consecutive days in any month, it felt that on balance they would prefer the days to be more spread out .

It was agreed that this should now be worked up into a formal agreement between the Council and Cost to Coast Recycling Ltd and made public within the parishes. It was agreed that complaints should be channelled through the clerk by email.

Mr Coning had asked for cases of poor driving by his drivers to be reported to him.

A helpful letter had been received by the Chairman from the Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council laying out their position on the matter and informing him that a further report would be made by officers to the next meeting of the Hambleton Committee.

13/94 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Leisure – Play area. Councillor Crooke had had nothing to report.
- b. Roads, pavements and grass verges. Councillor Boddy asked County Councillor Sowray whether foliage around road signs was cut back by NYCC. He confirmed that it was not and Councillor Boddy agreed to trim back around the signs on the road from Aldwark Manor to the bridge.
- c. Public Communications – Nothing to report.

13/95 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Bank balances, actual vs. budget and receipts and payments were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The draft budget was considered showing an in year deficit of £188 and it was agreed to recommend to the next meeting that the precept be raised by £200 to £3,000 for 2014/15.
- d. It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a draft expenses policy for elected members with a mileage rate of 45p per mile in line with HMRC guidance.

13/96 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence since the last meeting was noted and attached.

Councillor Crooke had been elected to the NYCC Hambleton Area Committee.

13/97 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Sowray reported that in addition to the £77,000,000 of budget cuts already identified an additional £94,000,000 was also required up to 2019, this would result in the staffing of the Council and services provided being reduced. The council tax could

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only be raised by 1.97% before a referendum would be required. A consultancy was taking place on subsidized bus routes. Elderly care was the main expense of the Council.

13/98 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Knapton reported that Parish Liaison meetings were being arranged with Parish Councils. He was also now in the Cabinet as the portfolio holder for customer services and asset management.

13/99 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The RAF Linton-on-Ouse open day had been cancelled.

It was agreed that parish councillors' home telephone numbers would be made public

13/100 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

2014/5 Precept.

Expenses policy.

13/101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 7.30pm at Aldwark Manor Hotel.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Payments

05/09/2013	Nigel Knapton	Toner	£11.39
05/09/2013	Hambleton DC	Insurance	£462.12
05/09/2013	YLCA	Good Councillor's Guide	£13.00
05/09/2013	Ian Jackson	Website	£10.78
05/09/2013	Rural Action Yorkshire	Membership	£35.00
05/09/2013	SLCC	Conference VAT	£4.64
05/09/2013	Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£194.55
05/09/2013	HMRC	PAYE	£41.20

Correspondence Received

10/07/2013	Hambleton DC	Developing Parish Liaison
15/07/2013	Member of the Public	Aldwark circular walk
17/07/2013	Hambleton DC	Parish Council Block Insurance
18/07/2013	Hambleton DC	LDF Review Presentation
20/07/2013	Environment Agency	Environment Permit Application
24/07/2013	Police & Crime Commissioner	Special Constables
25/07/2013	Ian Jackson	Website half share invoice
29/07/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Application 13/01173/FUL
29/07/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Decision 13/01081/FUL
29/07/2013	Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	Good Councillor's Guide invoice
05/08/2013	SLCC	Invoice
12/08/2013	BT	Adopt a Box
12/08/2013	Rural Action Yorkshire	AGM & Appointment of Trustee
12/08/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Application 13/01430/FUL
12/08/2013	HSBC	Bank Statement
12/08/2013	Rural Action Yorkshire	Membership
12/08/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Application 13/01492/CAT
22/08/2013	Hambleton DC	Settlement Hierarchy Survey

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