

ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT TALDWARK MANOR, ALDWARK
ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM

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

Clerk: District Councillor Nigel Knapton.

1 member of the public was present.

13/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies were received from Councillor Pollock and County Councillor Sowray. The reason was accepted. There were no declarations of interests.

13/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2013

Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

13/20 CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING

- a. The visit to RAF Linton-on-Ouse had been successful and it was agreed to keep in touch with the base on matters of mutual concern.
- b. The Shorn Dyke Footbridge would be checked by Councillor Stroud and if necessary be reported to NYCC.
- c. The signpost at Flawith was being restored by NYCC Highways. There was no date yet for its return.
- d. Councillor Pollock was not present to discuss the telephone box.
- e. The junction at the Aldwark Bridge end of Aldwark will be done by NYCC Highways when the weather improves.

13/21 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no matters discussed.

13/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

13/00181/FUL – Two storey rear extension to the existing dwelling house at St Clare, Flawith YO61 1SF for Mr & Mrs Thomas - **No objection in principle but size of extension seems excessive and out of proportion. The Chairman noted that a revised application had been submitted with a slightly smaller rear addition. His original comments still applied, and there were boundary issues with Ivy House Farm.**

13/23 HAMBLETON DC – PLANNING DECISIONS & APPEALS

None had been received.

13/24 POLICE

No report had been received. Clerk would follow up with PC Clare Mayes.

Approved

Chairman

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13/25 **WASTE SPREADING**

There had been no further information received directly from NYCC following the presentation though the minutes of the meeting were positive. Councillor Sowray had received a report from Highways listing actions taken or unable to be taken.

Environment Agency had invited a local farmer to come in for interview and were proceeding with legal matters.

NYCC Highways needed evidence that the damage to the roads was actually done by Coast to Coast Recycling Ltd otherwise no action could be taken.

The Chairman had written to Anne McIntosh MP who had replied enclosing a letter from the EA. The Chairman would write to the officer at NYCC who is dealing with bringing the agencies together.

Councillor Stroud had not been able to visit the branch meeting of the YLCA but had submitted papers via Chris Pilkington. These had not been received with enthusiasm by other parishes. It was agreed that Councillor Stroud be authorised to deal with YLCA on this matter in addition to the Clerk.

The Chairman had contacted Dickinson Dees LLP regarding legal advice. Their recommendation was to look at the Environmental Protection Act Section 82 which allows people who have been affected to take action. It was agreed that initially legal advice would be sought via the YLCA. Councillor Stroud would do this.

The Chairman had also written to the Rural Payments Agency but had not received a reply. There was also the possibility of appealing to the Ombudsman but this could only be done when an official complaint had been made to the Environment Agency regarding their inaction.

It was agreed the Clerk arrange a meeting, if possible, of the Chairmen of Tollerton PC, Alne Parish Council and Aldwark Area Parish Council to discuss the matter further.

13/26 **DRAINAGE**

The Chairman had met with Yorkshire Water regarding the drainage in Flawith. They agreed that the current sewage drain is not sufficient and an additional drain needs to be fitted. They need Ofwat capital to undertake the project and there was no certainty that this would be forthcoming. The chairman would continue to pursue the matter.

Nigel Smith of NYCC Highways had reported that the work on Linton Woods Lane would be done. The Youlton end of Hag Lane is particularly bad.

13/27 **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

It was agreed that the Parish Assembly be held at 7pm on Tuesday 21 May 2013 before the Council meeting.

13/28 **PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. Leisure – Councillor Boddy had put up permanent signs on the play equipment but these had been stolen after one week. He had installed temporary signs as a replacement.
- b. Environmental Issues – There were no issues in addition to the spreading previously mentioned.
- c. Roads, pavements and grass verges – The bad weather had meant that the work on the pot holes was not being done. There is a blocked drain on the corner in Youlton.
- d. Public Communications – The website charges still needed sorting with respect to Tollerton PC. Clerk to sort this out.

Approved Chairman

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13/29 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Bank balances, actual vs. budget and receipts and payments were noted. Councillors Dean and Stroud asked for clarification of the financial position. Clerk to circulate the agreed budget for 2013/14.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The Band D calculations of precept were noted.

13/30 CORRESPONDENCE

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

13/31 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Peter Sowray was not present.

13/32 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Knapton reported that the scrutiny review of how the Council interacted with business was now complete and the recommendations would go to the next Cabinet meeting. The Leader of the Council had resigned and a new Leader would be elected in May.

13/33 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no Parish Councillor reports.

13/34 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Police report.
Waste spreading.

13/35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2013 at 7.30pm at Aldwark Manor.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Post meeting note, PC Mayes had been detained by operational matters. The Clerk would invite her to the next meeting

Approved

Chairman

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Payments

19/03/2013	Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£308.99
19/03/2013	HMRC	PAYE	£69.80

Correspondence Received

15/01/2013	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine
20/01/2013	NYCC Highways	The County Committee for Hambleton
24/01/2013	HSBC	Bank Statement
25/01/2013	NYCC Highways	Finger post sign, patching works
01/02/2013	Hambleton DC	Community Infrastructure Levy
01/02/2013	Spinal Injuries Association	Fish & Chips Supper
02/02/2013	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine
05/02/2013	Hambleton DC	Traveller Sites
07/02/2013	NYCC Highways	Road closure in Flawith
07/02/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Application 13/00181/FUL
19/02/2013	Sovereign	Play equipment
21/02/2013	Police & Crime Commissioner	Police & Crime Plan Consultation
22/02/2013	Hambleton DC	Precept calculation of Band D Charge
26/02/2013	HSBC	Bank Statement
02/03/2013	HM Revenue & Customs	Real time PAYE
02/03/2013	North Yorkshire & York Forum	Streetlink

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