

ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL
ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015**

Present: Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Gemma Boddy, Andy Follington, Sue Southall, John Topliss, Henry Dean (as retiring responsible financial officer)

In Attendance: NYCC Cllr. Peter Sowray, HDC Cllr. Nigel Knapton, David Bird, Alan Boddy, Peter and Linda Davis, Sue Driver, Steve Jackson, Pete Metcalfe, Bill and Helen Ormerod, Richard Padgett, Anthony Rafferty and Ian Southall.

Apologies for absence were received from Richard and Annette Bray, Simon Driver, Vivienne Bird.

15/1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

15/2 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Colin Stroud welcomed new members of the council to their first meeting, Gemma Boddy and Andy Follington for Aldwark, and John Topliss for Flawith. He also acknowledged the achievements and long service of the departing members, Henry Dean, Roland Crooke and Alan Boddy and expressed gratitude to Aldwark Manor Hotel for kindly providing a room for our meetings free of charge.

Parish Clerk - Following the resignation of clerk, Nigel Knapton, in July, to keep costs down the parish council decided not to have a paid clerk and instead share out the jobs amongst the other councillors in an unpaid capacity. This arrangement has worked well but will be reviewed by the new council in May.

Waste Spreading - since the agreement with Coast to Coast Recycling Ltd reached last year, no major problems have been reported.

Superfast Broadband North Yorkshire - LN Communications is currently providing Superfast high quality broadband for residents of Aldwark using modern radio technology. However, despite a great deal of effort by the PC and a grant from Hambleton DC, plans to provide a similar service to Flawith and Youlton were eventually abandoned due to technical difficulties. However, BT is now planning to extend its own service to Flawith by the end of 2016, though sadly not to Youlton.

Roads, pavements, footpaths and grass verges - at long last the worst parts of the road from Aldwark village to Aldwark bridge were repaired. Grateful thanks to Cllr Boddy and others for their generous personal efforts to keep our verges in good order.

Speeding - Measures to reduce traffic speeding through our villages are being explored.

Grass cutting - Due to budget cuts within NYCC the PC has lost a grant of about £500 for amenity grass cutting in 2015. Consequently all householders have been asked to cut their own verges wherever possible. This will be closely monitored and due to savings made during the year the PC has sufficient reserves to pay for grass cutting where it is needed.

15/3 PLANNING APPLICATION 15/00695/FUL Construction of 3 dwelling houses and associated garages in Aldwark

This application had been considered by both the outgoing and incoming parish councillors, taking into account the views expressed by residents on the HDC website. Mr & Mrs Brooks were unable to attend the meeting but asked for a statement to be read out. Several members of the public present spoke vehemently against the proposal, confirming the views they had already expressed on the HDC website. Councillors would agree a response to the proposal at the ensuing Council meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Signed
Chairman

Date