

**ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015**

Present: Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Alan Boddy, Roland Crooke, Henry Dean, Sue Southall

In Attendance: Two members of the public

15/16 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

15/17 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman/Clerk handed out information on the forthcoming election and members were pleased to hear that there were several people who had expressed interest in joining the Parish Council.

Thanks were expressed to Henry Dean, Roland Crooke and Alan Boddy for their years of service to the community.

15/18 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S REPORT

CS had attended a recent election briefing and talk on the election process held in Easingwold.

It was agreed that the current arrangement with councillors acting as Clerk and RFO in a voluntary capacity, with support from other councillors, had been very satisfactory and would be recommended to the incoming council in May.

15/19 HDC PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

None had been received since the last meeting.

15/20 GRASS CUTTING

No further information had been received from NYCC since the last meeting. It was agreed that Geoff Hancock be asked to continue to maintain the play area in Aldwark and reflect the cost of his public liability insurance in his charges, but to wait and see what work is carried out by NYCC to other areas of public interest in the village. It is hoped that residents will keep areas tidy adjacent to their own properties, as requested in the newsletter. Agreed to review at the next meeting.

15/21 SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Since the last meeting information had been received that British Telecom will almost certainly be bringing superfast broadband to the parish in phase 2 of their operation. In view of this, and following discussion with LN Communications about the likely low take up in Flawith which did not therefore render it a viable proposition, LN had decided not to proceed with their installation and CS was asked to request the return of the HDC grant for the additional repeater.

15/22 MAY ELECTIONS

Discussed in public forum. Councillors were given statutory notices to place on village notice boards.

15/23 CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

It was agreed that CS should continue to act as the Council's Clerk and HD continue as the responsible Finance Officer until new appointments are made after the May elections. It was noted that Alison Pollock was willing to carry out an independent examination of the accounts.

Signed
Chairman

Date

15/24 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

Roads and Verges – A reply had been received from NYCC indicating there had been insufficient finance available to complete the whole of the road alongside Aldwark Manor to the t-junction. The situation re grass verges to be monitored.

Communications - newsletter had been circulated and article placed in parish magazine.

15/25 FINANCE

- (a) Report circulated by HD on the current situation – balance £4,067.61.
- (b) Payments approved: Clerk £22.50 for membership of Communities, Parish and Local Councils; Clerk £7.80 for printing; Clerk £16.48 for stationery and ink.
- (c) The budget for 2015/16, as agreed at the last meeting, had been circulated. There was some confusion regarding 2014/15 precept figures shown on the statement - CS to clarify and amend as necessary.

15/26 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) HDC re PC Elections.
- (b) Safer Hambleton – re speeding concerns in Aldwark and Flawith.

15/27 MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Grass Cutting

15/28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14 May 2015, 7.30pm, Aldwark Manor Hotel. To be preceded by the Annual Meeting at 7pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date