

**ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL  
ON TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2015**

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

**In Attendance:** District Councillor Nigel Knapton  
There were no members of the public present

Councillor Boddy declared an interest in item 15/03.

**15/01 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record.  
There were no matters arising.

**15/02 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**13/001807/DIS03, 04 and 05**, proposed discharge of surface water, ground works and flood risk, Fold House, Aldwark - Councillors did not feel qualified to comment on the above proposals but agreed to ask HDC to take fully into account the concerns of adjoining neighbours regarding any implications this work might have in regard to future flooding at their properties.

**15/03 HDC PLANNING DECISIONS**

**14/02229/HNA**, Proposed removal of 397 metres of Hedgerow, Haddocks Farm, Myton on Swale – granted.

**14/01664/MRC**, Proposed variation of condition 09 ref drawings 2014/15/479, Rising Sun Farm, Aldwark - granted.

**15/04 GRASS CUTTING**

SS read out details of the Aldwark grass cutting carried out by Geoff Hancock, no further information re Flawith. It was agreed, in addition to placing an item in the church magazine, to circulate a leaflet to individual households in Aldwark and Flawith noting that whilst many already maintained the grass verges outside their properties, all residents be requested to do so in the light of the HDC withdrawal of any funding for this work. CS and SS to draft a leaflet for Aldwark, RC for Flawith, to be distributed by the end of February. Geoff Hancock's services would still be required for the play area and communal village areas in Aldwark.

**15/05 SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

RC reported that 2 repeater stations were currently being installed in Flawith and CS confirmed that the grant of £1,395 from HDC in payment for this work had been received by the PC. The invoice from LN Communications would be paid as soon as appropriate and it was hoped the system would be operational very shortly.

**15/06 LIBRARY CONSULTATION**

It was agreed CS should respond to the consultation on changes to North Yorkshire Library services as follows:

Easingwold library is a busy and active library which contributes to the lives of the residents of Easingwold and the surrounding villages in a variety of ways, not least to the education of people of all ages. We believe that the presence of salaried, professional, library staff is important in maintaining and developing its important role within the community. For this reason the Parish Council opposes the proposed withdrawal of paid library staff and believes the library should be re-classified as a

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Hybrid library. We are aware that the library already relies on the support of several volunteers, but if the proposal goes ahead, to ensure the efficient and satisfactory management of the library, they will need (a) easy and regular access to paid professional library staff for their training, guidance, supervision and support and (b) adequate financial support.

#### **15/07 HDC SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY INTERIM POLICY CONSULTATION**

This document, if approved, will guide future development in smaller settlements in the area giving greater emphasis on social and community aspects. The proposal assumes this may lead to a 5% increase in the number of dwellings in small settlements. RC to draft a response from the PC welcoming the new policy.

#### **15/08 HDC REVISED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING CONSULTATION**

This document was noted but members did not wish to comment on it.

#### **15/09 MAY 2015 ELECTIONS**

A letter regarding this had been received from Hambleton District Council. Any costs for the above will be shared 3 ways because there are Parish/District Council elections and a General Election on the same day. There would be a nominal charge of £100 for an uncontested election. For a contested election, the exact cost would not be known until after the election. The minimum cost of £500 could be repaid over 4 years and so a sum of £125 had been entered into the budget. CS to attend a meeting to ascertain the details involved in due course.

#### **15/10 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (a) Road repairs alongside Aldwark Manor had been carried out but disappointment expressed that these had not continued through to the Youlton road junction. Concerns regarding wide vehicles and buses causing damage to the newly formed verges to be sent to Highways with a copy to Councillor Sowray.
- (b) Public communications – letter to be sent out re grass cutting.

#### **15/11 FINANCE**

- (a) Report circulated by HD on the current situation, noting that the bank balance had increased from £2,900 to £4,100 over the year (mainly due to savings on Clerks costs).
- (b) Payments approved: Parish on Line - £33.60; LNCommunications - £1,395.00, Ian Jackson (website) £27.47.
- (c) The draft budget for 2015/16, as circulated and attached to these minutes, was approved.

#### **15/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) HDC re PC Elections.
- (b) HDC re Standards Hearing Panel
- (c) HDC re Settlement Hierarchy & Housing Development
- (d) HDC re Parish Precepts
- (e) NYCC Hambleton Area Committee on 26 January 2015

#### **15/12 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

- (a) Councillor Knapton reported on notice of a new grant scheme, of up to £2,500, for non profit making organisations in rural communities.
- (b) The speculative planning application on Stillington Road by Glasdon had been refused on appeal.
- (c) The Village Farm application for Jack Hole, Alne, had been withdrawn.

#### **15/13 MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Report from Hambleton Area Committee Meeting.

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**15/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) Minerals and Waste local plan consultation now mentions fracking. Public meeting on 4 Feb in Malton.
- (b) Affordable rural housing guide - now available electronically.
- (c) Section 137 expenditure - £7.36 per elector
- (d) Referendum on planning by larger councils – response from Anne McIntosh regarding the short notice of consultation and HDC not passing on the support grant.

**15/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 17 March 2015, 7.30pm, Aldwark Manor Hotel.

Provisional date for post election meeting, Thursday 14 May 2015

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