

**ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY
21 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Present: Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Gemma Boddy, Andy Follington, Sue Southall, John Topliss

There were three members of the public in attendance

Apologies for absence were received from HDC Cllr Nigel Knapton

16/38 PUBLIC FORUM

(a) Alan Boddy was experiencing problems with Aldwark Ramble walkers making use of the Portaloo provided for his fishing lake clients and asked for assistance from the Parish Council. It was agreed to provide an additional sign at the start of the Ramble, near the Parish noticeboard, emphasising there were no WC facilities along the route and Mr Boddy would put up additional signs on his property.

(b) Attention was drawn to foliage covering road signs within the Parish and all Councillors were asked to keep an eye out and attend to where necessary.

(c) The dangerous exit from Maidens Folly in Youlton was highlighted by the new owners and CS undertook to contact NY Highways and ask if a “concealed entrance” sign could be erected to improve safety.

(d) Following the recent heavy rain CS had notified NY Highways of some blocked drains in Youlton.

16/39 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2016 were agreed as a correct record with the amendment of item 16/30 to read ‘ at a cost of £312.64 “per annum”

There were no matters arising not covered by the Agenda.

16/40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

16/41 HDC PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

(a) **16/01090/FUL**, Proposed change of use from agricultural to equestrian and construction of a field shelter, **Fold House, Aldwark**, - Granted.

(b) **16/01226/MBN**, Prior notification for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and associated operational development, **Barn to Rear of Auburn Hill, Flawith** – Granted

(c) **16/005/20/FUL**, new dwelling with access **OS field 7556, Aldwark** - Refused

16/42 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

AF was hopeful the defibrillator would be installed in Aldwark within the next week and he would then liaise with the Ambulance Authority to organise a training day which would be publicised in the church newsletter and on the Parish website.

16/43 THE OLD BOAT HOUSE ALDWARK

Despite sending several reminders CS had still not heard back from RAF Linton on Ouse regarding possible community use of the old boat house. He would chase again and also try to ascertain the likely future of the base in view of recent articles published in the Press.

16/44 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

JT was still pursuing the issue of CIL with HDC but, as yet, had not received any further information.

16/45 COMMUNITY LED HOUSING IN RURAL NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

The Rural Action Yorkshire survey form for Parish Councils was completed, noting that the only likely site in the Parish was the derelict house in Flawith.

16/46 GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Signed
Chairman

Date

- (a) A decision on the request from the Hambleton and Richmondshire CAB for a grant towards their annual running costs was deferred pending receipt of further information on their work in our Parish.
- (b) It was agreed to make a grant of £50 to Alne PCC towards the cost of the Parish Newsletter.

16/47 FINANCE

- (a) The Annual Audit had been approved and notices displayed within the villages. Thanks were expressed to Alison Pollock.
- (b) No change in income or expenditure since the last meeting with a balance of £5,408.44 held at HSBC Bank.
- (c) Payments approved at this meeting: £35 membership of Rural Action Yorkshire; £50 to Alne PCC towards the Parish Newsletter costs.
- (d) The second instalment of the precept was due before the end of September; GB had requested the £51 contribution towards grass cutting from NYCC; Tony Scarborough had carried out grass verge cutting in the parish and a bill in the region of £180/£200 + VAT was expected in the very near future.
- (e) A letter had been received from HDC requesting notice of the 2017/18 precept by 31 December 2016. The general feeling was to prepare a budget very similar to 2015/16 and CS and GB would meet to produce a draft budget for discussion at the next meeting.

16/36 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Play area - temporary repairs had been carried out to the back fencing by David Holliday who would complete a permanent repair in due course. It was agreed that CS should proceed with organising the annual inspection.
- (b) Roads and grass verges - (i) AF had received confirmation from the NY network strategy team that NYCC was only responsible for cutting verges on the triangle of land outside the Aldwark Arms and at the start of Rice Lane, Aldwark and dangerous junctions were cut twice a year. Any issues should be reported through the Highways website.
- (c) Public communications - An acknowledgement and thanks had been received from Autism Plus for the Council's donation to their funds.
- (d) Community Speedwatch Scheme - JT had registered Flawith for inclusion in the scheme and had 12 residents willing to take part. A risk assessment would be carried out in the near future and if Flawith was deemed an appropriate location for the scheme the volunteers would receive training. If successful it was likely that Aldwark would also register for the scheme.

16/37 CORRESPONDENCE

The file of correspondence received by CS since the last meeting was passed on for circulation. Attention was drawn to the notice from HDC of a charge (likely to be in the region of £35) for the emptying of green waste bins from next year. All Councillors were against this proposed charge as they felt it would encourage the burning of unsuitable materials and increased fly tipping/roadside dumping and CS undertook to formally convey this view to HDC and local Councillors.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 November, 7.30pm

Future meeting dates, all 7.30pm at Aldwark Manor Hotel

Tuesday 17 January 2017

Tuesday 21 March 2017

Signed

Date

Signed
Chairman

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