

ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Aldwark Manor Hotel on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs C Stroud (Chair & Minutes), J Topliss, G Boddy, L Evans.

- 1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests in agenda items.**
Cllr A Follington gave apologies but participated by Skype.
- 2. Appointment of minutes secretary** – Cllr Stroud agreed to take minutes. Lynette Evans kindly offered to take minutes of future meetings if co-opted to the council.
- 3. Public Forum** – No members of the public attended.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2017**
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 5. Matters Arising from the minutes, not on the agenda** - None
- 6. Chairman's Report** - None
- 7. To consider the co-option of a councillor for Aldwark**
In accordance with the regulations Hambleton District Council had informed the Clerk that no election was required and a co-option could be made. Following the advertisement of the vacancy, Lynette Evans had applied for the position. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Lynette should be co-opted as a third councillor for Aldwark and after completing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, she was warmly welcomed to the council.
- 8. Defibrillator for Flawith** – John Topliss informed the meeting that he would shortly order the new AED as agreed at the last meeting.
- 9. Speed Matrix Sign in Flawith** – John Topliss informed the meeting that he was still awaiting further advice from NYCC.
- 10. Preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018**
 - a) Parish Address lists. Colin Stroud had circulated an 'Opt-in' form to be used to compile lists of residents' preferred contact details and methods of contact. It was agreed that councillors of each parish should compile appropriate lists of the residents who had responded and forward the records to the Clerk for safe-keeping.
 - b) Appointment of a Data Protection Officer for the PC. It was agreed that the Chair/Clerk should be the DPO for the PC.
- 11. Harrogate BC Planning applications for consideration**
 - a) **Ref 17/04562/FULMAJ** Change of Use of land from agriculture to explosives storage and distribution place (Use Class B8) with erection of three floodlit earth bunded storage magazines, one earth bunded sampling ground, detached storage building, and re-packing shed, with associated access and hardstanding (Site Area 4.35ha) (Revised Scheme). Land Comprising Field At 445716 463020 Lightmire Lane Great Ouseburn.

There had been no further action on this matter and Aldwark Area PC has objected to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- i. Visual impact - the proposed development will have a material effect on the rural landscape looking west from Aldwark. The current rural nature of this landscape (farmland and the adjacent golf course) will be seriously affected by the proposals and the proposed landscaping treatment would do little to mitigate the adverse effects.
 - ii. Night-time nuisance - the proposed development includes floodlighting which would cause a significant nuisance to residents of Aldwark whose properties face west overlooking the River Ure.
 - iii. Safety - the storage of explosive materials raises a significant risk to users of the golf course and the River Ure, and to the residents of Aldwark. The proposed mitigation measures are considered inadequate in relation to the amount of material that may be stored on site.
 - iv. The application contains no details of any sequential assessment of other possible sites that have been considered for this proposed use nor as part of the flood risk assessment, and as such we would question whether the application satisfies these statutory requirements.
- b) **Ref 6/05077/HSC** Application for Hazardous Substances Consent - Lightmire Lane Great Ouseburn

Aldwark Area Parish Council has objected to this application for the following reason:

Safety - the storage of explosive materials raises a significant risk to users of the golf course and the River Ure, and to the residents of Aldwark. The proposed mitigation measures are considered inadequate in relation to the amount of material that may be stored on site.

12. Hambleton DC – Planning decisions and appeals

Ref. No: 17/02080/FUL Proposed single storey extension and alterations to semi-detached house - 1 The Cottages Aldwark North Yorkshire YO61 1UB – Granted

13. Finance – Cllr G Boddy (Responsible Finance Officer)

(a) To note receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances. Gemma had circulated the relevant which were approved.

(b) To agree any payments to be made.

The following payments were agreed:

- i) Parish Online subscription £18
- ii) G Hancock for grass and hedge cutting £680
- iii) T Scarborough for cutting roadside verges £216

(c) To agree bank signatories

It was agreed that John Topliss and Lynette Evans should be added the list of signatories held by HSBC bank and for the purposes of online banking.

(d) CIL payment of £5,197.50 for Aldwark

Cllr Follington reported that there was interest within the village for this money to be used to purchase a swing for the Play Area and/or for a Speed Matrix sign. It was agreed that Andy, together with other Aldwark councillors and interested residents,

should obtain quotations for a suitable swing from at least two appropriate suppliers to be considered at a future meeting.

It was further agreed that the outcome of discussions with NYCC regarding the proposed Matrix Sign for Flawith should be considered before proceeding any further on that suggestion for Aldwark.

14. Portfolio responsibilities

- a) Leisure – Play area. All councillors were encouraged to routinely inspect the play area for any damage or litter.
- b) Roads, pavements and grass verges. An Aldwark resident had suggested a 'litter-pick' to clear up litter around the villages. It was agreed that councillors would look into this possibility with residents and if necessary the PC might purchase relevant safety equipment and clothing. Cllr Follington pointed out that grass verges were encroaching on some footpaths in Aldwark. If residents could not be persuaded to deal with this, it was agreed that he might ask Geoff Hancock to do so.
- c) Public Communications. It was agreed that the clerk should seek an update on local developments on faster broadband from NYCC and K Hollinrake MP. It was noted that Aldwark now had O2 G4 coverage.
- d) Planning. John Topliss reported that whilst the owner of the derelict cottage in Flawith had tidied up the site, the building had still not been demolished as required by the Section 215 order. He would continue to monitor this and take any appropriate action.

15. Report from the County Councillor – not present.

16. Report from the District Councillor – not present.

17. Reports from Parish Councillors - none

18. Correspondence

The correspondence file was circulated.

19. Matters for inclusion on the next agenda - none

20. The following proposed Dates of future meetings starting at 7.30pm at Aldwark Manor Hotel were agreed:

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Tuesday 8th May 2018 preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Tuesday 11th Sept 2018

Tuesday 13th Nov 2018

Tuesday 15th Jan 2019

Tuesday 19th March 2019