

## **ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 18 March 2019 at 7.30pm at Aldwark Manor Hotel**

**Present:** Cllrs Colin Stroud (Chair), John Topliss, Lynette Evans, Andy Follington and Gemma Chapman (Aldwark Area Parish Councillors)

**In attendance:** Alison Pollock (Clerk and RFO)

#### **Minute**

##### **22/19 Chair's welcome**

Cllr Stroud welcomed two members of the public to the meeting.

##### **23/19 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Nigel Knapton, Geoff Ellis, Chris Rooke (Hambleton District Council) and Cllr Peter Sowray (North Yorkshire County Council)

##### **24/19 Declaration of interests in agenda items**

Cllr Chapman declared a potential interest in the planning application at Rising Sun farm and it was agreed that she could remain in the meeting but not contribute to the discussion.

##### **25/19 Public forum**

No issues were raised.

##### **26/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

##### **27/19 Matters arising from the minutes and not on the agenda**

None

##### **28/19 Police and Crime Commissioner community mapping – update on policing issues**

The clerk advised that following the last meeting, Mr Hutchinson of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner's Office had tried to get a response from Easingwold Police so that the parish council gets regular crime reports and interaction from the police and this would continue to be chased until satisfactory. It was noted that PCSO Chris Wood from Easingwold has been invited to the annual Parish Assembly on 14 May.

##### **29/19 Community allotment/garden in Aldwark – new proposal**

Cllr Follington outlined his proposals for a community resource in Aldwark. After clearance of scrub and weeds along a short stretch of Rice Lane, it is proposed that residents work together to make raised beds to grow vegetables as a community

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project. A water supply is available, together with some resources eg topsoil, but Cllr Follington requested that the council consider allocating some funds to buy sleepers for the raised beds, fencing and so on, as a contribution to this community project. Cllr Follington advised that he had consulted the planning department at HDC, local farmers, and county and district councillors and no issues nor objections had been raised. Cllr Stroud was firmly of the view that before parish council funds are committed, the matter of ownership of the land should be confirmed. It was agreed that Cllr Follington should contact the Rights of Way officer at NYCC and the clerk should approach the Land Registry to check on ownership. Overall, the council confirmed that it was supportive of the proposals subject to appropriate due diligence being completed, and would then give financial support, considered on a case-by-case basis using the usual approval processes.

### **30/19 Grit bin/road gritting in Youlton**

The clerk confirmed that NYCC had been requested to refill the grit bin in Youlton and this had been done. Following a complaint from a resident that the road is no longer routinely gritted by lorries in winter, the parish council noted that it had previously objected to this route being taken off the NYCC programme. The clerk advised that NYCC will not consider adding any routes mid-cycle, but that the council can request a route be considered for the next season. The clerk was asked to write a letter to NYCC accordingly.

### **31/19 Processes for dealing with planning applications between meetings**

The council agreed a policy on this matter on 14 November 2017. This was reviewed and agreed to be still appropriate, being a pragmatic and consultative approach. The clerk will note that the existing policy has been re-confirmed on 18 March 2019.

### **32/19 Hambleton DC/North Yorkshire CC planning applications – active cases**

- a. **18/02398/FUL** Construction of rear extension and detached garage following demolition of existing single storey rear extension, The Cottage, Aldwark. It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.
- b. **18/02401/FUL** Construction of a new dwelling and double garage, The Cottage, Aldwark. It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.
- c. **18/00209/FUL** Construction of two detached dwellings and garages together with ancillary external works, drainage and landscaping, land near Beechcroft Farmhouse, Aldwark (already granted by HDC). Cllr Follington advised that he had spoken to the developer about increasing the drainage pipe diameter from 150mm to 200mm. The developer would be prepared to use the wider diameter pipe with the additional cost potentially being met by the parish council. Cllr Follington was asked to obtain this proposed cost from the developer before the council commits to approve any spend.
- d. **18/02585/TPO** Works to trees covered by Tree Preservation order. The council has advised HDC that it has no objections to this application.

- e. **NY/2018/0104/FUL** Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the erection of an anaerobic digester plant including reception building, offices, including mess and toilet facilities and a control room, all extending to 818 sq. metres, a 22,000 cu m lagoon for the storage of digestate, a 1,500 cu m lagoon for the storage of water, gas to grid compound, testing facilities, erection of 7 No. 2.4 m high 30 watt led lighting posts, weighbridge, car parking facilities, a bio filter box (50 sq. metres) and the creation of 3,182 sq. metres of hardstanding and soft landscaping works Location: Sowerton Farm Yard, Sykes Lane, Tollerton, YO61 1RE Applicant: Galtres Energy Ltd. The council has submitted the following comments to NYCC: “Although not a formal consultee to this application, Aldwark Area Parish Council has considered the development proposals and would make the following comments:
- There is significant concern about the potential for increased HGV traffic through the village of Tollerton and neighbouring villages to the west of the A19 emanating from the development proposals and the proposed deliveries of unprocessed waste to the development site and the subsequent distribution of digestate material.
  - The condition of the existing rural roads is generally poor with verges continually being damaged by existing HGV and farm traffic.
  - Mud on the local roads is an on-going issue for local residents.
  - The scale of the proposed development is likely to have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity and character of Tollerton.

Aldwark Area Parish Council would strongly recommend that any planning consent is conditioned as follows:

1. There should be strict limits imposed in respect of total HGV movements to and from the development site and in particular the restriction of HGV movements through the village of Tollerton to ensure that most traffic uses the A19 only.
  2. Wheel wash facilities should be provided on site to prevent mud being deposited on Sykes Lane and the A19.
  3. Resurfacing of Sykes Lane prior to any development coming into operation.”
- f. **19/00382/FUL** Construction of general agricultural and livestock building, Part OS field 0002 Alne Road, Tollerton – the council has no objections.
- g. **19/00240/FUL** Creation of a new access to off-street parking to the front of Auburn Hill, Flawith – the council has no objections.
- h. **19/00424/FUL** Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 5 tourism pods, Rising Sun Farm, Straight Lane, Aldwark – the council has no objections.

### **33/19 Finance (report from Responsible Financial Officer)**

- a) **To note receipts and payments, actual vs budget, and bank balances** – noted and approved. In future the information on assets should separate the CIL monies so they are clearly identifiable.
- b) **To agree payment to be made to:**

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(i) **Tony Scarborough Agricultural hedgecutting - £144 plus VAT – approved**

**34/19 Portfolio responsibilities**

**a) Leisure**

- Two green waste bin licences have been purchased and affixed to the bins in the Aldwark play area.
- On 21 April, the Easter Walking Festival Aldwark Ramble will take place and the council is grateful to Allan Boddy for again offering to welcome walkers on the route with a short talk.

**b) Roads, pavements and grass verges** – It was noted that there remain concerns from residents about the condition of road surfaces.

**c) Public communications** – The website and Facebook pages will be used more in future, to notify residents of events and local news.

**d) Planning** – nothing further reported

**35/19 Report from County Councillor/District Councillors**

None.

**36/19 Reports from Parish Councillors**

Nothing further reported.

**37/19 Elections on 2 May 2019**

The clerk confirmed that the process was running smoothly, with the positions advertised, and she had nomination forms available for potential candidates.

**38/19 Correspondence received**

The clerk passed on the items of correspondence that had not already been circulated by email.

**39/19 Dates of future meetings**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 starting at 7.30pm at Aldwark Manor Hotel  
 Preceding this will be the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm, also at Aldwark Manor.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

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## Aldwark Area Parish Council

Bank reconciliation at	14 March 2019	
Balance brought forward at	01 April 2018	<u>£10,951.62</u>
Add receipts for period to date		<u>£8,939.33</u>
		£19,890.95
Less expenditure for period to date		<u>£2,335.36</u>
Closing balance		<u><u>£17,555.59</u></u>
Balance at bank and in hand at	14 March 2019	
Bank account	£17,555.59	
Petty cash		
	<u>£17,555.59</u>	
Less unrepresented payments		
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	<u>£0.00</u>	<u><u>£17,555.59</u></u>

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