

ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2020 at 7.00pm

By teleconference using Zoom platform

Present: John Topliss, Lynette Evans, Andy Follington, Richard Padgett

In attendance: Alison Pollock (Clerk and RFO)

Minute

16/20 Apologies for absence – none

17/20 Declaration of interests in agenda items – none

18/20 Public forum – no members of the public were present. The clerk relayed that one Aldwark resident had asked about progress on traffic calming measures and a resident of Youlton had asked the parish council if it could assist with the disturbance from early starts of bird scarers on local land.

19/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2020

The minutes were approved and were agreed to be signed by the clerk on behalf of the Chair given the current social distancing measures.

20/20 Matters arising from the minutes and not on the agenda – none

21/20 Resignation of Tina Greenwood from parish council

The resignation of Tina Greenwood from the parish council with effect from 30 April 2020 was noted. The clerk is organising the formal process of an election with Hambleton District Council (HDC). All councillors will encourage members of the public to come forward as prospective members of the council. The council noted sincere thanks to Tina Greenwood for her service.

22/20 Speeding control measures including vehicle-activated speed signs

- a) Potential traffic calming measures for Aldwark including white picket fences like in Little Ouseburn, rumble strips, a “watch for children” sign near the play area, and a vehicle-activated speed sign – updated views will be canvassed by parish cllrs Evans and Follington
- b) Moving the 30mph start in Aldwark to reflect the new housing extending the village envelope – this has been requested to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) but NYCC has turned down the parish council’s request
- c) Parish cllr Topliss has requested further speed surveys from North Yorkshire Police and awaits a response

23/20 Grass and hedge cutting in Aldwark

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The parish council sincerely thanked Geoff Hancock for his service maintaining the grass verges, and grass and hedges in the play area, over many years. The council will seek a person(s) to take on the maintenance going forward, and given the budget constraints of the council it is hopeful that this could be done on a rota basis by volunteers. The clerk agreed to post notices to seek assistance. The council also resolved to pay a total of £180 to John Taylor for the agreed shrub clearing and associated work in the play area in Aldwark earlier this year. Cllr Padgett has meanwhile been maintaining the play area grass to ensure the area is safe and tidy.

24/20 Drainage, parking and verge concerns in Aldwark

It was noted that the verges in Aldwark had been re-turfed by Keepsake developments to a high standard and the council was pleased to see these restored to a good condition.

Cllr Follington agreed to discuss with Pete Hardisty at Aldwark Arms what steps could be taken once the pub can re-open to ensure that future events such as the bonfire night celebrations do not cause damage to verges from parking, to maintain the current better village appearance.

There appears to be no progress regarding the drainage issues from the new development in Aldwark and it was agreed that the clerk would ask the District Councillor what could be done.

25/20 Hambleton DC planning applications

- a) 19/01896/CAT Works to trees and hedges in a Conservation Area including removal of 11 trees and replanting, Aldwark Manor Hotel – it was noted that this application has been withdrawn
- b) 19/02554/FUL Layout existing walled garden and hard standing areas to form additional car parking including permeable tarmac surfacing drainage and lighting, Aldwark Manor Hotel, Aldwark – this will be consulted upon in line with the agreed procedures
- c) 20/00808/CAT Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area, Aldwark Manor Hotel, Aldwark – this will be consulted upon in line with the agreed procedures
- d) 20/00773/CAT Proposed works for 2m crown reduction to 1no poplar tree and to fell 2no leylandii trees in a conservation area, Fairfield, Aldwark – this will be consulted upon in line with the agreed procedures
- e) 19/00774/FUL and 19/00043/REFUSE Construction of two semi-detached cottages with access and parking and extensions to existing dwelling, The Cottage, Aldwark, North Yorkshire YO61 1UB where an appeal has been made by Mr James Bladon to the Secretary of State against Hambleton District Council's decision to refuse. It was noted that the appeal has been dismissed
- f) 20/00252 Construction of an agricultural Barn for storage of hay and animal shelter, Land South Of Melrose House And Mulberry Lodge Aldwark – it was noted that this application was refused
- g) 20/00243 Demolitions to external outbuildings, porch addition, two storey rear extension, single storey side extension with pitched roof, existing elevations

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alterations and additions and detached garage, Fairfield Cottage – to note approved

- h) 20/00283 Application for Listed Building Consent for wall repairs and internal alterations to dwellinghouse, Maidens Folly Youlton Lane Youlton – it was resolved that the council had no objections

26/20 Finance

- a) To note receipts and payments and bank balances, actuals vs budgets, and CIL balance to 31 March and to 30 April 2020 – noted
- b) The CIL report to HDC was agreed to be submitted by the RFO

27/20 Portfolio responsibilities

- a) **Leisure/Play Area** – no issues reported. Parish councillors Follington, Padgett and Evans will pick up this brief in the short term following the resignation of Tina Greenwood
- b) **Roads, pavements and grass verges** – a significant number of bags of litter have been collected in parts of the parish as part of the Great British Spring Clean, using social distancing measures. Unfortunately plans to carry out litter picks through the whole parish had to be curtailed. Thanks are expressed to all those that took part and to HDC for supplying equipment. The parish council plans to repeat the litter clean in all the parish once circumstances permit.
- c) **Public communications** – no issues reported. The clerk agreed to assist with this brief in the short term following the resignation of Tina Greenwood
- d) **Planning** – during the meeting two further applications (one in Flawith, one in Aldwark) came in and these will be dealt with and consulted upon in line with the agreed procedures
- e) **Rural matters/public footpaths and bridleways** – parish cllr Follington agreed to contact Aldwark Manor hotel as it appears that people are parking and accessing the golf course/manor grounds from the tollbridge area, possibly in contravention of social distancing measures. The clerk was asked, in response to a query from a member of the public concerned about early noise from bird scarers to respond, to advise that HDC environmental services can assist with such issues.

28/20 Report from District Councillor

The clerk had previously circulated the report from Cllr Taylor outlining the actions currently in hand because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

29/20 Dates of future meetings

Wednesday 15 July 2020 starting at 7.00pm by teleconference or at Aldwark Manor Hotel, subject to room availability.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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