

ALDWARCK AREA PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 7.00pm
at Aldwark Manor Hotel**

Present: Cllrs John Topliss, Lynette Evans, Richard Padgett

In attendance: Alison Pollock (Clerk and RFO), Cllr Malcolm Taylor and members of the public

Minute

1/20 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Andy Follington, Tina Greenwood

2/20 Declaration of interests in agenda items – none

3/20 Public forum

Members of the public raised concerns that newly laid drains at the rear of the current Keepsake Aldwark development and existing houses are not working. Water is standing in the garden of Beech House. Mr Jackson, an Aldwark resident, stated that the pipework into the culvert has been changed by the developers including adding a brick structure that he does not believe has planning permission. He raised concern about it silting up. Cllr Taylor explained that he has apprised himself of the issues and he undertook to make a site visit the following day and investigate further with colleagues in Hambleton District Council (HDC) planning department. The Chair commented that the parish council had written to both planning and the building control firm appointed but had not been able to progress to a satisfactory solution.

4/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2019

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

5/20 Matters arising from the minutes and not on the agenda – none

6/20 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 are being investigated by Cllrs Follington and Greenwood
- 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 but it is not clear whether they will support it
- c) Flawith vehicle-activated speed sign – this has been installed
- d) A member of the public asked about the data on vehicle speeds and the Chair reported that surveys were done in both Flawith and Aldwark around 4 years ago, with neither indicating significant speed issues, though the separate Flawith

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Speedwatch survey did show higher speeds. It was agreed to organise analysis from the newly installed sign after three months and also to request a Speedwatch survey in Aldwark.

7/20 Defibrillator services

The clerk confirmed that the contract and payment are to be finalised as previously agreed, and will, with Joyce Whitehead at Galtres Vets, set up a routine to check the defibrillators in Flawith and Aldwark.

8/20 Green bin licence renewal for Aldwark play area

The council approved the renewal of two green bin licences at total cost of £80.

9/20 Grass verges and road surface in Aldwark

The grass verges in parts of Aldwark were discussed after complaints from several residents. It was felt that the recent drainage work by Keepsake homes, then parking by visitors to Aldwark Arms' bonfire event, and poor road surfacing and mud deposits all had combined to leave the village looking in poor repair. Kerbing like that installed in Alne might help but was felt to be perhaps out of keeping with the village setting and also likely to be prohibitively expensive as the cost would be levied on residents. It was decided to approach North Yorkshire County Council in the spring to get the road cleaned. Cllr Padgett agreed to have a conversation with Pete Hardisty and also local farmers to see if problems in future could be avoided.

10/20 Contractor parking concerns in Aldwark

It was noted that residents had expressed concern that staff/contractors at the Keepsake development were parking in an inconsiderate way, and that among the planning permission conditions there was a requirement for on-site parking for staff/contractors. This was unlikely to be enforceable in practice but Cllr Taylor noted the issue for his discussions.

11/20 Hambleton DC planning applications

The following progress/outcomes were noted:

- a) 19/01896/CAT Works to trees and hedges in a Conservation Area including removal of 11 trees and replanting, Aldwark Manor Hotel – decision still awaited. Following the report by the parish council that works had commenced prior to planning consent being granted, the clerk met with Mr Craig Allison, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer, Hambleton District Council who advised that there had been two acknowledged cases but enforcement action was unlikely because extensive replanting plans were in place. The parish councillors agreed to check that replanting does occur
- b) 19/02293/CAT Works to trees in a Conservation Area, Aldwark Manor golf course – to note that parish council responded to state no objections. Now granted by Hambleton District Council

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- c) 19/01992/FUL Construction of a single storey extension to ground floor restaurant with retractable roof – to note that parish council responded to state no objections. Now granted by Hambleton District Council
- d) 19/02307/FUL Construction of an agricultural building for the storage of agricultural machinery, Bridge Farm Aldwark, YO26 9SL – to note that parish council responded to state no objections. Now granted by Hambleton District Council
- 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. To note that the parish council has responded by a written representation reiterating previous concerns

12/20 Finance

- a) To note receipts and payments and bank balances, actuals vs budgets, and CIL balance to 15 January 2020 – noted and approved
- b) To note that a precept of £4,125 was submitted for the financial year 2020/21

13/20 Portfolio responsibilities

- a) **Leisure/Play Area** – nothing further reported
- b) **Roads, pavements and grass verges** – nothing further reported
- c) **Public communications** – nothing further reported
- d) **Planning** – nothing further reported
- e) **Rural matters/public footpaths and bridleways** – Cllr Padgett reported that he was keeping a watch on waste spreading activity as discussed at the previous meeting and will continue to link with the Environment Agency. He will ask whether waste is being brought in and transferred, and for maps of the pockets of land permitted for land spreading from external contractors.

14/20 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Taylor reported that the new sports facility in Easingwold was close to completion and is intended as a community facility outside school hours. The Local Plan is expected to be signed off in March after many consultation comments from the public, and there will be a Budget meeting at HDC in February. There will be challenges because of the reduction in Central Government funding but HDC still aims to be one of the lower charging authorities.

15/20 Dates of future meetings

Wednesday 18 March and 6 May 2020 starting at 7.00pm at Aldwark Manor Hotel, subject to room availability.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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