

## ALDWARE AREA PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 7.00pm

**Present:** John Topliss (by video conference), Lynette Evans, Andy Follington, Richard Padgett, Matt Cliff.

**In attendance:** District Cllrs Malcolm Taylor and Nigel Knapton, Alison Pollock (Clerk and RFO) and a member of the public

#### Minute

**37/21 Apologies for absence** – none noted. Andy Follington chaired the meeting which was quorate with attendees in person.

**38/21 Declaration of interests in agenda items** – none declared

**39/21 Public forum** – see item 41/21 below as the member of public expressed interest in this topic and the discussion is noted below.

#### **40/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2021**

The minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**41/21 Aldwark tollbridge** – The pre-enquiry meeting had been held by the Inspectorate which then postponed the next stage in the enquiry process. It was formally resolved that a sub-committee/scrutiny panel of local residents would be formed, chaired by parish councillor Topliss, to analyse the case by the tollbridge owners and report into the enquiry. Mr Richard Bray, Aldwark resident, agreed to join the committee. Further members will be sought from the local area, particularly those with an accountancy or legal background. Work will be needed in January to review the applicant's statement of case submitted in November along with the additional information the Inspector has stipulated such as vehicle counts.

#### **42/21 Speeding control measures/signage**

Parish Councillor Topliss reported that still little or no progress seems to have been made by the authorities that the parish council is waiting on. He will chase up again with the speed control team. There is a community speed monitoring device that Flawith has access to and it was agreed to register Aldwark for this, and then to measure speeds if sufficient volunteers can be found (three are needed at any one time).

**43/21 Emergency plan** – the draft plan prepared by parish councillor Cliff was discussed and agreed to be helpful. Suggestions for additions included finding out whether power generators are already available in the parish, and whether the Manor and the Aldwark Arms would be amenable to act as a place of refuge if needed.

#### **44/21 Aldwark play area upgrade**

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The upgrade to the Aldwark play area to better suit younger children and the disabled is well under way. This has been part funded by a Making a Difference grant from Hambleton District Council (HDC). The clerk will liaise with HDC about signage and publicity for the grant funding.

**45/21 Hambleton District Council planning applications – to note the following:**

- a) 20/01150/FUL Demolition of existing rear extensions and shed and the construction of new extensions, detached storage building to the rear and refurbishment of the dwellinghouse – The Cottage, Aldwark – revised application. Granted by HDC
- b) 20/01035/FUL Extension/alterations to provide improved spa and leisure facilities, Aldwark Manor hotel. Decision by HDC awaited
- c) 20/00892/FUL Demolition of lean-to annex to the side of the former scout boathouse and alterations to the boathouse, slipway and jetty/pontoon to provide a facility for storage/repair of boats and the transportation of Aldwark Manor wedding parties and guests along the river and relocation of the parking area. Granted by HDC
- d) 21/01368/FUL – Change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage (garden) and a garden room – Cherry Tree House, Aldwark – granted by HDC
- e) 21/02375/FUL – Replacement windows & doors, addition of windows and rooflights, glazed canopy & relocation of oil storage tank with screening. The Granary, Aldwark. Decision by HDC awaited
- f) 21/01722/LBC Listed Building Consent for essential repairs to damaged timber deck to consist of replacement of timber planks, repainting of steel work and steel work repairs. Decision by HDC awaited

**46/21 Finance**

- a) Receipts and payments and bank balances, actuals vs budgets, to 21 November 2021 were noted

**47/21 Portfolio responsibilities**

- a) **Leisure/Play Area** – no issues reported
- b) **Roads, pavements and grass verges** – there are some silted up gullies in Aldwark and Flawith, a large roadside hole in Aldwark under repair, and required culvert repairs surrounding Youlton, which have been reported in for action – these will be chased up
- c) **Public communications** – no issues reported
- d) **Planning** – a query from an Aldwark resident has arisen about earthworks, possibly temporary, at the Manor which will be investigated
- e) **Rural matters/environment/public footpaths and bridleways** – the clerk will follow up on the previously agreed action to get some anti-littering signs

A request has been made for defibrillator training for residents and the clerk will look into this.

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**48/21 Report from District Councillors Taylor and Knapton**

Cllrs Taylor and Knapton reported on recent developments in the Hambleton Area. Elections for the new Unitary Authority are scheduled for May 2022 and the Aldwark Area parish will be in the Easingwold ward, alongside Alne, Easingwold and Crayke.

**49/21 Dates of future meetings/close**

To be confirmed. The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Signed.....Chair.....Date