

## **ALDWARD AREA PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 7.00pm**

**By teleconference using Zoom platform**

**Present:** John Topliss, Lynette Evans, Andy Follington, Richard Padgett, Matt Cliff

**In attendance:** District Cllr Malcolm Taylor, Alison Pollock (Clerk and RFO)

### **Minute**

**1/21 Apologies for absence** – received from County Councillor Peter Sowray

**2/21 Declaration of interests in agenda items** – none declared

**3/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 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. There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**4/21 Speeding control measures**

Parish Councillor Padgett advised that he had been told that the speed surveys previously requested (for Flawith and Aldwark) would cost £110 plus VAT per site (this had not been previously the case).

**5/21 Uses for CIL monies for Aldwark**

The clerk has obtained details of potential funding from the upcoming “Making a Difference” grant scheme from HDC (via our District Councillor Malcolm Taylor). Having sought feedback it is clear that the existing Aldwark play area equipment does not well address the needs of younger children or wheelchair users. After discussion, the parish council endorsed the proposal to prioritise an attempt to obtain a grant for upgrading the play area, using some of the Aldwark CIL funds to match the potential grant. It was also agreed to look into better signage indicating “Children at Play” to alert road users to the need to slow, and the placement of barriers/boulders or similar to reduce parking on the grass verges near the church and at the entrance to Rice Lane.

**6/21 Drainage concerns in Aldwark associated with Keepsake development**

District Councillor Taylor reported that no further site visits have happened and that he will keep the parish council briefed. Parish Councillor Padgett noted that no appreciable water drainage is occurring from the laid pipe.

**7/21 Hambleton District Council (HDC) planning applications**

- a) 20/01150/FUL Demolition of existing rear extensions and shed and the construction of new extensions, detached storage building to the rear and

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refurbishment of the dwellinghouse – The Cottage, Aldwark – to note that a “no objections” response was submitted

- b) 20/01035/FUL Extension/alterations to provide improved spa and leisure facilities, Aldwark Manor hotel – to note submitted response, as follows: “Aldwark Area Parish Council is supportive of these proposals as they support the long-term economic viability of the hotel.” A decision by HDC is awaited
- c) 20/02324/LBC – Listed Building Consent for replacement windows in existing property (not rear extension) – to note that a “no objections” response was submitted
- d) 20/02824/FUL – Retention of an existing agricultural storage building (proposed for demolition as part of application 12/01233/FUL) – the council decided to submit a “no objections” response
- e) 20/02571/FUL – Change of use of former agricultural land to golf course, conversion, alteration and extension of an existing building to a clubhouse and halfway house – the council is supportive of this application but wishes construction traffic to be requested to use the south entrance

## **8/21 Finance**

- a) Receipts and payments and bank balances, actuals vs budgets, and the unchanged CIL balance to 11 January 2021 were noted. Parish Councillor Topliss advised that he anticipates a further amount of CIL money for Flawith use, arising from the planned developments at Chapel Farm. He proposed using this to fund replacement of four street lamps with heritage lanterns, fitted with LEDs. Replacement of the lamps with LED versions is on Hambleton District Council’s renewal schedule, but the heritage style would be at around £2,000 additional cost in total
- b) Purchase of two new green bin licences for Aldwark’s play area was agreed

## **9/21 Portfolio responsibilities**

- a) **Leisure/Play Area** – no further issues reported. Parish Councillor Cliff agreed to pick up this brief going forward, alongside Parish Councillor Padgett.
- b) **Roads, pavements and grass verges** – it was noted that Mr Smart of Keepsake Developments has agreed to repair the verges that their operatives have damaged. It was reported that a resident had fallen on the pavement in Flawith and the parish council will request a repair to the uneven pavement surface from North Yorkshire County Council. The clerk advised that cleaning of gullies and the road in Aldwark has been requested. Parish Councillor Padgett has inserted some posts as a temporary measure to reduce further damage to the verges near the post box and play area from walkers parking to do the Aldwark Ramble, until grass seeding can be done in the spring.
- c) **Public communications** – no issues reported
- d) **Planning** – no issues reported
- e) **Rural matters/environment/public footpaths and bridleways** – Parish Councillor Padgett advised that he has asked the Environment Agency for details of permits on local land for waste spreading

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**10/21 Report from District Councillor Taylor**

Cllr Taylor reported on recent developments in the Hambleton Area. He advised that the Council is in the budgeting process and he will report back at the next meeting.

**11/21 Dates of future meetings**

Wednesday 24 March and 12 May 2021 starting at 7.00pm by teleconference.