

ALDWARD AREA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 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

12/21 Apologies for absence – received from District Councillor Paula Thompson

13/21 Declaration of interests in agenda items – none declared

14/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2021

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.

15/21 Speeding control measures

The cost per site survey advised by Parish Councillor Padgett at the previous meeting was noted and the council will make a decision on this new cost when the date for the survey(s) is allocated. Parish Councillor Topliss will chase up with the speed control team.

16/21 Uses for CIL monies for Aldwark – application for grant

The clerk has submitted an application for matched funding from Hambleton District Council (HDC) under its Making a Difference scheme. District Councillor Taylor has supported the application and it is hoped that success will mean around £15,000 of additional play equipment will be provided in the Aldwark play area to better suit younger children and the disabled. Other items discussed at previous meetings will remain under consideration: 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.

17/21 Drainage concerns in Aldwark associated with Keepsake development

The chairman, Parish Councillor Topliss, and the clerk had held a call with Mr Keith Smart of Keepsake Developments, after the issues in nearby Aldwark properties with flooding. Mr Smart said that in his opinion the water flooding issues were not his responsibility nor caused by his two new developments. District Councillor Taylor confirmed he was fully aware of some considerable flooding in gardens of neighbouring properties in January and has linked in with the planning enforcement team at HDC. He explained that normally a return site visit would have happened and this is still a commitment but COVID has meant delays. Concerns were expressed

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that the drainage solutions passed by HDC planning are not fit for purpose. It was strongly noted that a further site visit needs to happen, after a further spell of rain. Again the parish councillors noted that no appreciable water drainage is occurring from the laid pipe that was meant to alleviate drainage issues from the former pond site and field.

18/21 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 refurbishment of the dwellinghouse – The Cottage, Aldwark – to note that decision by HDC awaited
- b) 20/01035/FUL Extension/alterations to provide improved spa and leisure facilities, Aldwark Manor hotel – to note that decision by HDC is awaited
- c) 20/02324/LBC – Listed Building Consent for replacement windows in existing property (not rear extension) – to note that HDC has granted approval
- d) 20/02824/FUL – Retention of an existing agricultural storage building (proposed for demolition as part of application 12/01233/FUL) – to note that HDC has granted approval
- 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 – to note that decision by HDC awaited
- f) W1/00064/CAT – Works to trees in a conservation area – Fairfield Cottage, Aldwark – to note that HDC has granted approval
- g) 21/00429/CAT – Works to trees in a conservation area – Stable House, Aldwark – this was discussed and it was noted that the application is from a neighbour, not from the owner of the land on which the trees are sited. There appear to be no issues of dangerous branches but a concern over light issues. Further discussion with neighbours and the tree owners will be sought but the parish council has concerns over loss of privacy to neighbours.
- h) 21/00375/FUL – Single storey extension(s) to north and south of the gamekeepers building to form golf buggy storage and vintage bus and materials storage accommodation – this was discussed and the council was supportive subject to concerns over construction traffic using the north entrance and disturbing neighbours

19/21 Finance

- a) Receipts and payments and bank balances, actuals vs budgets, and the CIL balance to 19 March 2021 were noted
- b) The annual subscription to YLCA was agreed to be paid

20/21 Portfolio responsibilities

- a) **Leisure/Play Area** – minor repairs are required to Aldwark’s play area and this will be addressed as part of the new equipment installation. The equipment and

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seating has been washed to remove algae. Parish Councillor Padgett agreed to discuss wood treatment with John Taylor to preserve the equipment.

- b) Roads, pavements and grass verges** – the clerk has requested a street clean in Aldwark which has done a generally good job except has left a silty gap along the road verge, so a further ckean will be requested.
- c) Public communications** – no issues reported
- d) Planning** – no issues reported
- e) Rural matters/environment/public footpaths and bridleways** – no issues reported

21/21 Report from District Councillor Taylor

Cllr Taylor reported on recent developments in the Hambleton Area. He advised that the council tax for the area will be frozen in respect of HDC.

22/21 Dates of future meetings/close

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