

ALDWARD AREA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 7.30pm

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

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

Minute

23/21 Apologies for absence/welcomes – no apologies for absence noted. A member of the public and District Councillor Taylor were welcomed to the meeting.

24/21 Declaration of interests in agenda items – none declared

25/21 Public forum – see item 27/21 below as the member of public expressed interest in this topic and the discussion is noted below.

26/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 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.

27/21 Aldward tollbridge – The parish council submitted a response to the enquiry in objection to the proposed toll increases. Parish councillor Topliss plans to attend some/all of the next steps of the enquiry subject to availability or the clerk will attend if possible.

The view of the council remains that the proposed increase is not justifiable where little or no maintenance has been done as promised in the previous case for a toll increase. It was noted by the member of public, Mr Bray, that there was very little evidence being presented by the owners (eg business case, traffic usage etc) to assess the case.

28/21 Speeding control measures/signage

Parish Councillor Topliss will chase up again with the speed control team.

29/21 Emergency plan – it was noted that we should have a plan, although having reviewed at a high level we might be considering mainly issues like road accidents and flooding. Agreed that parish councillor Cliff will take this forward.

30/21 Brafferton/Helperby application for a neighbourhood plan – it was agreed that no action needed in respect of this application

31/21 Uses for CIL monies for Aldward – application for grant

The application for around £15,000 of matched funding from Hambleton District Council (HDC) under its Making a Difference scheme has been successful. The Parish Council thanked District Councillor Taylor for supporting the application. This success will mean additional play equipment will be provided in the Aldward play area to better suit younger children and the disabled.

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32/21 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) 20/02571/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
- d) 21/00429/CAT – Works to trees in a conservation area – Stable House, Aldwark – to note Granted by HDC
- e) 21/00375/FUL – Single storey extension(s) to north and south of the greenkeepers building to form golf buggy storage and vintage bus and materials storage accommodation – to note Granted by HDC
- f) 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 – amended plans received. It was agreed to resubmit the previous comments to HDC.
- g) 21/01368/FUL – Change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage (garden) and a garden room – Cherry Tree House, Aldwark – this has only just been passed to the council so it does not yet have any comments from the public. The council’s initial view is a neutral one.

33/21 Finance

- a) Receipts and payments and bank balances, actuals vs budgets, and the CIL balance to 24 June 2021 were noted
- b) The annual notification for CIL monies to 31 March 2021 has been submitted
- c) It was agreed that the quarterly payment of wages to the clerk of £514.05 and £4.80 to HMRC, and the expenses including working from home allowance to the clerk of £47.94 for the quarter ended 31 March 2021 should be paid
- d) The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 were approved. It was agreed that the depreciation of fixed assets proposed by the RFO was acceptable and will be reflected in the accounts going forward.

34/21 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, and required culvert repairs surrounding Youlton, which will be reported in for action

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- c) **Public communications** – no issues reported
- d) **Planning** – updated street lighting has been installed in Flawith. The parish council chose a heritage lantern style at a modest extra cost that will be met from CIL monies in due course
- e) **Rural matters/environment/public footpaths and bridleways** – no issues reported

35/21 Report from District Councillor Taylor

Cllr Taylor reported on recent developments in the Hambleton Area. He is anticipating a Government decision on the future pattern of Local Government in the next few weeks before Parliamentary recess.

36/21 Dates of future meetings/close

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