

ALDWARE AREA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 14 December 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: John Topliss, Matthew Cliff, Andy Follington, Sarah Robinson

In attendance: Alison Pollock (Clerk and RFO)

Apologies for absence: Richard Padgett

No members of the public attended

Minute

34/23 Declaration of interests in agenda items – the clerk stated that two planning applications relating to trees on her property are to be considered at this meeting

35/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2023 and the non-quorate meeting on 3 October 2023 – these were approved and signed as a true record.

36/23 Public forum

A member of the public had alerted the council to a number of potholes in and around Youlton. Reports should be logged with North Yorkshire council directly by residents wherever possible. Cllr Robinson mentioned “Fix my Street” as another easy way to do this – available at www.fixmystreet.com

37/23 Flawith – proposed names for new roadway at Chapel Farm, and village sign

Residents had proposed several options and these will be put forward to North Yorkshire council for consideration. Also in Flawith the parish council has purchased a replacement village sign.

38/23 Defibrillators training – a familiarisation session on using the defibrillators has been organised by the parish council. Feedback from attendees was favourable. The clerk will investigate and arrange for the purchase of minor additional pieces of kit to include in the cabinets eg scissors.

39/23 Youlton – broadband, defibrillator and salt bin

It was noted that the parish council has paid to have the salt bin refilled as usual. Potential locations for a defibrillator for Youlton were being investigated. Funding in part may be available and this will be investigated also. On the broadband issues in Youlton, a survey of speeds has been collated and this will be passed to Cllr Knapton of North Yorkshire council with a request to pass on to Superfast Broadband. Rumours of masts in Whixley/Beningbrough areas have emerged and these will be passed on to Cllr Knapton too, in case there are potential solutions along this route.

40/23 Finance

Receipts and payments and bank balances were noted to 12 December 2023. It was agreed to increase and backdate the clerk’s hourly pay rate to £13.73 per hour, in

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line with nationally agreed pay scales. A precept of £4,750 for the year 24/25 was agreed.

41/23 Planning applications

- a) ZB23/01890/CAT Works to tree in a conservation area, North Lodge Aldwark. NYorks planning decision: granted
- b) ZB23/02500/FUL Demolition of existing garage and construction of new oak framed carport/store. Conversion of existing loft, including slight roof lift, new rear dormer and terrace – North Lodge, Cllr Cliff to seek views from residents discuss (deadline for response 10 Jan 2024)
- c) ZB23/01778/FUL Demolition of rear lean to and construction of two-storey side extension, two storey rear extension and construction of detached garage as amended by revised plans received 14 November 2023, 2 New Cottages, Aldwark – NYorks planning decision: granted
- d) 22/02936/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of replacement dwelling with detached garage and change of use of agricultural land for new domestic curtilage and bio-diversity net gain, Bridge Farm Cottage, Aldwark – NYorks planning decision: granted
- e) ZB23/02372/TPO Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, Beechcroft Farm, Aldwark – the council had no objections
- f) ZB23/02373/CAT Works to fell a tree within a Conservation Area, Beechcroft Farm, Aldwark – the council had no objections
- g) ZB23/01728/FUL Application for Full Planning Permission for 3 no. dwellings [Use Class C3] and associated works, Flawith, NYorks planning decision: granted

42/23 Portfolio responsibilities

- a) Leisure and play area including Alne playing field – (MC) – the Alne Playing Fields group had a meeting but we were unaware. The clerk will contact Cllr Knapton to find out how we can get information in future.
- b) Roads, pavements and grass verges (AF) – some verges have been damaged by vans etc parking on them
- c) Public communications (SR) – a photo of the new Youlton bench will be added to a news section on the website, and the parish council will aim to make better use of the local newsletter to share activities
- d) Environment/bridleways and footpaths (RP) – nothing further

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday 29 February. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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