

ALDWARE AREA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 7.00pm

Present: Richard Padgett, Matthew Cliff, Andy Follington, John Topliss

In attendance: Alison Pollock (Clerk and RFO)

Three members of the public joined the meeting

Apologies for absence: Sarah Robinson, Cllr Nigel Knapton, North Yorkshire Council

Minute (note that year notation runs from the annual council meeting, hence “25” refers to the 25/26 year)

06/25 Declaration of interests in agenda items – none

07/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2025 – the clerk was asked to expand on minute 49/24 to clarify that the parish council endorsed the submission of an objection to the proposed tollbridge toll charges, and also to the attendance and representation at the public inquiry. Other than this, the minutes were approved. The minutes will be re-presented at the next council meeting. No matters were arising not on the agenda.

08/25 Public forum – no matters were raised

09/25 Finances and accounts for year ended 31/3/2025 – receipts and payments, CIL monies and bank balances were noted. The parish council accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 were approved, and signed, together with all required governance statements. The parish council thanked Gemma Chapman for providing the Annual Internal Audit Report. The council (as in previous years) agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption from a Limited Assurance Review provided by an external auditor.

10/25 Roads/speeding – Andy Follington advised that he had obtained further information from North Yorkshire Council on likely costs of ‘picket fence style’ notices at entrances to the villages to discourage speeding of motorists. A pair at each end of Aldwark village would cost approximately £4,000 in total, plus affixing costs and planning fees. It may be possible to ask for funds from the Aldwark Village fund but he advised that this traffic calming idea does not seem financially viable at present. It was agreed to keep this topic on the agenda and approach Cllr Knapton in case of any Locality Budget from North Yorkshire Council.

The possibility of using Flawith’s CIL funding for a second VAS sign was discussed. John Topliss advised that North Yorkshire Highways have said that a single sign should be suitable but that the existing one was not installed correctly as it does not rotate. John Topliss will continue to explore options.

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

11/25 Aldwark play area – the entrance gate has been repaired by Will Taylor for which the councillors give their thanks. Matt Cliff needs to obtain further costings for replacement of stumps and arrange a clean of the equipment.

12/25 Update on tollbridge enquiry
No further news available.

13/25 Date of next meeting – 23 September 2025 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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