

**ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL  
ON TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Present:** Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Roland Crooke, Henry Dean, Sue Southall

There were no members of the public present

**14/58 Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Allan Boddy, Peter Sowray and Nigel Knapton.

There were no declarations of interests.

**14/59 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**14/60 MATTERS ARISING**

No response had been submitted with regard to the document on settlement hierarchy previously discussed.

**14/61 CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The new structure of officers was working well with CS in the role of Chairman and Clerk, HD as Finance Officer and RC dealing with planning. All emails received by the Clerk would be forwarded to councillors for information.

**14/62 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**14/01650/CAT** Proposed work to fell white beam and cherry trees at The Dairy, Aldwark – no objection and subsequently granted by HDC.

**14/63 HDC PLANNING DECISIONS**

**014/01155/LBC)** Construction of a rear porch and replacement garage at Maidens Folly,

**14/01154/FUL )** Youlton - granted

**13/01774/FUL** Extension to existing agricultural livestock building and construction of an agricultural storage building, OS Field 0070, Flawith – granted.

**14/64 GRASS CUTTING**

A schedule of current grass cutting arrangements had been circulated – amendment needed to second item regarding verges from Aldwark to Alne as part of this is beyond the Aldwark Area PC boundary. RC also to clarify the areas in Flawith and SS to speak to AB re Aldwark. No further progress can be made until information is received from the County Council on their grass cutting commitment.

**14/65 SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

The newsletter circulated to Flawith residents following the meeting held with LNComms, Superfast NY and Councillors had been well received but no further information had been received since then from either party.

**14/66 PLAY AREA**

- (a) Confirmation received from the Land Registry that the area was registered in the name of the Parish Council in 2003, reg no NYK279715.
- (b) CS looking into the range of cover under the current HDC block insurance policy.
- (c) The annual inspection report was satisfactory with no action required. An updated notice is needed.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....

**14/67 THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

Following advice from NALC Annex 1 of the above regulations (covering video audio recording) was agreed by the Council.

**14/68 REPORT FROM NYCC's HAMBLETON AREA COMMITTEE**

Report from RC - talk of future joint working between the Police and Fire Services and agreement to review the new grass cutting arrangements in Jan 2016.

**14/69 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES**

The website is currently experiencing problems which will hopefully be rectified with new software.

**14/70 FINANCE**

Thanks to Gemma Boddy for her help in setting up the new spreadsheet system.

- (a) Bank balances, receipts/payments and budget information had been circulated and were noted.
- (b) Payments agreed: £35 Rural Action Yorkshire; £66.36 reimbursement of Clerk's expenses; £50.99 replacement cheque to Cllr Southall for telephone kiosk paint.
- (c) Budget 2015/16: things to consider include provision for clerk's fees, grass cutting, election, etc. Generally felt the precept should remain unchanged.
- (d) It was unanimously agreed to authorise the Clerk and Finance Officer to jointly approve payments up to a maximum of £100 between meetings.

**14/71 CORRESPONDENCE**

File of correspondence received to be circulated to Councillors.

**14/72 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- (a) RC drew attention to the Silverline charity telephone support service.
- (b) CS raised the Pearson Trust, which was available to provide financial help to needy families in the parish.

**14/73 MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- (a) Grass cutting
- (b) Budget/Precept

RC left the meeting

**14/74 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Bank Account - The Bank Manager had requested that a new mandate form be completed for his records. It was resolved:

- (i) That the bank account continues with HSBC Bank plc and the Bank is authorised to (a) pay all cheques and act on other instructions for payment signed on behalf of the Council by any two signatories, whether the Council is in debit or credit; (b) deliver any item held on behalf of the Council by the Bank in safe keeping against the written receipt or instructions of the Clerk and (c) accept the Clerk as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Council in any other transaction with the Bank.
- (ii) That the Council agrees that any debt incurred to the Bank under this authority shall, in the absence of written agreement with the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand.
- (iii) That the Clerk is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council, and that the Bank may rely upon such lists.
- (iv) That these resolutions be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until changed by a resolution of the Council and a copy, certified by the Clerk, is received by the Bank.

**14/75 NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 18 November, 7.30pm, Aldwark Manor Hotel.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....