

**ALNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON ZOOM**

**ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020 AT 8.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Dr Robert Brech (Chairman), John Newton, David Lepper, David Walker.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Nigel Knaption (Clerk) & one member of the public.

**20/32 APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Willis and the reasons were accepted. Apologies were also received from District Cllrs Taylor and Thompson.

**20/33 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2020**

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted and signed as a correct record.

**20/34 CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. Cllr Walker would progress the emergency plan after lockdown ends.
- b. It was agreed that the cost of installing a new streetlight as requested by a member of the public would not be cost effective.
- c. The yellow lining at the village hall corner was no further forward. The Clerk had contacted Jayne Charlton but had not had a reply. The Clerk would write to Cllr Sowray.
- d. The Sandbed Dyke setts had been replaced. The Yorkshire Water section had still not been done. The Chairman will take up the matter with the NYCC maintenance manager.
- e. The Kyle bridge replacement plans had been reported on the website.
- f. A dog bin had been installed by Hambleton DC at Alne Cross. A location on Back Lane had been agreed and would shortly be installed.
- g. Cllr Lepper had produced a tree survey report for Main Street. Contractors Amey had been conducting works to remove branches near the cables. A small silver birch outside the Bluebell would be replaced with a cherry or almond if agreed by the resident who planted it. Cllr Lepper would submit the tree works order to Hambleton DC based on the report. He would also obtain a quote for the works.
- h. The Gulley cleaning schedule is three or four times a year. It was agreed to ask Hambleton DC for the autumn sweep to be two weeks later to maximise leaf clearance.
- i. The Clerk would chase up the Sandbed Dyke registration with the Land Registry.
- j. A request had been made to NYCC to add the Monk Green route to the current winter gritting schedule. This had been rejected for this year and would only be added to next year's if the Church Wind route was taken off. This was deemed as unacceptable and the matter would be taken up with the Director of Highways by the Vice-Chairman.
- k. A thank you letter had been sent to Mr Alan Daniels for his works in the village.
- l. The item on foul and surface water drainage would be adjourned until the February meeting. A site meeting with Yorkshire Water had been requested.

**20/35 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

The planning applications considered are attached.

Approved ..... Chairman

**20/36**      **HAMBLETON DC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

Please find attached to these minutes.

**20/37**      **ALNE PRESCHOOL GRANT**

No further information had been received from the Preschool so the item would be adjourned until the February agenda.

**20/38**      **TELEPHONE BOX**

The telephone box was currently managed by Sue Laycock and her daughter. The Chairman would enquire as to whether they wished to continue with the maintenance.

**20/39**      **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. The external auditors report for 2019/20 was noted.
- d. The budget for the year 2020/21 was agreed.
- e. The precept for the year 2020/21 was set at £19,000, the same as last year.

**20/40**      **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence since the last meeting was noted and is attached.

**20/41**      **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- a. County Councillor Sowray was not present.
- b. District Councillor Knapton reported on the situation regarding Covid and the fact that services had continued on regardless.
- c. The Chairman reported that the second edition of the Alne Annals had sold out and a small surplus had been made. Thanks were given to David Newton who wrote the original version. Cllr Lepper reported that the streetlight outside the Bluebell was out. The Clerk would report to Hambleton DC.

**20/42**      **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Foul & surface water drainage.  
Preschool grant application.

**20/43**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

## Correspondence

20/11/2020	PFK Littlejohn LLP	Audit
16/11/2020	ElanCity	Speed Signs
09/11/2020	Hambleton DC	Mechanical Sweeps
01/11/2020	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine

## Payments

08/12/2020	Post Offices Ltd	Stamps	£32.50
08/12/2020	PFK Littlejohn LLP	Audit Fees	£240.00
08/12/2020	N A Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£666.60
08/12/2020	Cllr R Brech	Website expenses	£105.17

Approved ..... Chairman