

ALNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH

ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023 AT 8.10PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Dr Robert Brech (Chairman), Colin Fletcher & David Walker.

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

23/75 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Robert Brech was unanimously elected as Chairman

23/76 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr David Walker was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman

23/77 **APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were apologies from Cllrs Edwards & Price and the reasons were accepted. There were no declarations of interests.

23/78 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2023**

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted.

23/79 **PUBLIC FORUM**

A document was presented to the Council detailing several questions and Freedom of Information requests which would be replied to by the Clerk.

23/80 **CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. The Land Registry had confirmed that the registration for Sand Bed Dyke was being processed.
- b. NYC Highways – mirror and signs. The policy had been received from NYC and the mirror on the junction did not fulfil all the criteria but the Highways Officer would look at what could be done.
- c. NYC Highways confirmed that the Monk Green through route was correct. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask NYC Highways what the cost of gritting Monk Green would be.
- d. The Police had responded regarding the speeding on Forest Lane. The speed recording tubes had been deployed and did not show a speeding issue.
- e. The telephone refurbishment was now complete.
- f. The NYC Rights of Way Officer had stated that the next tender to install the bridge would be going out at the end of May and should take about a month.
- g. A full safety review had been requested from NYC Highways of Alne Cross following two accidents requiring the attendance of the Air Ambulance.
- h. There were still planning breaches outstanding on Forest Lane due to bird flu.
- i. NYC Highways had replied regarding the hedges in the village overgrowing the footway. None met the level for intervention. It was agreed that Councillors would ask the residents to cut their hedges. The Clerk would contact NYC Highways what the intervention level was.

Approved Chairman

- 23/81** **SPEED LIMIT**
The request was for a review of the arrangements where the footpath to Tollerton crosses and follows the road. It was agreed to write to NYC Highways and request this.
- 23/82** **CODE OF CONDUCT**
It was agreed that Cllr Walker would review the model NYC Code of Conduct against the Council's existing policy and report back to the next meeting.
- 23/83** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**
The planning applications considered are attached.
- 23/84** **HAMBLETON DC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**
The planning decisions are attached.
- 23/85** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
 - b. The attached payments were agreed.
 - c. The certificate of exemption for the year ended 31 March 2023 was approved.
 - d. The annual governance statement for the year ended 31 March 2023 was approved.
 - e. The accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 were approved.
 - f. It was agreed to open a Unity Bank savings account and transfer amounts to the account as agreed by the Clerk and the Chairman.
 - g. The Clerk's pay increase for 2023/24 was agreed.
- 23/86** **CORRESPONDENCE**
Freedom of Information requests had been received in the public forum and would be dealt with.
- 23/87** **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
- a. County Councillor Knapton reported on the transition to Unitary.
 - b. Cllr Fletcher reported on footpath progress, a new bridge East of the rail line & new footpath signs.
- 23/88** **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**
None.
- 23/89** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 8pm.

The meeting ended at 8.58pm

Payments

Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£211.56
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£264.67
David Edwards	Defibrillator Cabinet from DefibWarehouse	£498.00

Approved Chairman