

ALNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH

ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023 AT 8.00PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk), Two members of the public.

23/90 APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no apologies. There were no declarations of interests.

23/91 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2023

Minutes previously circulated and these were accepted.

23/92 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no items for discussion raised.

23/93 CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The Clerk now had the form to apply for the registration of Sand Bed Dyke as village green.
- b. An update was still awaited from NYC Highways on an alternative solution at the junction of Forest Lane and Station Road after the installation of a mirror was turned down.
- c. The footbridge over the River Kyle had been installed and was awaiting the steps and ramps to be fitted.
- d. The application to have the Bluebell Country Inn remain on the Community Asset Register was ongoing.
- e. Permission to put up the hedgehog signing had been requested from NYC Highways.
- f. The 50% grant to APLA and the 10.75% grant towards the MUGA renewal was still to be paid. The Chairman said that the main APLA expenditure would not be until early 2024 and the grant would be applied for at that time.
- g. The Public Footpath Diversion east of the railway line was noted and the details had been put on the noticeboard.
- h. The withdrawal of the evening and Sunday bus services by the Reliance Motor Company was noted and it was agreed to write to NYC regarding the importance of retaining the Sunday service.
- i. Councillor Walker had booked on to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy webinar and would report back later.
- j. The Sandbed Dyke broken setts had been reported to NYC Highways.
- k. The new Council data backup procedure was noted.
- l. Yorkshire Water had still not organised an onsite meeting to discuss the drainage and the Clerk would contact them again.

23/94 GRANT APPLICATION

After a presentation by two members of the Friends of Alne School (FOAS) it was agreed to award a grant of £1,000 to FOAS towards the replacement of the play equipment on condition that Outwood Academy at least match the grant. The Chairman would write to the outgoing CEO of Outwood Academy.

Approved Chairman

- 23/95** **CODE OF CONDUCT**
This would be considered at the February meeting after a report back by Councillor Walker.
- 23/96** **PUBLICATION POLICY**
- a. It was agreed that a QR code and link to the minutes would be put on each noticeboard.
 - b. It was agreed that an email alert would be sent to each Councillor before the production of the agenda to ask if they had any items for inclusion.
 - c. It was agreed that the draft minutes would be circulated to Councillors once they had been checked by the Chairman.
- 23/97** **BUDGET**
The budget for 2024/25 was agreed.
- 23/98** **PRECEPT**
The precept for 2024/25 was set at £7,950.
- 23/99** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**
The planning applications considered are attached.
- 23/100** **HAMBLETON DC - PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS**
The planning decisions are attached.
- 23/101** **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
- a. The receipts and payment, actuals vs. budget and bank balances were noted.
 - b. The attached payments were agreed.
 - c. The opening of a savings account was still ongoing.
- 23/102** **CORRESPONDENCE**
All valid correspondence had been dealt with on the agenda.
- 23/103** **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**
- a. County Councillor Knapton reported on the production of the NYC 2024/25 budget.
 - b. Cllr Fletcher reported on the damaged streetlight on Monk Green. The Clerk would request that the reinstated light be put on the other side of the road. It was also agreed to make a request to NYC Highways that the through route in both directions be Main Street to minimise the risk of this damage reoccurring.
 - c. Cllr Fletcher reported that the Outwood Academy contracted school bus was still parking on the yellow lines. The Clerk would report this to the Academy.
- 23/104** **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**
Code of Conduct.
Village Hall request for a grant for a new noticeboard.
Street Fayre road closure.
- 23/105** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 8pm.

Approved Chairman

The meeting ended at 9.55pm

Payments

Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£323.07
Alne Village Hall	WiFi	£148.63
PFK Littlejohn	Audit Fees	£48.00
Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£323.07
David Edwards	Defibrillator supplies	£27.75
Nigel Knapton	Memory Sticks	£8.99
Nigel Knapton	Moneysoft Payroll Software	£49.20
Robert Brech	Website, Annals, Postage, Mileage	£126.51

Approved Chairman

Alne Parish Council - Planning Application Received

Date	Reference	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Recommendation
11/10/2023	ZB23/02060/OUT	Demolition of an existing build range and erection of 3 dwellings	Providence Pig Unit, Bank Lane	Mr D Cowton	No objection but concerns
26/10/2023	ZB23/02184/CAT	Works to a tree in a Conservation Area	Park Farm, 7 Hallgarth	Mr J Wood	No objection
	ZB23/02294/CAT	Works to trees in a Conservation Area	Avon Garth, Main Street	Mrs Helen Gilmore	No objection

Alne Parish Council - Planning Decisions Received

Date	Reference	Proposal	Location	Applicant	Decision
05/10/2023	ZB23/01759/CAT	Works to remove trees in a Conservation Area	Croft Barn, Back Lane	Mr Tim Axe	Granted
13/11/2023	ZB23/01671/FUL	Application for a new access point	Low Shires Farm, Forest Lane	Mr Andrew Sheard	Granted
06/12/2023	ZB23/02184/CAT	Works to a tree in a Conservation Area	Park Farm, 7 Hallgarth	Mr J Wood	Withdrawn