

ALDBROUGH ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Aldbrough St John Parish Council held on Monday 5th October 2020 in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr B Whitfield (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R Pronyszyn, Cllr M Banks,
Kay Pearson – Clerk to the Parish Council
Jenny Pears – Clerk to Melsonby Parish Council
3 members of the public

MINUTE	ITEM
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No. 1	Apologies – Cllr A Thompson and Cllr J Wilson-Petch. Cllr S Reed – following his resignation from the parish council.
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No. 2	Declaration of Interest
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RESOLVED: None recorded, except that Parish Councillors present expressed their interest in anything that affects the Parish.

No. 3	Minutes of the last meeting – 11.08.2020
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It was proposed by Cllr Pronyszyn and seconded by Cllr Banks that the minutes of the meeting from the 11th August 2020 were an accurate record although Cllr Banks asked that a note be made regarding the upkeep of the web site (up until now this has been provided by the clerk). Cllr Whitfield has contacts who will possibly take this over.

No. 4	Matters Arising
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4.1	Matrix boards – Cllr Pronyszyn is due to have a meeting with the Highways Department this Wednesday (7 th October 2020) regarding the location of the matrix board. Three areas for consideration were:
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1. On the road from Melsonby, approaching Aldbrough.
 2. Situated on Low Green between the Surgery and bus shelter.
 3. Through the centre of the village near the bus shelter.
- The ability to move the board would be beneficial.

4.2	Spenceley Place parking – deferred until the next meeting.
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4.3	Cricket Club – Cllr Banks has been approached by the cricket ground regarding a proposal to extend the ground and address the issues around the fencing and disposal of grass. The full report has been attached at the end of the minutes and does appear to address all the issues raised.
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Grass Cutting – the service has improved this year. Cllr Banks has met with the County Council regarding any issues. Two more cuts are expected this year.

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Visitors to Green – this was covered by a separate meeting. Cllr Pronyszyn is to take over this from Stuart Reed.

4.6

Stanwick Inn hedge. Clerk to write to the owner.

4.7

Pinfold gate – quote received felt to be very expensive. The parish council is to look at alternative options. Pinfold wall is showing signs of distress and starting to bow because of the tree (conservation). Cllr Whitfield has a meeting on Wednesday and hopes to be able to discuss this issue.

4.8

Thai Van – it appears that the food being dumped has come from the Thai Takeaway Van. The owners of the business have apologised on facebook for this, but it still hadn't been cleared away. Cllr Banks has spoken to Environmental Health. It is hopeful that this will not happen again now the issue has been raised.

4.9

Goal Posts – checked and painted.

4.10

Tree Survey – quite a bit of work needs to be done (full report attached). The tree outside Greenside needs urgent attention (removing). An initial quote has been obtained of £500, but will be put out for tender. Cllr Whitfield suggested a schedule of works and costings be produced. He also suggested that fund raising within the village to raise money for replacement trees may be a way forward. He is going to look into it. It was also suggested that recommendations from Denis Gregson (Arboricultural Officer at NYCC) as to what type of trees and where to plant them may be a good idea.

4.11

Play area fencing – Cllr Pronyszyn to contact Stuart Reed regarding the up to date situation.

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Finance Report

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Funds now available in new bank account. The Parish Council has £9,649.77. VAT repayment applied for. Still some problems with the switch over of bank accounts. Hoping for a resolution very shortly.

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Any Other Business

6.1

Vacancies for Parish Councillors - deferred until next meeting, allowing the notice to be displayed for the appropriate time following Cllr Reed's resignation. The parish council has received interest from two residents.

6.2

Posted
10.10.20

Flooding – Doctors Lane. Despite the previous works carried out on Doctors Lane, the situation is not really any better. Further extensive works may be needed to solve the issue.

6.3

Clerk – following the resignation of the present clerk (Kay Pearson), after the last meeting Cllr Reed contacted the Melsonby Clerk – Jenny Pears, who showed an interest in the vacancy. She attended the parish council meeting this evening where she was welcomed into the post by the councillors and will be taking over at the end of October.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Monday 23rd November 2020** at 7.00 p.m.