

ALDBOROUGH and THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
15 NOVEMBER 2017 DRAFT MINUTES

At the Meeting of the Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Aldborough on Wednesday 15th November 2017, the following members were present:

Mr M Elliott (chairman); Mr R Botwright; Mrs R Elliott; Mr D Gallant; Mr A Hicks; Mr P Wordingham

In Attendance: Mr L Mills (Clerk of the Council) and one member of the public

The Chairman commenced the meeting by noting the passing of former councillor Mrs Jean Wheeler. He said that she had been a stalwart of the village for many years. Her contribution to the parish council and other organisations was large and valuable. She will be missed.

017/053 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr N Smith (District Councillor)

017/054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Mr Wordingham and Mr Botwright declared an interest in Community Centre matters

017/055 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 September 2017 having been circulated to all members were discussed. The following additions to minute 017/049 were **AGREED**:

It was AGREED that the ownership of the Community Centre rests with the Parish Council according to the Land Registry records.

It was AGREED that if the wall between the Community Centre and Barley Cottage is also recognised as part of the Community Centre, then the Parish Council is the owner.

It was also noted that the date of 9th November 2016 in minute 017/052 was incorrect.

017/056 MATTERS ARISING

An invitation to view the display created by the children of the primary school had been received. ME and RE hope to attend, PW is willing to go should either be unavailable.

It was noted that the Garden Club had recently been scammed online out of £900.

017/057 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC TO SPEAK

One question was asked requesting clarification of ownership of the Community Centre.

017/058 COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mr Wordingham and Mr Botwright declared interests in this matter. They both spoke during the discussions but did not vote.

- (i) It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council has an obligation under Item 17 of the Charity's governing document.

Mr Wordingham reported that the Community Centre Committee believes that a notional figure of approximately £60,000 (sixty thousand pounds) will be required for the refurbishment of the Centre.

- (ii) It was **AGREED** to reimburse the Community Centre Committee with necessary capital costs, up to a total of £4,000 (four thousand pounds), from future loans or grants, for the needed emergency repair to the heating system

017/059 THE GREEN

It was **AGREED** to fund the repair of the net on the play area up to a cost of £500 plus vat. Mr Wordingham to action.

017/060 FINANCE

- (i) PRECEPT: It was proposed by Mr Botwright, seconded by Mrs Elliott, that the precept requirement for 2018-2019 should be £8,000 (eight thousand pounds) and to accept the draft budget for the year as attached to these minutes. It was unanimously **AGREED**.
- (ii) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: It was **AGREED** that payments totalling £532.69 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.
 - E.On, electricity, £109.36
 - Administration, £329.95
 - URM (UK) Ltd, recycling, £16.50
 - NPTS, councillor training, £45.00
 - TTJones Electrical, street lighting maintenance, £31.88

017/061 CLERK REPORT

The Clerk reported that there had been no call for an election and that the Parish Council is free to co-opt a new member.

017/062 PLANNING

None

017/063 PARISH PARTNERSHIP

- (i) Mr Elliott and Mr Botwright will liaise with County Councillor re SAM2.
- (ii) Mr Elliott and Mrs Elliott to liaise with Highways Engineer regarding the bus shelter. One letter of objection was considered. It was **AGREED** to apply for 50/50 funding for a bus shelter up to a cost of £5,000 (five thousand pounds) from the Parish Council.

017/064 VILLAGE SIGN

There has been no progress.

017/065 CHRISTMAS 2017

Mr Hicks updated the Council.

Christmas bags will be done by Village Care.

Aldborough Farms have offered a tree. Mr Hicks to liaise with them.

Mr Hicks will organise erection of tree and installation of the lights. The Black Boys Inn will provide mulled wine and mince pies – all money raised will go to ‘Stepping Stones’. Father Christmas had been agreed and the music (carol singing) will take place on 20th December at 6.30pm.

017/066 COMMUNICATIONS

It was **AGREED** that copies of the draft minutes will be placed on the noticeboard on the Green, at the Community Centre, and in the Black Boys Inn. Councillors to print them and place them on public show.

It was also **AGREED** there is a need to place more information on the Council’s website. Clerk and Chairman to liaise regarding revamp of websites.

017/067 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting of the council should be held on Wednesday 10 January 2018

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.