

ALKBOROUGH AND WALCOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19:00 on 4 March 2020

Present

Parish Councillors: J White (Chairman), S Spencer (Vice Chairman), N Brown, J Ellis,
S Fell-Bowers, D Roberts
Ward Councillors: Cllr. R Ogg, Cllr. H Rowson
Parish Clerk: J Mackey
Members of the Public: Two

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors: J Gaunt, N Harland
Ward Cllrs: E Marper

2. Declarations of Interest

J White declared an interest in Item 6

3. To resolve the adoption of the minutes of the council meeting held on 2 January 2020

Item 12 'To receive reports from Councillors' was amended (deleted words crossed through and additions in italics) as follows:-

Councillor N Brown

- NB referred to the pothole ~~opposite the Cricket Club~~ *on the sharp bend at the entrance to Southdale Farm* on West Halton Lane and felt that this should be dealt with urgently because it is known to have caused damage to at least one car. *Install a gully similar to that recently installed opposite the Cricket Club.* Ward Councillor Ogg advised that West Halton lane is on an NLC priority list for remedial work to be carried out at various points along its length.

The amended minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's updates

a) College Close, Alkborough – access road to garages

The Clerk had recontacted Matthew Hubbert of the Ongo Investment Team regarding the poor condition of the surface of the access road to the garages behind College Close and Ongo would carry out remedial work to the access road by the end of March.

b) VE Day 75 – 75th Anniversary of VE Day

Two meeting had been held with various groups in the villages and the nature of events for the anniversary had been agreed. On Friday 8 May a barbeque at 2pm, a children's disco at 4pm and finishing with an adult disco into the evening; a children's choir from Alkborough Primary School would be performing some classic wartime songs during the afternoon, the time of which had not yet been finalised. All of Friday's events would take place at the Coronation Club. On Saturday 9 May the Methodist Chapel would be hosting an afternoon tea for the senior residents of the two villages. On Sunday 10 May St. John the Baptist Church would be holding a commemorative service; there would also be a display of wartime memorabilia.

Quotations for costs of disco, food etc. had been requested from the various groups by the Clerk but none had been provided. An application for a community grant of £204 had been made to NLC based upon a 'ghost' shopping list; the application was made on the final day for eligibility of a grant. Any costs above this would need to be discussed between all of the village groups involved.

c) Leylandii Trees and fence at Julian's Bower

The resident responsible for the felling of trees and the removal of a fence adjacent to Julian's Bower had replied and explained that he was in discussions with North Lincolnshire Council and the owner of the land where the fence is situated. These discussions were now at the stage of establishing the species of trees that would be planted to replace those felled, and a resolution regarding the fence was being discussed with the landowner.

d) Damaged footpath on West Halton Lane

The Clerk had sent two emails to and left two telephone messages with Mick Johnson in NLC Highways Dept. but had not had any response. Ward Cllr. Ogg would look into this.

e) Play Area bank account

The Clerk confirmed that a separate bank account for the Play area had been opened.

f) Gravestone damage

The Clerk had been in contact with the Church Secretary regarding the damage and would follow this up with an enquiry regarding any insurance cover held by the church.

g) Hedge on Walcot Road

The Clerk would contact College Farm regarding having the roadside hedge cut back.

h) Walcot Hall roadside hedge

The Clerk would follow up a request to have the roadside hedges cut back.

5. Annual review of Financial Regulations

There had been no changes to the recommended Financial Regulations for local councils; it was agreed to continue with the existing regulations.

6. To review Parish Paths Partnership 2019 (Public Footpaths and Grass Verges) and discuss continuation for 2020

NLC had now advised details of the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP) for 2020-21 for the cutting of Public Rights of Way (PROW) and grass verges. The number of cuts for the PROWs had been reduced from four to three and the sum provided by NLC reflected this; the number of cuts for grass verges remained the same at nine cuts.

The Chairman had expressed an interest in this item and left the meeting. Cllr. Spencer took the Chair.

The funding available from NLC and the reduction in the number of cuts for PROWs was discussed. A vote was taken on whether to continue with the PPP. The result of the vote was:-

Remain with the PPP	5	Leave the PPP	0
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The Clerk advised that the contractor in 2019 for the PROWs and grass verges, Grove Groundworks, was willing to continue with the PROWs but was not interested in continuing with the grass verges for 2020. Tenders would be invited for both contracts from the following:-

PROWs	Grove Groundworks, John White, Lawn 'n' Order
Grass Verges	John White, Lawn 'n' Order

The Clerk would obtain a third contractor for the grass verges.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

7. Play Area

Cllr. Brown gave a detailed review of progress on the redevelopment of the Play Area. Quotations are awaited from two suppliers. A survey had identified the non-feasibility of providing an outdoor gym area for adults because this needed to be a minimum of 15 metres away from any play area for children. Concern was expressed about sufficient funds being available to enable full development to take place; Sharon Skelton is providing valuable assistance in researching funding opportunities. The Clerk would investigate the possibility of making VAT claims more frequently than annually. Some

organisations that provide grants require a remaining lease period of at least 10 years; the current lease with NLC has six years remaining and advice from NLC is to relinquish the existing lease and enter a new 25 year lease.

8. College Close - parking

A resident had requested that consideration be given to replacing a grassed area in College Close with tarmac. Residents often park their vehicles on the grassed area resulting in damage to the grass. NLC would be asked to look into this.

9. Memorial Application: Margaret Rose Dunning

The application was approved.

10. Finance Report

Current account £9,284

Cemetery account £14,445.04

11. To receive and agree amounts for payment

a) CPRE membership renewal	£36.00	Approved
b) Vision ICT website hosting and support	£216.00	Approved
c) Grants for upkeep of flower beds (A. Ablott, J Cowling, H Rowson, L Cowling, D. Roberts, S. May, J Dent)	£125.00	Approved.
d) Payment for Clock winding	£160.00	Approved
e) Grass cutting (cemetery, church and Julian's Bower	£1,300 plus £125.76 expenses	Approved

12. To receive reports from Councillors

Councillor June Ellis

- JE referred to the gully opposite the old Post Office on Front Street where standing water accumulates at a manhole that appears to be blocked. Similar situations appear to be happening outside Councillor Spencer's house and at the corner of Front Street /West Halton Lane. Clerk to report this to NLC.
- JE mentioned that a street light at the bottom of Front Street is not working. Cllr. Brown offered to report this to NLC.
- JE said that the owner of Honeysuckle Cottage on Front Street parks a red Mercedes truck on the path outside the property resulting in pedestrians having to walk on the road. The Clerk to write to the owner of the property. .
- JE referred to some trees in the village where saplings at the base of the trees are not being removed. The Clerk to write NLC.

Councillor Nigel Brown

- NB referred to the cherry trees outside his house that needed pruning because they are obscuring light. These trees are due to be pruned by the Electrical company because the trees are encroaching upon overhead wires.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is due to be held at 19:00 on Wednesday 6 May.

14. The meeting closed at 20:30