

ALKBOROUGH AND WALCOT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 19:00 on 23 January 2019

Present

Parish Councillors: J White (Chairman), S Spencer (Vice-Chairman), J Ellis, S Fell-Bowers, J Gaunt, D Roberts
 Parish Clerk: J Mackey
 Members of the public: One

1. Apologies for absence

Parish Councillors: N Brown and N Harland
 Ward Councillors: R Ogg, E Marper and H Rowson

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Clerk's updates:-

a) Online Banking with Yorkshire Bank

The Clerk advised that the online banking facility had now been established; however, there were currently technical problems with the Yorkshire Bank online platform. It was anticipated that these difficulties would be resolved in the near future.

b) Parish Council Website

The website had now been updated by VisionICT, the web-designing company. VisionICT have training videos and training documents on their website, however, the website was so out of date that it was considered expedient to have VisionICT update the website. The Clerk will address the training needs for future changes to the site.

4. a) Planning Application – to resolve to support, or otherwise, the application listed below:-

(i) Application No: PA/2019/24

Proposal: Erection of three timber cabins for short-term holiday use and associated parking in existing farm yard

Location: land west of Hill Side Plantation, Burton upon Stather Road, Walcot, DN15 9JT

Applicant: Paul Harland

The application was discussed and the following issues were considered:-

- environmental and ecological impact immediately adjacent to the Alkborough Flats Nature reserve
- precedence, there being no previous development of this sort on this site
- the effect on the unspoilt and outstanding natural beauty of the area
- the change of use from agricultural to 'other use' and future precedence

- open-ended nature of the 'future' of any expansion, or clarity around estimated occupancy
- safety relating to unsuitable roads for additional traffic and lack of public transport
- environmental concerns around sewage storage and disposal
- previous similar application from immediate neighbouring property was rejected
- extremely limited economic impact on the area will not offset detrimental impact

It was decided that the application could not be supported.

5. To receive and agree accounts for payment

- a) ERNLLCA – Responsible Financial Officer training course. £60.00. Approved.
- b) VisionICT – update of website. £30.00. Approved.
- c) VANL – payroll set-up fee and quarterly payroll fee. £45.00. Approved.

6. To receive reports from Councillors

Councillor J Ellis

– advised that she had received a “ Celebrating Volunteering” certificate from North Lincolnshire Council issued to the Parish Council in recognition of the work done in keeping the neighbourhood safe, clean and green. Cllr. Ellis said that particular thanks are due to Mr Dransfield and Mr. Ablott who are particularly active in picking up litter in the village. The litter pickers that have been owned by the Parish Council are no longer fit for purpose, however JE had received new litter pickers, rings and gloves and these would be provided to the volunteers to help them in their excellent work.

It was decided that the litter pickers currently shown on the asset register would be removed due to their poor condition.

Councillor S Spencer

– referred to incidents of fly-tipping on Whitton Road. If this problem persisted then consideration would be given to requesting NLC to install a temporary “hotspot” camera to monitor the situation.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is due to be held at 19:00 on Wednesday 6 March 2019.

8. The meeting closed at 20:10