

MINUTES OF THE COLN ST ALDWYNS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 3 OCTOBER 2023

AT 7 PM AT VICARAGE COTTAGES BARN

Present were David Hicks-Beach, Will Perkins, John Reeves, Helen Forbes, Anthony Van Oss, Clare Brignall (clerk) and David Fowles (CDC local councillor)

DRAFT MINUTES

1. There were no apologies.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The minutes of the last meeting, held on 24 May 2023 were approved and signed.
4. Anthony Van Oss was coopted as a new councillor. He was proposed by David Hicks Beach and seconded by Will Perkins.
5. It was minuted that the public were informed about their rights to query the accounts during the period of 5 June to 14 July.
6. Council reviewed the internal audit. The principal item was to put everything on a website, which has been done.
7. Council approved the appointment of an internal auditor for next year from GAPTC and to confirmed that they consider that the auditor is competent and independent of the council.
8. Council heard the report from the District Councillor, who reported on what CDC is doing about housing planning and suggested that the parish council might start to work on a local plan. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to liaise with Quenington and Hatherop about this. Further detail of what CDC is doing will be sent in a separate report from the district council, Cllr David Fowles.
9. The Council considered the budget vs spend for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April to 2 October after a meeting between WP and our treasurer, Steve Fletcher. The council wished to record thanks to Steve for taking on the role..
10. The Council reviewed the bank reconciliation for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April to 2 October, and found no issues.
11. The Council reviewed the signatories for the bank cheques and discussed on-line banking. HF agreed to be a signatory, and SF is to be asked to investigate online banking.
12. The Council agreed the Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations for the current year.
13. The Council agreed that a grants policy is not needed as we do not give any grants.
14. The Council discussed Code of Conduct. CMB is to have a look at our current documents and if we do not have a Code of Conduct we will adapt the CDC one, and to consider the inclusion of something in it about aggression from residents towards councillors.
15. The Council agrees a review of the risk management policy. WP to complete the one that he started.
16. The Council agreed that we will continue to have an internal check four times a year, which WP is already doing.
17. Council agreed a donation to the CAB for 2023-24. CMB to pay it.
18. Council discussed the plans for planting hornbeams to celebrate the Jubilee. Peter Hewson is investigating the price of new trees and plans to plant them by December. WP is going to cut down the blackthorn that is growing around the existing trees.

19. Council discussed planning applications. Council has no issues with recent applications. Mr Kennedy wanted to put sleeping policemen on the Hatherop Road but it is not possible because there is no street lighting. The New Inn have done some work on their flue and DF is going to return to planning about it, as it does not look good.
20. Council discussed progress on Speed cameras. We now have one camera and a pole to put it up on the Hatherop Road, which is going to be monitored by Peter Burton in Hatherop along with theirs. We have a new Smiley Sid which we bought from Quenington, but the battery is not working. JR and WP to look at replacement batteries.
21. Council discussed playground issues, with a safety check due within the next two months. There was a new shackle on one of the junior swings, but there are a few outstanding issues which Nigel Bray is continuing to monitor. CMB to discuss joint playground inspections with Hatherop and Quenington.
22. Council set a date for the village litter pick of 16 March 2023.
23. Council agreed dates for meetings in the winter: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.