

**ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**held on Monday 7 September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Present :** Jeremy McNulty (JMc) (Chairman), Susan Stacey (SS) (Vice Chairman), John Lane (JL), Ivan Green (IG), Louise Taylor (LT), John Fuller and 0 members of the public.  
This meeting was quorate.

**Action**

**1 Apologies of absence**

Were received and accepted from Kevin Gotts, David Whitehead, Matthew Hyde and Barry Stone.

**2 Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest**

None

**3 Minutes of meeting held on 20 July 2020**

Were proposed by IG and seconded by SS, agreed and will be duly signed by the Chair.

**4 Matters Arising**

JMc provided an update on the flashing 20mph signs, work has begun on fitting one on Wheel Road and the other will be installed once the location has been confirmed.

In the absence of DW it was unknown if the school had managed to look at the data from the speed camera although with the school being closed due to Covid-19 it was thought to be unlikely.

EH confirmed the funding amounts for this year's Community Benefits fund with the exception of a VAT return that has yet to be split between the accounts. DW will help confirm accounts.

**EH/DW**

LT confirmed a meeting with the Football Club would be taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

JMc confirmed that the Play area work had been completed and the gates had been painted Orange and new self-closers were fitted where necessary. JL fixed the two rotten posts that were reported and DW has fixed the splintered wood. Matt Hyde was looking into the GDPR rules for the new website, no update received as he was unable to attend the meeting.

**5 Correspondence**

EH read out an email from a parishioner regarding the ditches on Reeders Lane being blocked/ full and is flooding their driveway and asked for the ditches to be cleared. JMc confirmed that ditches are the responsibility of the landowner. EH will advise the parishioner to contact the landowner and also report it to the County Council.

**EH**

EH also read an email from the Village Hall regarding users to the Village Hall and what would be required to ensure they stay Covid-19 safe. This will be shared around the Councillors as discussed via email.

**EH**

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JMc had received a letter from Mr and Mrs Moon regarding the issues they are having with the Football Club and balls going over their garden. It was reported that from January – March 28 balls went over the fence and from August to date 13 balls have gone over the fence. EH will send them an email to update them and let them know of the pending meeting.

EH

**6 Finance**

Finance		Balance of accounts, Receipts Received, Payments made			
Receipts	Date	Balances of Accounts	Amount	Totals	
	03- Sept	Main Account	£6,589.90		
	03- Sept	Community Benefit	20,780.83		
	03- Sept	CIL	£464.66		
				<b>£27,835.39</b>	
N.B. This total includes committed amounts to previous unpaid CIL/CBF awards					
		Main Account			
	Date	Receipts	Amount	Totals	
	29 – July	HMRC VAT Return	£3,224.83		
		CBF Fund			
		None			
		CIL Fund			
		None			
		Total Receipts		£3,224.83	
		Main Account			
Payments	Date	Cheque/ Trans	Payable to	Amount	Totals
	22- Jul	INT TRANS	David Bracey	£300.00	
	27- Jul	INT TRANS	Adepta	£60.00	
	20- Aug	INT TRANS	Ashfords	£240.00	
	20- Aug	INT TRANS	DHS Landscaping	£957.60	
			CBF Account		
	19-Aug	INT TRNS	Mrs Whiting (AED Batteries)	£418.79	
	20-Aug	INT TRNS	Buckenham Blast (Church Gates)	£1,200.00	
			CIL Account		
			None		
			Total Payments		£3,176.39

VAT reclaim has been put in with the following splits due to go into the accounts.

**Main Account:** £501.72

**CBF:** £723.06

**CIL:** £2,000.00

**Committed Funds**

**Pond Project - £9,000.00 – CBF Fund - £11,780.83 available**

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**7 Planning**

IG advised he is notified via email for results of local planning applications. He will pass on details to EH to enable her to receive this.

IG

<b>Application Ref &amp; Date</b>	<b>Address and Proposal</b>	<b>PC Decision</b>	<b>SNC Decision</b>
<b>2019/1593</b>	Land South of Burgate Lane, Poringland Outline planning application for the erection of up to 98 residential dwellings including 5 live/work units, structural planting and landscaping and a sustainable drainage system (SuDs) with a vehicular access point from Burgate Lane. All matters reserved expect means of access.	Refused	Pending appeal
<b>2020/0948</b>	Dairy Farm, Reeders Lane, Alington, NR14 7NW Variation of condition 2 of 2019/1027 – Amendments to dwellings 1 and 2 only for conversion of barns to form three dwellings and ancillary accommodation and associated landscaping and new access drive	Approved	Approval with conditions
<b>2020/1011</b>	Dairy Farm, Reeders Lane, Alington, NR14 7NW Revision to listed building consent 2019/1028 – Amendments to dwellings 1 and 2 only for conversion of barns to form three dwellings and ancillary accommodation and associated landscaping and new access drive	Approved	Approval with conditions
<b>2020/1108</b>	The Treasure, Burgate Lane, Alington, NR14 7NP Single storey rear extension	Approved	Approval with conditions
<b>2020/1037</b>	9 Fortune Green, Alington, NR14 7NN Proposed single side extension including 2 velux windows	Approved	Approval with conditions
<b>2020/1146</b>	Alington Cottage, Nichols Road, Alington, NR14 7NF Erection of new cart lodge	Refused	Refused
<b>2020/1345</b>	Hill Farm, Framlingham Earl Road, Yelverton, Norfolk, NR14 7PD Variation of condition 6 of planning permission 2019/2562 – amended floor risk and change of position of window 1 at the first floor bathroom-side elevation (west)	Approved	Pending

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2020/0952	Land South of The Old Yelverton Rectory, Church Road, Yelverton Outline planning permission for erection of two dwellings and associated site works	Refused	Pending
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### 8 Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County and District Councillors

John Fuller updated the Councillors, the local council has been working 7 days a week to help those who were shielding during the Lockdown period of the pandemic.

South Norfolk distributed over £30 million to mainly smaller businesses to help keep them afloat, a further £1.5 million has been distributed to those who didn't qualify for the previous scheme which was mainly those who were self-employed. During the peak of the pandemic the council were taking a call every 20 seconds from someone in need and they managed to help all of them.

Looking towards the future and recovery for the economy, this could include a local government reorganisation. This could result in South Norfolk, Norwich, Broadland and Great Yarmouth Councils being merged and the Breckland, Kings Lynn and North Norfolk councils could merge. This would result in two councils for Norfolk one East and one West.

JF talked about how planning could change in the future, the plan is to supply 300,00 new homes a year in the UK. This isn't something that has been delivered previously but the Government are now willing to remove all the old planning legislation written since 1947 and begin again. This is likely to mean Councils will produce much simpler plans more frequently.

Councils will then have more say in the local design and density of projects. This will help with the 5-year land supply as effectively once a piece of land is approved for planning the planning permission is already approved and the design, and density would need to be agreed locally.

It is highly likely with this change that more homes would be required in the village and could be as many as 80 new homes however this wouldn't be in one big development it would be a selection of smaller ones.

SS asked JF whether with regards to the climate change and energy efficiency measures this would be handled centrally in new regulations. JF confirmed this as currently this is done locally and there isn't a standard requirement currently. This will ensure that all councils work towards the same goals.

IG asked what the time scale for these changes would be, JF suggested that this could come into effect as soon as February next year.

JMc asked how this will affect the current 5 year plan, JF said that the proposal would see the current 5 year land supply swept away and an agreement would be made on where homes would be built and would make the process much easier and less likely to be abused.

JMC went onto ask how the sites would be chosen, and would this mean the end to Regulation 18 submissions? JF responded, landowners were last year asked if they had any land for smaller development with sites capable of delivering 12-24 homes, over 400 sites were proposed.

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JMc also asked with regards to the rationalisation of local authorities, he would like to know where the County Council fits in with this. JF said they would all disappear. This would then become 2 different Councils however this wouldn't necessary mean all the resources would be split.

Finally JMc asked about the Covid support and asked if the funding had dried up. JF noted that currently the funding has dried up however this doesn't mean there won't be further support later on but he is unaware of anything currently.

**9 Community Benefit Fund**

Currently circa £11,780.00 in the fund for this year's Community Benefit Fund. The 2020 funding information will be placed on the website and also on the Alington and Yelverton Facebook page in the hopes this will reach the majority of groups and parishioners. It has been agreed that all applications will be required to be in by the November meeting and will then be announced on the website and on the local notice boards on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

JMc will create the poster for this year

JMc

The application forms and rules will be put on the website, if possible, convert the application form to one that can be completed online.

EH to update the application form and send it round to the Councillors for approval.

EH

**10 Village School Report**

DW was not present at the meeting so no update has been received.

**11 Village Hall Committee Report**

DW was not present at the meeting so no update has been received.

LT made a point the DW seems to be taking up a large majority of the workload currently and suggested it should be shared out more equally.

JMc suggested that all Councillors email round what they currently do and what they feel they could lead on.

ALL

**12 Tree Warden Report**

LT met with Henry Gowman to walk around the village to access the trees. He suggested we should register the big Oak on the Garrick field as an ancient tree. This involves registering the tree and people can look up local big trees and visit them. Henry suggested that the tree could be around 600 years old, this would need to be looked after and inspected by a tree surgeon every three years to ensure it stays safe.

LT

The millennium wood needs to be coppiced in November; this should have been done previously but never has been. There are numerous trees on a watch list to see if they recover and survive; LT will keep an eye on these to see if they need to be removed and will report back in the spring.

The tree guards around some of the trees should have been removed after 3 years of being planted, LT and SS removed some and found they were quite wet and will need to be observed to see how they progress.

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LT has said that a group would be needed to carry out this work and maintain this. It was suggested that this didn't need to be the Parish Councillors and could be made up of parishioners willing to help.

A day will need to be arranged when there is no football on, LT thought it might be possible to use the pavilion for refreshments and toilets.

Henry offered advice on the dead Willow in the pond, the advice was if to cut the Willow down and it may sprout in the spring otherwise, he has advised some suitable trees that could go in its place.

**13 Play Area Inspection Report**

DW was not present however JL had made a visual inspection and noted that all seemed well, all the immediate work required to get the play area opened had been completed.

**14 Garrick Field Inspection Report**

JL reported that a stone had been thrown through one of the flood lights, the glass has been cleared up. The hedge has now been cut and David Bloomfield has trimmed the footpath.

SS noted that there was an old fuse box in the millennium woods that has wires sticking out of it, JMc ensured that it had been disconnected many years ago and is of no danger on electrocution.

**15 Village Pond Inspection Report**

SS reported an official inspection report hasn't been completed as the works are underway and the pond was being dug out.

**16 Parish Projects – Pond, Website, Emergency Plan and Village Sign**

**Pond** – JMc discussed how the pond is currently being dug out; the right-hand side had been completed and the left-hand side was about to begin. Discussion regarding what reeds and bushes need to be trimmed back. It was agreed that some cover needed to be kept as this is used by wildfowl for nesting. JMc suggested a meeting at the pond to discuss with the contractor the best course of action.

Going forward the pond will require some money set aside for hedging around the edge of the pond. Another suggestion was to widen the bank on the right-hand side of the pond, this will help the ducks to climb out and rest where they won't be bothered by dogs etc. JMc would also like a bench placed on the left-hand side which would also require a boardwalk or a dry walk to enable this and improve access. This is likely to require further funding.

LT discussed that a working party would still be required with the upkeep of the pond and will arrange an advert for the website. This would all need to be done while complying with the current COVID-19 guidelines.

**Website** – With the absence of Matthew Hyde there was no official update on the website however Matt kindly emailed over some stats that shows the website is growing and becoming more popular.

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**Emergency Plan** – The 2019 Emergency Plan has been formally reviewed and a copy sent to EH, although officially the shielding was finished at the end of August. This did see the end of some help although we continued to help those that still required it and are still supporting.

LT would like to do another leaflet drop/ website appeal for volunteers to keep it up to date and also hopefully gain more volunteers. This would include people being able to advise what help they would be able to give for example help in bad weather or help in a pandemic.

LT/SS

The new 2020 Emergency Plan has been produced and sent to EH for saving. This will be reviewed in August 2021.

**Village Sign** – The village sign has now almost been completed and is ready to be installed. This should be done by the end of September. LT has seen the sign and made some minor amendments, she advised that the sign is very bright, but this will quickly weather down after the winter. This will require a yearly update to ensure it lasts.

**17 Rangers**

There has been no contact from the Rangers. LT reported that some of the public footpath signs have fallen down. One on Wheel road has fallen down and needs to be sorted. SS also reported a blocked footpath near Wheel road. A tree is leaning over the footpath and is being propped up by another tree. SS will report this on the NCC website.

SS

IG noted that the footpath from Mill road to the A146 has not been touched and is very dangerous, the lay by also needs to be looked at and the foot path behind requires work. IG will report this to the Highways.

IG

**18 Police – Speeding and parking issues and speed camera**

JMc reported that the speed camera is now up and running again, it is currently placed near the school but had previously been located on Framlingham Earl Road. Currently JMc is moving the camera and will continue until things begin to get back to normal.

There had been a complaint by a parishioner on Burgate Lane about the speed limit on the road, this has been reported to numerous sources to look into this. EH will email the parishioner just to let him know this hasn't been forgotten and will be in touch as soon as we have an update.

EH

**19 Other matters for consideration for future agendas**

**20 Next meeting to be held Monday 2 November 2020**

Meeting closed at 9.31pm