

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
held on Monday 4 March 2019 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall

Present : Kevin Gotts (KG) (Vice Chairman), David Whitehead (DW), John Lane (JL), Ivan Green (IG), Susan Stacey (SS), Louise Taylor (LT), Vic Thomson (District Councillor) and 3 members of the public.

This meeting was quorate.

1. **Apologies of absence** were received and accepted from Jeremy McNulty and Barry Stone.
2. **Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest** None.
3. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 7 January 2019 were agreed, accepted and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.
4. **Matters arising** following the last meeting: the hedge on Garrick field has been trimmed; and the hedge bordering the play area has been partly replaced with a fence with the remaining hedge requiring some attention. We are still awaiting confirmation whether the knotweed from Mill Lane has been eradicated.
5. **Correspondence** EH reported that a Norse maintenance invoice is still in dispute and is awaiting a reply from Norse.

6. Finance

Finance	Balance of accounts, Receipts Received, Payments to be made.				
Receipts	Date	Balances of Accounts	Amount	Totals	
	3- March	Main Account	£7,647.01		
	3- March	Community Benefit	£14,754.04		
	3- March	CIL	£11,728.66		
N.B. This Total includes committed amounts to previous unpaid CIL/CBF awards				£34,129.71	
		Main Account			
	Date	Receipts	Amount	Totals	
	14- Jan	FBC UKPN Money	£2,905.40		
	21- Jan	FBC Insurance and Hire	£590.22		
		CBF Fund			
		None			
		CIL Account			
		None			
		Total Receipts		£3,495.62	
		Main Account			
Payments	Date	Cheque No	Payable to	Amount	Totals
	7 – Jan	INT TRNS	Anglian Demolition	£552.00	
	21- Jan	INT TRNS	J McNulty	£19.99	
	21 – Jan	INT TRNS	REECE	£265.20	
	16- Nov	INT TRNS	Alp and Yel VH	£108.00	

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23- Jan	INT TRNS	Yelverton FB	£2,905.40	
5 – Feb	INT TRNS	NPFA	£20.00	
5 – Feb	INT TRNS	T Gotts	£60.00	
28- Feb	INT TRNS	Kevin Parfitt	£420.00	
		Total Payments		£4,350.59

7. Planning

Application Ref.	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2018/2409	Michaelmas House, Burgh Apton Road, Alpington, NR14 7PG New dwelling and garage. (Revised submission for plot 4 only to increase garden size from planning consent 2015/2464.)	Refused	Approval with Conditions
2018/2707	Buildings at Hill Farm, Framlingham Earl Road, Yelverton, NR14 7PD Certificate of Lawful use for existing storage and distribution of goods and materials in accordance with class B8.	Approved	Approval with Conditions
2019/0093	Land North of Gilbert Close, Church Road, Alpington, Norfolk Demolition of garage and erection of a 2 storey affordable dwelling (revised)	Refused	Pending
2019/0344	Rose Bungalow, Back Road, Yelverton, NR14 7GF Variation of condition 2 from planning consent 2014/2191 – Omission of the velux windows and one ground floor workshop/ garage window to the north elevation.	Approved	Pending
2019/0414	5 Church Road, Alpington, Norfolk, NR14 7NU Replace existing UPVA porch with new brick porch	Approved	Pending

- 8. Reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor** Questions from the Parishioners were taken first: one parishioner was concerned about the speed of traffic going through the village and questioned whether the speed camera was located in the areas with the highest traffic. SS explained that the speed camera has to be moved every 4 weeks and is on a rotation of different areas. KG explained that data can be downloaded from the speed camera and analysed to see if there are any patterns in speeding. If patterns do occur, the Parish Council can contact the police and ask them to attend at these times. Meanwhile the Council will review existing sites and cost adding a further site post if required.
- Another parishioner expressed concerns about visitors to the School parking on nearby roads making it difficult for some residents accessing their properties, DW agreed to discuss this with the school. Furthermore, the parishioners felt that the school was an area where many people would speed and asked of the possibility of making this a 20mph area. This has been frequently discussed and debated by the Parish Council and is seemingly impossible to get actioned. VT also informed the parishioners that statistics show when an area is changed from a 30mph to a 20mph, there is only a 1mph reduction in speed that vehicles travel.

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VT mentioned that Rockland St Mary has a successful speed watch group which requires volunteers to carry out. EH will speak to the Parish Clerk at Rockland St Mary and ask if they would be willing to attend a Parish meeting and discuss what is involved.

VT reported to the Councillors that the District and Parish elections will take place on 2nd May. During this the Rockland Ward will change and no longer include Alpington and Yelverton which will then become part of the Brooke Ward.

VT overviewed Social Prescribing, a service offered by SNDC. This is access via the GP who can then refer patients to the relevant area to get the help required. Last year the initiative helped 1600 people who visited the GP with a no health-related problem.

Finally, VT advised Councillors that nominations for the South Norfolk Community Awards are now open and will close on 29th April 2019.

SS asked VT for advice as there are a few places in the village where ditches are blocked and the roads are flooding, VT commented that firstly the owner of the ditch needs to be identified before anything further action.

- 9. 2019 Parish Council Elections** KG reported that the allocation for councillors at Alpington and Yelverton is 3 for Yelverton and 4 for Alpington, however those eligible within 4.8km of the Parish boundary can apply to be a Councillor. Anyone wishing to be a Councillor, including existing Councillors, need to complete a form (available from the SNDC website) and deliver this in person to SNDC offices.
- 10. Garrick Field Monthly Inspection Report** JL reported that the mole hills have now gone. KG informed Councillors that we are still awaiting quotes for the ground maintenance contract.
- 11. Play Area Monthly Inspection Report and update on proposed project** KG reported that the rotten edging boards in the play area had been removed. The bordering hedge has been partly replaced with a fence, with the remaining hedge requiring some attention. DW reported that the Village Hall had concerns over the proposed fence extension for the play area and has requested that it is tapered rather than continue straight. Councillors agreed. DW had also been looking into different funding options, which may require the Village Hall as land owners to be involved. DW will be attending a funding event and will report back on his findings.
- 12. Village Pond – Monthly inspection Report (plus Pond Project)**
SS reported UKPN had not yet trimmed back the tree branches next to the power cables. Some rubbish appeared in the pond due to strong winds, SS has removed this and the pond is clear. Progress on clearing mud from the centre of the Pond had to be put on hold until the pond dries out significantly.
- 13. Emergency Plan** LT reported that a good level of responses was received following the letter drop with questionnaire for the Emergency Plan. LT and SS will compile the responses and aim to have a new plan in place for the PC meeting in May. DW asked if the Village Hall would be a designated emergency centre; it was proposed that both the Village Hall and the School could be suitable designated emergency centres and this would be discussed with the relevant people. There is currently no power point to accept a generator at the Village Hall and it may

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be something to consider being installed. South Norfolk Council may be able to help with funding for this.

- 14. Speeding and parking issues and speed camera** All speeding and parking issues had been discussed earlier in the agenda.
- 15. Village School** DW had nothing new to report following a meeting with the School. A parishioner noted that the lights at the School seem to remain on constantly, DW will speak to the School but is under the impression they are on a timer. DW will also speak to the School regarding a competition to design dog fouling signs for the Garrick Field, and it was agreed to provide two £10 book voucher prizes for the winners.
- 16. Village Hall** DW reported that at the last VH meeting he discussed the PC plans for a community website and told them of the plans for this year's litter pick. The AGM will be held 29 April. A parishioner also spoke of the dangers of the VH lights not working adequately, as he suffered a fall while attending this Parish Council meeting. DW will speak to the VH to find a solution.
- 17. Rangers** there had been no feedback from the Rangers - it was unclear as to how many any of the items the PC had raised had been fully addressed, although some signs in the village had been straightened.
- 18. Litter Pick 2019** Councillors agreed that the annual litter pick would take place on Saturday 6th April between 9-12. KG will also announce this at the APM and ask for volunteers.
- 19. Communication – Website, Notice Boards, Eleven Says** LT reported that the Parish Council website has not worked for some time and that a meeting with a prospective website creator took place, who would not wish to continue on an ongoing basis. The PC considered that this would need to be a paid post and more details be announced at the APM. IG had emailed earlier a proposal for the purchase of a new notice board for Mill Road. This was agreed, as only one board could be funded within the allocated budget. KG suggested, subject to an inspection, that the other notice board (opposite the Pond), could be restored at a small cost instead of a complete replacement. A discussion for a news article for the next Eleven Says agreed to include a thank you for the responses to the emergency plan, a note about the website and all future meeting dates.
- 20. Fuel Oil Bulk Buying Scheme** there have been no changes to local membership.
- 21. Other Matters for consideration for future agendas** LT would like the APM planning to commence on the September meeting and would like this added to the Agenda.
- 22. Next Meeting to be held Monday 18 March 2019 APM at the Village School**

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm