

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

held on Monday 4 November 2019 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall

Present: Jeremy McNulty (JMc) (Chairman), David Whitehead (DW), John Lain (JL), Susan Stacey (SS), Ivan Green (IG), Louise Taylor (LT) Barry Stone (County Councillor) and 6 members of the public.

This meeting was quorate.

Action

1 Apologies of absence

Apologies were given for Kevin Gotts

2 Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None

3 Minutes of meeting held on 16 September 2019

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

4 Matters Arising

A new dog bin will be sourced and fitted by the PC following the tree clearing work which has now been completed.

EH

5 Correspondence

All items contained within in the agenda.

6 Finance

| Finance | Balance of accounts, Receipts Received, Payments made | | | |
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| Receipts | Date | Balances of Accounts | Amount | Totals |
| | 1 -Nov | Main Account | £9,347.53 | |
| | 1 – Nov | Community Benefit | £15,234.73 | |
| | 1 – Nov | CIL | £10,192.66 | |
| | | | | £34,774.92 |
| N.B. This total includes committed amounts to previous unpaid CIL/CBF awards | | | | |
| | | Main Account | | |
| | Date | Receipts | Amount | Totals |
| | 25- Sept | HMRC VAT Return | £2,650.17 | |
| | 27- Sept | SNC Payments | £3,669.78 | |
| | | Community Benefit | | |
| | | None | | |
| | | CIL | | |

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| | | None | | |
| | | Total Receipts | | £6,349.95 |
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| Payments | | Main Account | | |
| Date | Cheque/ Trans | Payable to | Amount | Totals |
| 24 – Sept | INT TRANS | HMRC | £104.00 | |
| 23- Sept | INT TRANS | E Havers Salary | £517.85 | |
| 18- Oct | INT TRANS | J McNulty | £29.57 | |
| 18- Oct | INT TRANS | Ashfords | £90.00 | |
| 18- Oct | INT TRANS | Came and Co | £1889.30 | |
| | | CIL Account | | |
| 18- Oct | INT TRNS | Technix | £1,536.00 | |
| | | Total Payments | | £4,166.72 |

7 Planning

| Application Ref & Date | Address and Proposal | P/Council Decision | S/Norfolk Decision |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2019/1440 | 8 St Marys Close, Aplington, NR14 7NZ Side single storey extension | Approved | |
| 2019/1593 | 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 | |
| 2019/2130 | Hall Farm, Framlingham Earl Road, Yelverton, NR14 7PD Single storey extension to rear and open-air swimming pool | | |

8 Community Benefit Fund

JMc gave an overview of the three applications received in the 2019 Community Benefit Funding. Councillors discussed these and all three applications were granted the full funding requested. EH will inform all applicants and ask them where possible for the goods to be invoiced to the PC in order to reclaim VAT.

EH

| Group | Request | Cost |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Aplington 1 st Girl Guides | New Pads and batteries for Defibrillator | £418.79 |
| Parish Council | Remove silt and mud from pond | £7,000.00 |
| St Marys Church Group | Repair of church gates | £1,000.00 |

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9 Annual Parish Meeting

The 2020 Annual Parish meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 16th March and will take place at the School. LT suggested changing the format of the APM and instead of having a sit down talk about what all of the groups have been doing over the year, we invite groups to have a stall and parishioners can walk round and talk to all the groups and see what has been done in the local community. This can include all the projects that the PC have been involved with. EH will invite groups to take part in this.

EH

10 Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County and District Councillor

BS reminded councillors that the consultation regarding the Norfolk Fire and Rescue is still underway and people are encouraged to have their say by visiting the website www.norfolk.gov.uk/irmp

BS advised on charges for road closures etc. Planned roadworks cost £1,097.76 where emergency roadworks cost £627.29. For community events there are 2 prices, Non-community and large events cost £750 and small charitable and community events cost just £37.64. BS also advised councillors that there is funding available for parties to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII.

There will be a 1.99% increase in Council Tax from the County Council, to help meet their increased costs in light of reduced Government funding.

A parishioner raised issues with dog fouling from Church Meadow Lane to Wheel Road. People are leaving un-bagged and bagged dog mess along the lane as well as throwing it over into gardens. LT suggested putting more dog fouling signs up in the area and discussed installing another dog bin, the landowner would need to be consulted to gain permission to place the dog bin on the land. This will be pursued and reported on at the next meeting.

KG/JM

LT asked BS about the funding for the flashing 20mph sign to be placed near the School however BS informed the Councillors that all the funding he had was already allocated but he would put this at the top of the list for his next round of funding.

BS

Another parishioner who had attended a meeting previously raised concerns about speeding in the village. This was discussed and the speed camera strategy explained.

BS left at 8.28pm

11 Parish Projects – Pond, Play Area, Website and Village Sign

Pond – JMc reported that the trees have now been cleared and the diggers to clear the silt from the pond are due w/c 11/11, the PC has been told that the water level wouldn't be an issue and wouldn't prevent the work being carried out.

A parishioner felt concerned with the tree felling around the pond as he felt was too extreme. The work was carried out following advice from The Norfolk Wildlife Trust

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and a copy of their instructions were handed over. The parishioner who is an experienced arboriculturalist, kindly offered his help with any advice the PC may need regarding trees in the future.

SS reported that the PC will be establishing a working group of locals to look after the pond in the long term, once all the work has been completed. A parishioner suggested it may be possible to get the Big Norfolk Pond Project involved. SS to investigate **SS**

Play area – DW reported that the work on the play area has begun. The play area is currently closed and will remain so until the works are complete early next year. The DHS safer grass has been installed and the slide has been raised to accommodate this. The new fence has been installed and the PC would like to thank Steve Cushing for his help with this. DW is currently waiting for an install date for the new equipment which is thought to be Dec/Jan time.

Website – The new domain has now been purchased ready for the new PC website, the policies for the website are still being revised and should be ready in the near future.

Village Sign – The PC decided that the village hall sign needed repairing as the wood was rotting. The Men's Shed has agreed to carry out the works which will mean replacing the sign. Costs were presented to the PC and agreed. The PC will make a donation to the Men's Shed following the work being completed.

12 Garrick Field Monthly Inspection Report

JL reported that some cuts on the field were still due by Ashford and they would be carrying these out over the next few weeks. There are some trees on the Garrick field that JL would like some advice on.

DW will send a note around regarding the FBC fee for hiring the Garrick field. **DW**

EH will contact Robin Key regarding dead trees on the footpath between Garrick field and behind Church Meadow. **EH**

A letter had been received by the PC regarding foul language and multiple footballs coming over their fence - the PC will contact the FBC regarding both matters escalating these issues for resolution. **EH**

JL asked the parishioners if they were happy for the PC to maintain the top and Garrick Field side of their hedge which is on the boundary of the Garrick Field, they were happy for the PC to continue doing this.

13 Play Area Monthly Inspection Report

DW reported that a safety inspection will take place once the new play area has been completed.

14 Village Pond Monthly Inspection Report

SS reported that since the trees have been cleared the pond warning sign is now visible again.

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15 Village School Monthly Report

DW reported that the school now has a defibrillator and will be giving staff training. The new head has been announced as Rosalee Welsh and she will be available to meet on the 19th November at 2.30pm

16 Village Hall Monthly Report

DW reported that there had been no further meeting since the last PC meeting but reminded all that the Village Hall will be holding a Hoe Down on 4th January 2020.

17 Rangers

The Rangers currently have no pending visits to the Village.

18 Police – Speeding, Parking Issues and Speed Camera

Speeding issues had been discussed previously in the meeting.

JMc sought approval from the other Councillors to replace a battery for the SAM2, this was approved by all.

JMc

Comments were made that cars were parking on an unlit street by the School when the Schools staff car park is empty. DW will discuss with the School.

DW

19 Fuel Oil Bulk Buying Scheme

The fuel bulk buying scheme is run through Affinity, last order of the year is 1st November and they will accept no new orders until 6th January. Affinity offer 6 weeks of credit.

20 Other matters for consideration for future agendas

Pond working group

Precept

Draft budget

Annual Parish Meeting

21 Next meeting to be held Monday 6th January 2020

Meeting closed at 9.37pm