

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
held on Monday 10th January at 7.30pm at Alington Village Hall

Present: Jeremy McNulty (JMc) (Chairman), Susan Stacey (SS) (Vice Chairman), John Lain (JL), Ivan Green (IG), Louise Taylor (LT), David Whitehead (DW), John Fuller (JF) (District Councillor) and 18 members of the public.
This meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies of absence

County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig and PC Sherry Locke

2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes and Actions from meeting held 1 November 2021

Were proposed by SS, seconded by DW and agreed by all. JMcN to sign off. All actions have been completed

4. Reports from District and County Councillors and Parishioner questions

JF arrived at 19:38 and talked through the background of the VCHAP, and the process to identify potential sites for housing development for the benefit of the parishioners present. The first public consultation, which was widely publicised in the village, closed in August 2021. JF advised that significantly more sites came forward for consideration by SNDC resulting in their timeline being extended. The final round of public consultation is expected to open at Whitsun for an 8-week window. This is the opportunity for parishioners to make any final comments. JF responded to parishioner questions on sites identified in the Alington, Yelverton and Bergh Apton cluster (specifically Wheel Road) and noted comments made on Church Meadow and the Bergh Apton brownfield site. JMcN will ensure that a further door drop is carried out around the time of the final consultation to raise awareness. It will include background information on what influences an outcome to help parishioners comment effectively. Again, notices will be placed on the three village notice boards and there will be another publication on the Alington with Yelverton website. Parishioners were invited to let the Clerk know of any additional ways the PC could raise awareness to parishioners of the final consultation.

Mary Fewster updated that the 25th January History Society's meeting is on the topic of Fashions in Your Lifetime, all welcome.

5. Correspondence

Following a request from Norfolk Citizens Advice for a donation to help them continue their work the PC voted unanimously to support this with a contribution of £100 from the PC precept account. This account is expected to have c£5.5k carried forward into the 2022-2023 financial year.

A vote of thanks has been received from Christine Hunter on behalf of the Village Hall for the CBF contribution which enabled the tarmac resurfacing of the remainder of the village hall car park.

Top Garden Services have been awarded the contract for the village maintenance of grass cutting etc which was previously carried out by Kevin Parfitt who retired at the end of 2021.

JMcN will send an email thanking Kevin for his services to the PC.

DW left the meeting at 20:00

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6. Finance

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
14 Oct	Balance b/f	£9,185.62	
	Payments		
31 Oct	Clerk Salary & expenses	£180.45	
31 Oct	HMRC PAYE	£41.40	
3 Nov	Ashfords	£252.00	
23 Nov	British Wildflowers	£221.14	
30 Nov	Clerk Salary & expenses	£179.00	
30 Nov	HMRC PAYE	£41.60	
30 Nov	Matt Hyde voucher	£100.00	
8 Dec	K Parfitt	£137.00	
30 Dec	Clerk Salary & expenses	£179.00	
30 Dec	HMRC PAYE	£41.60	
			£1,373.19
	Receipts		£0.00
4 Jan 22	Balance c/f	£7,812.43	
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
14 Oct 21	Balance b/f	£23,264.47	
	Payments		
8 Nov 21	Men's Shed	£80.00	
16 Nov 21	Bowls club rent contribution	£260.00	
17 Nov 21	Cottontails rent contribution	£500.00	
31 Dec 21	NR Asphalt VH carpark resurface	£19,570.56	
			£20,410.56
	Receipts		
4 Jan 22	VH contribution to carpark resurface	£10,000	
			£10,000
4 Jan 22	Balance c/f	£12,853.91	
<i>NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of £7,930.48 to unpaid CBF awards shown below leaving £4,923.43 unallocated £699.49 village hall goal posts/nets, £317.15 hardship fund, £1,863.84 pond project, £1,050 Jubilee celebrations and £4,000 St Mary's church path</i>			

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CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
14 Oct 21	Balance b/f	£3,367.22	
4 Jan 22	Balance c/f	£3,367.22	

Councillors agreed a £1 uplift to £29 per Band D house for the Parish Council precept. This will increase the PC precept budget from £8,092 to £8410 for the 2022-2023 financial year

7. Planning Applications

Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2021/1030	East View Back Road Yelverton NR14 7GF Demolition of existing dwelling and structures and replace with 2 storey dwelling with attached garage and annexe, including relocation of existing access	Approved	Pending
2021/1679	The Old Hall Nichols Road Alpington NR14 7NF Erection of entrance gates, brick piers and supporting walls	Rejected	Pending
2021/2209	Stacey Cottage Reeders Lane Alpington NR14 7NW Erection of new porch, garden wall and greenhouse	Approved	Approved
2021/2210	Stacey Cottage Reeders Lane Alpington NR24 7NW Erection of new porch, garden wall and greenhouse (listed building consent)	Approved	Approved
2021/2359	Adderbury House Church Road, Yelverton NR14 7PB Front porch extension and internal alterations to dwelling	Approved	Approved
2021/2372	7 Church Meadow Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NY Erection of two storey front extension with porch and external alteration	Approved	Approved
2021/2575	Edgefield Mill Road Alpington Norfolk NR14 7PQ Single storey rear extension, replacement, and conversion of main road to form habitable rooms with gabled ends and higher ridge line, new flat roof over garage to match rear extension and new detached garage/car port	Approved	Pending
2021/2631	Galindez Mill Road Alpington Norfolk NR14 7PQ Raising of ridge to create first floor accommodation and two storey rear extension	Approved	Pending

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8. Community Benefit Fund

All of the 2021 applications received have been agreed by the Councillors. As shown in the financials, payments have been made to the Bowls Club, Cottontails, and the Village Hall with money ringfenced for the Jubilee celebrations and St Mary's Church footpath resurfacing.

Quintas Energy have been given an update on how the 2021 solar farm payment money has been spent.

9. Highways – speed camera, parking, roadworks etc

JMcN updated that he, KMB and SS met with Gary Overland from NCC Highways to discuss options to reduce speeding vehicles through the village, which is especially important given the lack of footpaths. There was a request to move the 30mph limit further out of the village on all approach roads or reducing the speed limit to 20mph. Both were refused by Highways who advised that the 30mph limits are in the correct location based on Highways criteria and will not be moved. Nor is a permanent 20mph speed limit through the village deemed necessary. Highways offered to add a SLOW road marking at the church bend in both directions together with signposts (unable to have one without the other). Given this is the only improvement Highways will provide this has been accepted. JMcN confirmed that moving the flashing temporary 20mph sign on Wheel Road to beyond Fortune Green is still on the agenda.

LMcN updated that the Highways Rangers have actioned several jobs raised, an exception being the mud etc on Dranes Lane which was deemed acceptable. KMB escalated this and the work will now be actioned. LMcN will raise a job for the blocked drain on Mill Road alongside the PC notice board also the overgrown highway grips on Church Meadow Lane raised at the meeting.

10. Reports

Tree Warden

Imogen Mole, SNDC, has inspected the Veteran Oak again having read the report from Norfolk Trees. Her recommendation is for a 1 metre reduction of the canopy concentrating on the overhang of the footpath and 24 Church Meadow. She also recommends a mulch to improve the health of the tree from a company in Rackheath who are undertaking a site visit 14th January and who can also undertake the work to reduce its height/width.

Village Hall Committee

The carpark resurfacing works are complete and looking good. It is hoped that this will alleviate the problem of footballers using the front of the carpark rather than the back which impacts on the Girl Guides on the days when both clubs use the carpark. New quotes will be sourced for the replacement football goal and net

Village School

The school are liaising with LT/SS to discuss the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The school are staggering the school start time to try and ease traffic congestion and are to trial this in the afternoons too. The school has offered the use of their hall for the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

Play Area Monthly Inspection

Following JL and JMcN's repairs all seems in working order. Signage will be consolidated and replaced once it is known how Covid rules have been settled.

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Garrick Field Monthly Inspection

The ball box has been repainted in dark green and it is understood that the new arrangements with the ball box has been accepted by the adjoining neighbour. DW is awaiting a response from the Football Club re the lease.

Village Pond Monthly Inspection

SS report has been circulated to Councillors. In summary SS will check on the health of the whips planted on the far bank in February. A neighbour to the pond continues to be very supportive strimming all areas and keeping a clear route to the life safety aid. The life safety aid has been checked and is in working order. The Egyptian Geese are back. JMcN will contact Norfolk Wildlife Rescue to assist with their removal

Parish Projects

Pond

JMcN has spoken with Gary Overland, Highways for thoughts on improving access to the pond for everybody. Highways has provided a quote for the works of c£3k to create a 5m length of footpath (pedestrian refuge) and a request for Parish Partnership funding which would provide 50% of the cost if successful, has been made. Successful bidders will be informed by the end of March. If works can proceed it will be an enabler for further enhancements to the pond frontage.

Wildflower planting

The Jubilee Wood has been planted with more than 200 plugs of wildflowers with funding from a SNDC Community Project grant. There is c£100 of funding remaining which come the Spring will be used to purchase additional/replacement plants.

11. Platinum Jubilee

LT updated on the plans for the 3 days which include a cheese and wine evening, a 1950's traditional fete, Tug of War etc on the Garrick Field, Church service and flower festival, a royal themed quiz, picnic and cutting and sharing of a celebratory cake. Winkworth Estate Agents will be promoting the celebrations and will pay £5 for every board displayed. JF advised that £200-£300 of funding will be made available from SNDC. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12th January.

12. A.O.B.

JMcN reminded all that there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Meeting closed at 21:28

