

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
held on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall

Present: Jeremy McNulty (JMc) (Chairman), Susan Stacey (SS) (Vice Chairman), John Lain (JL), Ivan Green (IG), Louise Taylor (LT), David Whitehead (DW), Kay Mason-Billig (KMB) (County Councillor) and 7 members of the public.
This meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies of absence

District Councillor John Fuller

2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes and Actions from meeting held 10th January 2022

Were proposed by IG, 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

KMB confirmed that NCC tax will be increasing by 2.99% this year, and SNDC by £5 for a Band D property. During the Easter half term there will be various activities available across the county for children aged 5-16 under the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Scheme. JMcN will provide details to Matt for the website. KMB is investigating why an extension of the 50mph speed limit on the Hellington bends, which was a planning condition to be implemented by NCC as part of the Green Pastures restaurant, is still outstanding.

5. Correspondence

Bergh Apton PC will be applying for PP funding to instal a gateway sign on the Bergh Apton side of Mill Road and we will look to do the same on the Alpington side. JMcN will liaise with BAPC to arrange a joint meeting with NCC Highways to understand the cost implications.

A parishioner has requested the installation of a mirror on the Mill Rd crossroad junction to improve visibility when turning right. The landowner is happy for this to be installed as NCC Highways do not permit these on their verges. Bergh Apton PC have been made aware and will initially speak to the owner of Thimble Cottage whose boundary hedge has reduced the visibility at this junction. KMB will speak to NCC Highways Gary Overland if the initial request is unsuccessful. JMcN to track progress.

St Mary's Church wish to proceed with the resurfacing of the church footpaths with the support of a £4k contribution from CBF with the aim of this being completed in time for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

TOP Garden Services, our new grounds maintenance provider, visited the village in February to familiarise themselves with the work and will be undertaking the first cut of the play area and village hall grass perimeter in March.

Following a request from the Saunders family via Yelverton FC the PC responded that they had no issue with Bob Saunders ashes being scattered on the football pitch.

Eleven Says have been sent a donation of £300 from the CBF Hardship Fund to help with their ongoing running costs which have been affected by reduced advertising revenue during Covid

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Norfolk Resilience Forum have asked whether our PC would like to be included on their cascade alert system. Whilst we have our own Emergency Plan registered with SNDC Councillors agreed that we would like NRF to cascade any alerts. LMcN to email NRF.

6. Finance

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
4 Jan 22	Balance b/f	£7,812.43	
	Payments		
14 Jan 22	Microsoft 365 renewal	59.99	
17 Jan 22	Citizens Advice donation	100.00	
24 Jan 22	Ashfords	138.60	
31 Jan 22	Clerk salary & expenses	179.70	
31 Jan 22	HMRC	41.40	
7 Feb 22	Wordpress renewal	36.00	
18 Feb 22	Community Action membership	20.00	
23 Feb 22	Clerk salary & expenses	179.50	
23 Feb 22	HMRC	41.60	
28 Feb 22	SNDC dog bin collection	1,061.76	
			£1,858.55
	Receipts		
20 Jan 22	VAT reclaim	172.88	
			£172.88
03 Mar 22	Balance c/f		£6,126.76
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
14 Oct 21	Balance b/f	£12,853.91	
	Payments		
14 Feb 22	Eleven Says donation	300.00	
			£300.00
	Receipts		
20 Jan 22	VAT reclaim	3,261.76	
			£3,261.76
03 Mar 22	Balance c/f	£15,815.67	
<i>NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of £7,630.48 to unpaid CBF awards shown below leaving £8,185.19 unallocated £699.49 village hall goal posts/nets, £17.15 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	
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The 2022-2023 Budget has been circulated and shows that there is expected to be a healthy balance of c£5k in the current account b/f from year end which will cushion us against any unforeseen cost increases.

7. Planning Applications

Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2020/2335	Land East of The Bungalow Loddon Road Yelverton Norfolk Change of use of amenity land to residential Romany Gypsy site. Erection of dayroom, store/workshop building and hard standing for mobile home and touring caravan. Appeal submitted	Rejected	Rejected
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	Approved
2021/2575	Edgefield Mill Road Alpington Norfolk NR14 7PQ Single storey rear extension, replacement, and conversion of main roof 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	Approved
2021/2631	Galindez Mill Road Alpington Norfolk NR14 7PQ Raising of ridge to create first floor accommodation and two storey rear extension	Approved	Approved
2022/0048	Land South of Loddon Road Yelverton Norfolk Erection of agricultural building	Rejected	Pending
2022/0088	7, 9, 15, 17 Wheel Road and Saffron House Nichols Road Alpington NR14 7RX Change of use of agricultural land for garden use for the following properties: 7, 9, 15,17 Wheel Road and Saffron House, Nichols Road, Alpington	Approved	Pending
2022/0246	The Gables Church Road Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NU Extend bungalow five metres on south side to accommodate bedroom and en-suite	Pending	Pending
2022/0395	1 Church Road Yelverton Norfolk NR14 7PB New tarmac vehicular access off Church Road onto front of property	Pending	Pending

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The PC will be restating its objection to the appeal submitted for application 2020/2335 IG advised that planning application 2018/1834 Russell Engineering, Mill Rd hasn't fulfilled its obligation to plant new hedging. LMcN to email JF as an enforcement issue.

KMB left the meeting at 20:06

8. Highways – speed camera, parking, roadworks etc

The speed camera batteries are not lasting a full month. It was agreed that a lithium battery which has significantly better durability would be purchased.

A reminder was made to report any potholes via NCC website or following the link on the village website and it is noted that the damaged barrier on Burgate Lane has been replaced.

9. Platinum Jubilee 2022

LT updated on the plans for the 4 days which start with a royal themed quiz the evening of Thursday 2nd June at the Wheel of Fortune and continue through Friday to Sunday with events including a cheese and wine tasting, a 1950's traditional fete, Tug of War etc on the Garrick Field, Church service and flower festival, picnic and cutting and sharing of a celebratory cake. Villagers will be encouraged to put up bunting and Winkworth Estate Agents will be promoting the celebrations paying £5 for every board displayed. £200 of funding from SNDC will help to fund the event. A save the date leaflet is at the printers and a door drop will commence shortly. SS updated that she has written an article for the next edition of Eleven Says and a more detailed timetable of the celebrations will be door dropped early May.

10. Reports

Tree Warden

LT has shared the Tree Care Consultants report on the Veteran Oak to Councillors. It was agreed that LT would ask for the pruning work to be undertaken at a cost of £625 + vat and that LT would enquire about the cost to provide bags of specialist mulch that a small working party would spread under the tree to reduce the cost.

Village Hall Committee

SS confirmed that she will replace DW as the PC representative on the VH committee. JMcN thanked DW for his support in carrying out this role over the years

Village School

The school are liaising with LT/SS to discuss the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. DW will feed back that the PC are not getting any trees as the UK wide initiative was for large planting schemes and we do not have enough land.

Play Area Monthly Inspection

David Bracey will continue to provide the annual Health & Safety report for the Play Area and the Garrick Field. Signage will be consolidated and replaced. DW will circulate draft wording for a new sign. LT asked if the old goal posts and net could be removed ahead of the Jubilee celebrations. JMcN will speak to Kevin Parfitt for help to get these taken to the tip.

Garrick Field Monthly Inspection

All fallen trees have been cut and removed

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Village Pond Monthly Inspection

SS report has been circulated to Councillors. In summary following an inspection the whips planted on the far bank in December 2020 are in the main healthy, primroses have been planted and the water is looking clear. The memorial bench needs repairing JMcN will email the trustees.

Parish Projects

Pond

A decision is awaited on the Parish Partnership bid for funding to create a 5m length of footpath (pedestrian refuge). If works can proceed it will be an enabler for further enhancements to the pond frontage.

11. A.O.B.

IG will organise the next litter pick LMcN will email IG with details of previous volunteers and a list of available equipment.

IG updated that the Collective Oil Buying Scheme has informed that future oil deliveries will attract the price of oil on the day of delivery and that delivery wait time is c3 weeks. It was agreed that there would be no APM in 2022 given the lack of parishioner attendees but that we would look to enhance the AGM with a speaker.

Meeting closed at 21:04

