

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
held on Monday 9th January '23 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall

Present: Jeremy McNulty (JMc) (Chairman), Sue Stacey SS (Vice-Chairman, John Lain (JL), Ivan Green (IG), Barry Gelder (BG), Louise Taylor (LT), David Whitehead (DW), District Councillor John Fuller (JF) and one member of the public.
This meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies of Absence

County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig

2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

JMcN and SS declared a non-pecuniary interest in the VCHAP Church Meadow proposed site for housing.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 7 November 2022

Were proposed by IW, seconded by DW, and agreed by all. JMcN to sign off.

Actions

JL will continue to chase up the church gate latch alteration work

JMcN will continue to chase Gary Overland (GO) and KMB for an update on all outstanding jobs in the Parish including dealing with the Japanese Knotweed on Mill Road (Job ref. 900210704).

DW will ask David Bracey for his thoughts on the suitability of a tarmac or slabbed area under the basketball net

DW will aggregate the existing signs for the play area and propose a new sign.

JMcN/JL to move the dog bin to the right-hand side of the entrance to the Garrick Field, further away from a neighbouring garden when the weather improves.

4. Correspondence

LMcN responded to an email from the Solar Farm Management team requesting information on how the 2022 CBF money would be allocated.

LMcN advised that a parishioner is chasing for an update on the Mill Road crossroads junction regarding poor visibility caused by encroaching hedge on NCC Highways land. Whilst the hedge has been trimmed lightly by the Bergh Apton parishioner it is still too wide and this year's growth will only exacerbate the problem. JMcN to email GO/KMB for a swift resolution on this long outstanding matter. *PMN the cost for a 600mm convex mirror and 2250mm steel pole is £456.90 inc vat.*

LMcN advised that the Parish Council notice board by the village pond is becoming difficult use because of its rigidity. LMcN will circulate a cost proposal for consideration for a replacement notice board. IV will speak to the homeowner and seek permission for the continued use of his wall for a replacement board.

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5. Finance including Precept

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
4 Nov 22	Balance b/f	£8,924.21	
	Payments		
14 Nov	Hedge cutting and field clearance	276.00	
14 Nov	Basketball net	11.90	
14 Nov	Batteries for bank card reader	3.54	
28 Nov	L McNulty salary and expenses	180.80	
28 Nov	L McNulty PAYE	41.40	
6 Dec	Parishioner gratitude vouchers	110.00	
29 Dec	L McNulty salary and expenses	179.20	
29 Dec	L McNulty PAYE	41.60	
			£844.44
	Receipts		
9 Dec	SNDC Community Funding	165.00	
			£165.00
6 Jan 23	Balance c/f		£8,244.77
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
4 Nov 22	Balance b/f	£20,723.80	
	Payments		
6 Jan	History Society VH rental 2023	84.00	
			£84.00
	Receipts		
			£0.00
6 Jan 23	Balance c/f	£20,639.80	
<i>NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of £955.01 to unpaid CBF awards shown below leaving £19,684.79 unallocated</i>			
<i>£689.95 pond project</i>			
<i>£265.06 Jubilee celebrations</i>			

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CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
4 Nov 22	Balance b/f	£3,367.22	
	Payments		
21 Dec	A&Y Primary School	3,000	
			£3,000
	Receipts		
			£0.00
6 Jan 23	Balance c/f	£367.22	

The 2023-2024 Parish Council Precept will increase by £1 per annum for Band D properties as per the principle previously agreed. This will provide a Parish Council budget of £8,910 for the forthcoming financial year. Proposed by DW, seconded by SS and agreed by all.

6. Planning Applications

Application Ref.	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2022/1453	Land north of Mill Road Alpington Norfolk Development for four residential bungalows and detached garages together with a new access road and biodiversity area. Withdrawn by the applicant	Rejected	Withdrawn
2022/1754	30 Cherrywood Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NJ Single storey front, side and rear extensions	Approved	Pending
2022/2106	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 (Revised)	Rejected	Pending
2022/2195	Boundary Farm Framingham Earl Rd Yelverton Norfolk NR14 7PD Retention of two storey rear extension to existing holiday lodge (Following original application 2019/0716)	Approved	Pending
2022/2299	Wheel of Fortune Wheel Road Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NL Change upstairs window to door and erect staircase to the west of the building to enable access to the upstairs accommodation without the need to go through the pub and provide additional emergency exit point	Approved	Pending

7. CBF

All CBF applicants have been informed on whether they have been successful, and some payments have already been made.

8. Highways – speed camera, parking, roadworks etc

BG has offered to analyse the historic speed camera data if needed, to see if there are any trends. Framingham Earl Rd will be closed for 7 days from 16 Jan to enable the pond footpath works to be completed.

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SS commented that the footpaths in St Mary's Close and Church Meadow have significantly deteriorated. The footpaths have numerous areas of broken down, uneven surfaces creating trip hazards. There are many areas that pond after rainfall resulting in parishioners walking in the road rather than using the footpaths. SS will photograph the substandard areas of footpath with commentary for submission to Gary Overland, Norfolk County Council Highways.

9. May Election Preparation

Alpington with Yelverton Parish Council has 7 Councillors. All will need to reapply should they wish to stand again at the 4th May local elections. SNDC has asked that parishioners are reminded of the Parish Council election process, understand what the role entails and seek nomination if it is of interest to them.

SNDC has provided some posters for circulation to raise awareness LMcN. This will also be posted on our website. JMcN to provide some words to accompany the poster. Councillor contact details will be included to encourage readers to speak to a Councillor to find out more.

10. Reports

a) Community Emergency Plan

LMcN to provide LT with the questionnaire template so that a village door drop can be undertaken ahead of the August document review to enable it to be refreshed.

PMN LMcN has contacted SNDC, they do not have posters for the Help Hub leaflet, and it will not be sent out with the 2023 Council Tax bills. It has been distributed to all Doctor Surgeries and Parish Clerks and an article was published in the Link Magazine.

b) Tree Warden

All trees appear healthy. The SNDC Tree Warden Group has been reactivated and there are hedge saplings available at minimal cost. LT will speak to a local parishioner to raise awareness.

c) Village Hall Committee

It is the centenary of the VH this month and there will be a small gathering for its past supporters. The next meeting is 6 February.

d) Village School

DW to contact the school to a spring meeting in diaries.

e) Play Area Monthly Inspection

There are some remedial works needed on the perimeter fencing and other pieces of play equipment are starting to look tired. Worn grass areas to be seeded when the weather is warmer. DW will carry out an assessment and share findings.

f) Garrick Field Monthly Inspection

Despite the field having 2 dog bins and signage there are still reports of dog excrement being left behind. Given the field is used by Yelverton F.C. this is unacceptable but relies on all dog walkers being vigilant and responsible owners.

g) Village Pond Inspection

The water level is back to normal and looking clear. A review of the saplings carried out in December shows that six have failed. SS will purchase replacement saplings for planting in March.

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11. Reports from the District and County Councillors and Parishioners' questions

JF joined the meeting at 20:44 and stayed until the end.

JF advised that planning application 2022/2106 goes before the Development Management Planning Committee on the 11 January. The Inspector's report on the previous application for this site shows that it was refused due to lack of detail on water handling matters only. This has been addressed by the applicant in this new application and it is therefore expected to be approved.

The VCHAP is progressing to the next stage with a consultation period of 23rd January to 6th March together with a Parish Council briefing on the 26th January for the 45 sites being proposed. For the Alpington/Yelverton/Bergh Apton cluster the sites being recommended as suitable for development are the brownfield old Concrete Works Bergh Apton, 25 houses and Alpington Church Meadow, 25 houses.

12. Parish Projects

- **Pond**

The footpath works in plan are the enabler for improvements to accessing the pond. JMcN will seek clarity on any need for planning consent for a boardwalk.

- **King's Coronation**

LT advised that there is interest in planning a street party from some parishioners. It is unlikely that there will be any funding available from SNDC. The PC will be keen to hear if anything progresses.

Meeting closed at 21.23

Signed as Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JRM', with a horizontal line extending to the right.