

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
held on Monday 13th March '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), District Councillor John Fuller (JF) and three members of the public.

This meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies of Absence

County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig and David Whitehead

2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

JMcN and SS declared a non-pecuniary interest in the VCHAP Church Meadow proposed site for housing. Barry Gelder declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application 2022/2299

3. Minutes of the meeting held 9 January 2023

Were proposed by SS, seconded by IG, 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).

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 advised that Yelverton F.C. has taken delivery of the two junior goals following its successful CBF application. The Club will be relocating one of the old ones to the Village Hall field.

LMcN has ordered a new Parish Council notice board to replace the old one at the village pond. Delivery date is expected end of April.

LMcN reaffirmed that SNDC has advised that A&YPC does not need to update its Code of Conduct to their more detailed version.

The annual SNDC sponsored Litter Pick will run from 13 March to 30 June. IG proposed some dates, and it was agreed that we would complete this on 25 March.

SNDC has advised that there is a £200 grant available for events being held to celebrate the King's Coronation. LMcN will apply for this on behalf of the organisers for the event at the Wheel of Fortune Sunday 7 May.

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5. Finance including proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
6 Jan 23	Balance b/f	£8,244.77	
	Payments		
11 Jan	TOPS Maintenance	180.00	
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12 Jan	Microsoft 365 Licence	59.99	
26 Jan	CAN Membership	20.00	
30 Jan	L McNulty PAYE	41.60	
30 Jan	L McNulty salary & expenses	180.10	
8 Feb	Jarrolds printing VCHAP flyers	23.00	
21 Feb	Jarrolds printing CEM flyers	45.00	
24 Feb	L McNulty PAYE	41.40	
24 Feb	L McNulty salary & expenses	179.20	
			1058.29
	Receipts		
1 Feb	Pond seat upkeep contribution		50.00
21 Feb	VAT reclaim		449.59
			499.59
25 Feb	Balance c/f		£7,686.07
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
6 Jan	Balance b/f	£20,639.80	
	Payments		
12 Jan	YFC Junior Goals	2,370.00	
22 Feb	Hawthorn whips for pond	9.00	
			2,379.00
	Receipts		
21 Feb	VAT reclaim	447.17	
			447.17
25 Feb 23	Balance c/f		£18,707.97
<p>NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of £13,053.01 to unpaid CBF awards shown below, leaving £5,654.96 unallocated.</p> <p>£680.95 pond project</p> <p>£265.06 Jubilee celebrations</p> <p>£5,200 Cottontails outside space enhancements</p> <p>£6,907 VH kitchen refurbishment and ladies toilets maintenance</p>			

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CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
6 Jan 23	Balance b/f	£367.22	
	Payments		0.00
	Receipts		0.00
25 Feb 23	Balance c/f	£367.22	

The 2023-2024 budget was proposed by JMcN, seconded by IG and agreed by all.

6. Planning Applications

Application Ref.	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
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	Approved
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

The Parish Council has submitted its response to the VCHAP but was unable to include data from the Primary School who failed to respond to a request for information on current and projected headcount. A leaflet drop to every household was undertaken to raise awareness and a handful of parishioners added their comments on the VCHAP website.

7. CBF

The Village Hall has advised that its preferred contractor for the agreed works is unable to proceed due to illness. Two new quotes have been received which are more expensive. JMcN to speak with Christine Hunter.

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

JF joined the meeting at 19:55 and left at 20:27

The SNDC Council Tax has been frozen in the 2023-2024 budget.

South Norfolk and Broadland DC move to their new premises at Broadland Business Park on 24 April. This is a very efficient building to run and will provide cost savings on utilities.

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SNDC is opposed to the proposed Norfolk County Council devolution as they do not think it offers the best deal for the County. Public Consultation on the Norfolk County Council devolution deal is open until 20 March

9. Highways, speeding, camera, roadworks etc

SS compiled a report on the state of the village footpaths, including photographic evidence which has been sent to Gary Overland, Norfolk Highways and Kay Mason-Billig. Highways are now therefore liable for injuries caused by poorly maintained paths.

10. May Elections Preparation

LMcN to circulate application forms to all Councillors for completion should they wish to stand again.

11. Reports

a) Community Emergency Plan

LT reported that a leaflet has been printed for a door drop to understand who has equipment or can provide help in an emergency and who would like to flag that they will need help in the event of an emergency. This information will be collated, and the CEP refreshed.

b) Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

c) Village Hall Committee

The centenary celebrations were well attended and enjoyed by all.

d) Village School

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

e) Play Area Monthly Inspection

DW will carry out an assessment of repairs required and share findings. Feedback awaited from David Bracey on suitable materials to provide a hardstanding area under basketball net. Quotes for new signage will be shared at next meeting

f) Garrick Field Monthly Inspection

The hazels in the Jubilee wood will need coppicing in November. All bins on the Garrick Field will now be emptied by SNDC.

g) Village Pond Inspection

Replacement saplings have been planted to replace those that failed. Wildflower seed will be sown on the soil banking adjacent the new footpath as a temporary measure until the next stage of the pond project is underway.

12. Parish Projects

• Pond

JMcN met with a local contractor to discuss next steps to improve access to the pond now that the footpath works have been completed. A technical design will be drawn up for discussion with Councillors. It is hoped that work can start late summer.

• King's Coronation

SS updated that the village event will take place at the Wheel of Fortune. This will be a "street party" in the garden together with hot food options onsite.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Minutes approved 15/5/23

