

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Monday 3rd July '23 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall

Present: Sue Stacey (SS) (Vice-Chairman, John Lain (JL), David Whitehead (DW), and five members of the public.
This meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies of Absence

County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig, District Councillor John Fuller, Jeremy McNulty, Ivan Green, Barry Gelder

2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held 15th May 2023

Were proposed by DW seconded by JL and duly signed off

Actions

The church gate latch work has not been completed. LMcN will speak to the person concerned to see if he is able to repair it.

LMcN has contacted BA PC and ask for an update on Thimble Cottage whose wide hedge continues to restrict visibility at the Mill Road crossroad junction.

LMcN will speak to Framingham Earl PC to see if there are any initiatives in plan to improve visibility/road safety at the 90 degree bend on Burgate Lane with the entrance to Aldiss Farm Shop following a request from a parishioner.

4. Reports from District and County Councillors and Parishioners' questions

No reports were received.

5. Correspondence

Gallagher Insurance has asked the PC to review its policy and to inform them of any changes. The sum insured are indexed linked. The PC will need to increase its cover to include the new notice board. The Village Hall and Yelverton F.C have been asked if they need any additional items added.

The audit has been submitted to PKF Littlejohn, external auditors for sign off.

6. Finance

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
12 May 23	Balance b/f	£7,523.17	
	Payments		
28 May	Clerk salary and expenses	190.00	
28 May	PAYE	41.60	
31 May	Adepta internal auditors	132.00	
1 June	Ashfords	272.47	
2 June	TOP Maintenance	306.00	
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28 June	Clerk salary and expenses	179.60	
28 June	PAYE	41.40	

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			1,649.07
	Receipts		
			0.00
1 July	Balance c/f		£5,874.10
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
12 May 23	Balance b/f	£15,957.97	
	Payments		
28 May	History Society VH bookings	42.00	
			42.00
	Receipts		
21 June	Solar Farm annual payment	12,433.13	
			12,433.13
1 July 23	Balance c/f		£28,349.10
<p><i>NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of £15,915.97 to unpaid CBF awards shown below, leaving £12,433.13 unallocated.</i></p> <p><i>£5,543.91 pond project</i></p> <p><i>£265.06 Jubilee celebrations</i></p> <p><i>£5,200 Cottontails outside space enhancements</i></p> <p><i>£4,907 VH kitchen refurbishment and ladies toilets maintenance</i></p>			

CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
12 May 23	Balance b/f	£367.22	
	Payments		0.00
	Receipts		0.00
1 July 23	Balance c/f	£367.22	

7. Planning Applications

Application Ref.	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2023/1388	4 St Mary's Close Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NZ Single storey rear extension	Approved	Pending
2023/1542	Agricultural Building south of Avenue Farm Cottages Back Road Alpington Norfolk Conversion of barn into a two-bedroom annexe	Approved	Pending
2023/1543	Agricultural Building south of Avenue Farm Cottages Back Road Alpington Norfolk Conversion of barn into a two-bedroom annexe	Approved	Pending
2023/1464	Pinewood Slade Lane Yelverton Norfolk NR14 7PR Convert garage to annex with rear extension	Approved	Pending

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8. County Broadband Initiative

Creed Finnegan from County Broadband gave a talk and answered questions on the company's initiative to deliver full-fibre broadband to rural villages in East Anglia which should give those homeowners who signed up significantly faster speeds than they get now. A door drop has been completed to raise awareness. LMcN to display information on noticeboards.

9. Highways – speed camera, parking, roadworks etc

The speed camera data for June will be shared and published once available.

The developers on Framingham Earl Road have failed to reinstate the verge following the completion of the housing development. LMcN to report to Highways

10. Reports

a) Tree Warden

JL advised that overhanging branches in Church Loke had been cut back following a request from Ashfords whose tractor was catching its wing mirrors on the approach to the Garrick Field

b) Village Hall Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for the 21st August. SS will raise the matter of hedge trimming along the village hall field boundary. Wi-Fi has not yet been installed. LMcN advised Cottontails that the telegraph pole outside the hall does not belong to the PC and that their supplier should contact Norfolk County Council to seek permission for a new line from it.

c) Village School

DW has advised the school that IG is taking over responsibility from him as the Parish Council representative and asked for a date to have a meeting. This has been chased up following a lack of response which is disappointing given the imminent closure for the summer holidays. DW to chase again.

c) Play Area Monthly Inspection

The play area H&S inspection, which included the Cottontails outside space and the Garrick Field took place today. Two fence posts need replacing as do the boards on the slide and fort DW/BG to get costs for the works including new signage for the play area.

d) Garrick Field

YFC are allowing Alpington School's Art Club use of the field and pavilion for four days over the summer holidays. LMcN will ask TOP Maintenance to cut back the grass in the Jubilee Wood in September

e) Village Pond Monthly Inspection

The monthly report has been circulated. Some trees on the island have died and will be cut down shortly.

Parish Projects

Pond

Barry Jefferies has been instructed to proceed with his stage 2 detailed design using the Ecogrid paving system or similar subject to evidence of other similar installations and Part M compliance.

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The meeting closed at 20:21. Next meeting is on 4th September

Approved 4/9/23

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