

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Monday 4th September '23 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall

Present: Jeremy McNulty (JMcN) Chairman, Sue Stacey (SS) Vice-Chairman, Barry Gelder (BG) John Lain (JL), David Whitehead (DW), District Councillor John Fuller (JF) and six members of the public.
This meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies of Absence

County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig and Ivan Green

2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held 3rd July 2023

Were proposed by DW seconded by SS and duly signed off

Actions

The church gate latch work has not been completed. JMcN will continue to speak to the person concerned to see when he will be able to repair it.

The damaged verges on Framingham Earl Road caused by heavy vehicles working on the new housing has been reported and NCC Highways has confirmed these will be reinstated. JMcN to track progress.

4. Correspondence

Gallagher Insurance has provided its renewal quote for the Parish Council/Village Hall and Yelverton F.C. of £2,985.08 (c10% increase on last year). This has been accepted. The sums insured are indexed linked and the Village Hall has increased its buildings cover by £100k. TOP Maintenance will be strimming and clearing the Jubilee Wood early September. They have been asked to include the Village Hall strip of land adjacent to the bungalow on Church Road as well as strimming around the posts adjacent to the carpark in their works schedule. The NALC Planning training session has been booked together with the NALC October conference.

The local bus timetable has been amended from 3rd Sept and will now include one return service on Saturdays. Full details of all amendments are published on our webpage/the bus stop and Village Hall notice board.

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

JF joined the meeting at 7:39 and left at 20:10

SNDC will be holding a recycling evening to include a recycling simulator at Bergh Apton VH, date tbc.

JF updated that under VCHAP a preferred site in Rockland had been withdrawn by the landowner. A mini competition is underway to find an alternative by December '23. JF listened to concerns about future local housing development and the inadequate village infrastructure. Whilst there is a new primary school for Poringland in plan this will not be delivered in tandem with these.

JMcN will ask County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig for an update on Wensum Lodge and how to petition against its closure.

BG is gauging interest in whether the village would like and use a local village shop which would be set up in one of the Wheel Of Fortune's buildings.

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6. Finance

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
1 July 23	Balance b/f	£5,874.10	
	Payments		
29 Aug	Clerk salary and expenses	181.90	
29 Aug	PAYE	41.60	
14 Aug	SNDC Dog Bins	1,189.15	
9 Aug	Ashfords	272.47	
27 July	Clerk salary and expenses	179.00	
27 July	PAYE	41.60	
17 July	D Bracey H&S report	180.00	
3 July	Ashfords	272.47	
			2,358.19
	Receipts		
6 July	VAT reclaim	843.91	
25 Aug	SNDC Litter Pick	20.00	
			863.91
2 Sept 23	Balance c/f		£4,379.82
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
1 July 23	Balance b/f	£28,349.10	
	Payments		
9 Aug	Village Hall kitchen works	6,000.00	
9 Aug	Pond Project drawings	1,350.00	
14 Aug	Village Hall kitchen works	1,348.00	
			8,698.00
	Receipts		
6 July	VAT reclaim	1.50	
			1.50
2 Sept 23	Balance c/f		£19,652.60
<p><i>NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of £19,652.60 to unpaid CBF awards shown below</i> <i>£14,187.54 pond project</i> <i>£265.06 Jubilee celebrations</i> <i>£5,200 Cottontails outside space enhancements</i></p>			

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VAT reclaim of £1,558 from the Village Hall kitchen works will be allocated to the pond project once processed.
£883.00 refund due from Village Hall Committee will be allocated to the pond project

CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
1 July 23	Balance b/f	£367.22	
	Payments		0.00
	Receipts		0.00
2 Sept 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
2023/1708	Wheel Of Fortune Wheel Road Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NL Erection of cabins x 2 (retrospective) for use as overnight accommodation in association with public house	Approved	Pending
2023/1897	Land North Of Mill Road Alpington Norfolk Development for four residential bungalows and detached garages together with a new access road and biodiversity area	Refused	Pending
2023/2327	Land North Of Holly Cottage Church Meadow Lane Alpington Norfolk Erection of a single storey dwelling with attached garage. Siting of static caravan	Approved	Pending

8. Parish Councillor vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Whilst we are not overburdened with work should a suitable candidate with relevant skills and enthusiasm be interested, we will be happy to talk to them about the role.

9. Highways – speed camera, parking, roadworks etc

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

The H bar on the school junction has not been reinstated following resurfacing work. This has been reported.

Framingham Earl PC are talking to Aldis Farm shop about installing a convex mirror to improve visibility on the 90 degree bend out of the village.

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BA PC will be talking again to Thimble Cottage owners. There is a long outstanding request to reduce the width of the hedge to improve visibility at this now dangerous junction. BA PC would rather the hedge be reduced in width than install a convex mirror to improve visibility. The pavement report prepared by SS has been resent to Gary Overland, Highways, Norfolk County Council. NCC will be held liable, as these have been reported, should there be any injuries as a result of the defects.

10. Reports

a) Tree Warden

Pollarding of the hazels in the Jubilee Wood will be scheduled in for November together with some tree management around the pond.

b) Village Hall Committee

The kitchen works have been completed. The committee would like to purchase new matching crockery and will look at fundraising/grants available next year.

The installation of WiFi is ongoing (seeking a wayleave to run a cable to the VH)

Cottontails are still working on their design for outside works improvement. The outside area has been tidied up and looking much better

Trimming of the hedges on the VH field is required. LMcN will ask Garrick Field hedge trim farmer to speak to VH with a price.

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. There has been no response and the continued lack of engagement is frustrating. DW has chased again.

c) Play Area Monthly Inspection

Two fence posts need replacing as do the boards on the slide and fort DW/BG to propose a date for a working party to undertake repairs and to clean the VH bench.

d) Garrick Field

TOP Maintenance to cut back the grass in the Jubilee Wood in September. LMcN to speak our local farmer to request the annual hedge trim work. LMcN to raise an invoice to the FC for their annual rent, which will rise by 9% in line with inflation.

e) Village Pond Monthly Inspection

The monthly report has been circulated, there is a small amount of blanket weed but other than this and the cutting back of some trees in November all is in good order.

Parish Projects

Pond

The detailed design for the pond project has been shared on social media and an expression of interest has been received by a local contractor. A road closure is not expected to be necessary. It is proposed that the plaque on the existing bench which is not part of the scheme is moved to a new bench.

The meeting closed at 21.16 Next meeting is the 6th November

Approved 6th November 2023

