

## ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 7PM (REMOTELY BY WAY OF VIDEO CONFERENCING)

1 Present: Cllr Moore, Cllr Rix, Cllr Jacobs, Cllr Baker, Cllr Nunn, Cllr Kemp & Cllr Gray  
(*minuting*)

2 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Malvesi who is attending another meeting

3 Declarations of Interest: Noted: None

4 (a). To consider and approve the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Cllr Rix proposed and Cllr Jacobs seconded that the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were a true and accurate record of the meeting. All Cllrs present approved.

(b). To consider and approve the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Cllr Moore proposed and Cllr Baker seconded that the Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were a true and accurate record of the meeting. All Cllrs present approved.

5 Matters Arising:

(i) No applications for the position of Clerk to the Parish Council received to date. Noted that the application and interview dates would need to be extended.

6 Public Forum: No attendance recorded at this meeting

7 District and County Cllrs Reports: Noted that one report from Cllr Kemp for January 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

8 Correspondence: (all correspondence forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)

9 Speed Indicator Devices:

- (i) Cllrs noted and accepted the recommendations in the SCC Safety and Speed Management 'Working Together to Reduce Speeding' document as guidance for installing Speed Indicator Devices in Alpheton & Bridge Street
- (ii) Cllrs supported, in principle, the purchase of two Sierzega GR33 CL SID's. Cllr Kemp agreed to contact Mr Motterham at Suffolk Highways to seek clarification for purchasing direct from the supplier in Austria.
- (iii) Cllr Moore agreed to seek out Volunteers to form a Committee to manage the positioning of SID's to the six agreed sites within Alpheton and Bridge Street
- (iv) Equipment required for repositioning SID's would need to be purchased to support a new Volunteer Committee

10 Sunnica Energy Farm Project: *Correspondence circulated prior to the meeting*

Cllrs recommended rejection to the Energy Farm Project siting the location proposed and the vast size of the project. Cllrs raised concerns that the site covers an extensive area of good quality agricultural land, some two and half thousand acres, that may be needed for the future farming.

11 Clerk's/RFO's reports:

- (i) Cllrs agreed Draft 4 of the 2021-2022 Precept raising the Parish Council element of Band D Council Tax to £50.10 per annum. The rise is due to the increased number of hours from four to six per week allocated for the new Parish Clerk.
- (ii) No current invoices were submitted for payment.

12 Planning: New Planning Application for Lynwold, Old Bury Road (*Correspondence circulated prior to the meeting*)

Cllrs supported a draft appraisal submitted by Cllr Moore reviewing the new planning application for Lynwold. Cllrs unanimously approved the appraisal rejecting strongly to the new plans which will take the form of the Parish Council's response. Other factors ie restricted traffic flow in relation to emergency vehicles caused during construction will be included. The Parish Council rejects this new Application on grounds of unsustainability and the lack of new evidence to support any reversal to the first planning dismissal by the Secretary of State.

13 Parish Councillors Reports:

Cllr Nunn reported that from 4pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 people aged over 80 will start receiving their Coronavirus Vaccinations at The Lavenham Surgery. The Surgery will be open from 8am – 8pm and over the weekend. To date 930 letters had been posted out to residents and the Long Melford Volunteer Group had recruited 60 people to assist with car parking and drivers for those who require transport.

14 Date and time of the next meeting: The next meeting will take place at 7pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 by video conferencing (zoom)

The meeting ended at 20.05pm