

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7PM (REMOTELY BY WAY OF VIDEO CONFERENCING)

- 1 Present: Cllr Kemp, Cllr Rix, Cllr Baker, Cllr Jacobs, Cllr Nunn, Cllr Gray (*minuting in absence of the Clerk*) were in attendance.
- 2 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Malvisi.
- 3 Declarations of Interest: Noted that Cllr Kemp would not participate in Item 9 (Planning) owing to personal knowledge of the Architect involved in the application.
- 4 To consider and approve the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2021
Noted: Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2021 to be approved at the Parish Council meeting on 6th April 2021
- 5 Matters Arising:
- (i) Noted: extension date for the post of Parish Clerk revised to 31 March 2021 for applications, with interviews from 6th April 2021. Noted also that this was updated on the SALC website before the original deadline date for applications of 28 February 2021.
 - (ii) Following advice from SALC, Cllrs agreed that the application received prior to the deadline date of 28 February 2021 should be considered within the original deadline dates, with interview to be carried out from week commencing 1st March.
Cllr Kemp proposed and Cllr Rix seconded the decision.
- 6 Public Forum: No members of the public attended the meeting.
- 7 District and County Cllrs Reports:
Cllr Kemp updated Councillors on the following:
- (i) The County Council has announced a 4% increase in Council Tax which will be allocated to Social Care
 - (ii) Elections will take place on 6th May 2021 for County Councillors and the Police Commissioners role. A voting form is available to download from the BDC webpage for Long Melford Ward, 'Local Elections' to complete.
- 8 Correspondence: (*all correspondence has been forwarded to Cllrs ahead of the meeting*)
- 9 Planning
- (i) The amended second application for Lynwold, Old Bury Road, Alpheton was discussed. Concern raised that should this latest application, to build one house and not four (as already submitted in two applications) be approved, it could lead to additional houses being built on the remaining land between Lynwold and this one property in the future.
 - (ii) The offer of a container style Shed to house a Village Shop at the Village Hall, maintained by Volunteers, was considered totally unsustainable. A shop in the location proposed would not attract sufficient footfall to succeed.
 - (iii) All other considerations such as flooding, width of the road and dangerous tight bend, were discussed in the two previous applications. The Developer had not presented any viable alterations or solutions to resident's concerns or complaints.
 - (iv) Cllr Moore agreed to write a consultee response on behalf of the Parish Council and send to the BDC Planning Department.
- 10 Clerks/RFP's reports:
- (i) The Chair reported that two Defibrillators had been ordered. A slight delay owing to supply issues was expected.
 - (ii) The Chair reported that two Speed Indicator Devices had been ordered direct from the manufacturer in Austria.
 - (iii) The 'Agreement' with Safety & Speed Management at SCC had been submitted, signed and approved by SCC Legal Services.

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- (iv) Cllr Kemp's donation of £2,500 being held by SCC Councillor Allowances and Locality Budgets had been requested and the amount is expected to appear in the Parish Council Bank account shortly.
- (v) The Chair reported that the Alpheton Parish Council Public Liability Insurance is sufficient to support Volunteers in their tasks of repositioning the SID's, provided individuals do not do anything contrary to Parish Council advice.

11 Parish Councillors reports:

- (i) Cllr Jacobs reported further unsuccessful attempts to have the Grit Bin in Old Bury Road replaced. SCC Highways made no response to her emails. Cllr Kemp and Cllr Jacobs to continue to follow up with SCC.
- (ii) Cllr Moore reported that a small group of Volunteers had cleared the undergrowth at the junction of Old Bury Road with the A134 which has improved vision for vehicles exiting Old Bury Road.

12 Date and time of next Parish Council:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 6th April 2021 by way of video conferencing.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

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