

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALPHETON
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST 2009 AT 7.30 PM.

Present; Acting Chairman; Mr Alan Ariss, Mr J Holdway, Mrs M Lankester, Mr T Rix. Also present Mr J Brand, the Clerk, Mrs J Rix, and two members of the public.

Apologies; Mr R Kemp, Mr G Maskell. (Apologies accepted.)

Declaration of Interest; Trevor Rix with regard to the vacancy.

The previous meetings minutes were signed as correct. Proposed by John Holdway and seconded by Alan Ariss.

Matters Arising.

The cheque from Alpheton Garage has been received and banked.

Planning Applications

1.B/09/00365/CEU

The Former Airfield, Alpheton.

Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use.

Application has been withdrawn.

2.B/09/00441/FHA/GC (1st Application)

Forest Lodge, Church lane. Alpheton.

Erection of First floor side extension & front porch.

Permission refused.

3. B/09/00652/FHA (2nd Application)

Forest Lodge, Church lane. Alpheton.

Erection of First floor side extension & front porch.

Permission granted.

4. B/09/00500/LBC

Barns at Alpheton Hall Barn

Listed building consent – Insertion of replacement doors to south porches; infilling of studwork with lime panels; alterations to timber frame.

Permission granted.

The parking situation near the garage is better now.

The Electoral Registration and Returning Officer has written to say that this council may co-opt a new councillor. Mr Ariss proposed Ken Watkins and this was seconded by Trevor Rix. There being no other nominations Mr Watkins was duly co-opted. He signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

It had been suggested at the last meeting that the council should mark the contribution that Edwin Taylor has made to this village as a councillor, with a tribute of some kind. It was decided that a tree would be chosen and planted with a plaque to commemorate Edwin.

It was agreed to put the council minutes on the website once signed with a note in the village magazine to say where they are.

John Brand then gave his report and Richard Kemp's report was read by the chairman. Both were thanked for these. The reports are on file.

Highways

Old Bury Road is in a very poor state with the surface of the road sinking. We will write to ask if works can be done.

Police

There was no police presence at this meeting. The clerk will email the dates of future meetings, and indicate that the council would welcome a report.

The Village sign made by John Trevelyan had needed some repair which his widow initiated. A cheque to cover this was issued (No; 323 dated 01.07.09 £28.75)
It was resolved to an eye on this in future to keep it in good repair.

Brian Pinder has indicated that this would be his last year as Internal Auditor. He was thanked for his work. Suggestions were asked for a replacement auditor.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Yorkshire bank plc to obtain a new mandate for signing cheques.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 7.45pm

The next meeting will be November 3rd at 7pm.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM.

Present; Acting Chairman; Mr Alan Ariss, Mr J Holdway, Mrs M Lankester, Mr T Rix, Mr K Watkins. Also present Mr R Kemp, the Clerk, Mrs J Rix, and one member of the public.

Apologies; Mr J Brand, Mr G Maskell. PCSO Julia Bignall. (Apologies accepted.)

Declaration of Interest; Alan Ariss with regards to Village Hall.

The previous meetings minutes were signed as correct. Proposed by Trevor Rix and seconded by John Holdway

Matters Arising.

There will be further discussion regarding the tree to commemorate Edwin Taylor.

It was agreed that the previous meeting's minutes will be published on the website.

We have sent a letter and photographs about the state of Old Bury Road to Highways Department, Suffolk County Council. No reply as yet.

Our Police Officer has emailed with apologies, and asking for dates of Coffee Pot and Mobile Library. She will attend Coffee Pot on 17th November to meet our residents.

A Crime Report has been received. Between 4th May and 29th October there have been 4 crimes. We have also had the mobile speed camera on several occasions.

Lyn Wilson has agreed to be our internal auditor.

The Clerk will contact the bank regarding changing our signatories.

Planning

An Extraordinary meeting met to discuss the following;

Planning application; Application; B/09/01009/FUL

Location; The Former Control Tower Alpheton Airfield, Shop Hill, Alpheton

Proposal; Change of Use of former Airfield Building to office/meeting room; erection of material test facility; construction of hardstanding and vehicular access.

A Noise Report has been received for the above following some testing carried out for the benefit of Babergh Officers on 14th October.

One application to be discussed tonight;

Application B/09/01169/FHA

Elms farm, Old Bury Road, Alpheton CO10 9BU

Erection of single storey extension and first floor shower room with new windows. Alteration to outbuilding to form an open carport, store rooms and garage. Construction of new vehicular access drive. Erection of replacement wall.

Plus Listed Building Consent.

Finance

Mr Ariss had prepared a draft budget in advance of the request from Babergh District Council for the council's projected precept. There is a general increase of 3% . It is hoped that some refurbishment of the village bus shelters will take place soon.

One cheque was authorised;

No; 362 £12 Alpheton Village hall – hall hire.

A recent crash at Bridge Street damaged the tree by the bus shelter. Alec Maskell kindly cleared up the damage and he will be paid for this.

A letter from Mrs Trevelyan on behalf of Alpheton PCC was also received requesting help with funding Alpheton Parish News. This was agreed.

Last year's Locality Budget has been held for works to Alpheton Village hall car park. Mr Kemp has offered this year's funding and this could be used for the Village magazine.

Richard Kemp then gave his report and was thanked.

Correspondence.

List appended.

It was noted that the National Grid is holding a series of public consultation events about proposals for a new 400,000 volt overhead line between Bramford near Ipswich and Twinstead near Sudbury. The Chairman of Chattisham and Hintlesham Parish Council has asked for our support to their proposal that this line is placed underground. It was agreed to do this.

It was noted that Babergh District Council will be making changes to the refuse collections. It will eventually ensure that Mid Suffolk collections are alternated with Babergh collection on a bin colour basis. It will be necessary to wait and see if a sticker appears on the bin to explain what to do. It is disappointing that the information arrived a few days ago and was far too late for inclusion in the magazine.

Any Other Business

Hamilton Road Quarter, Sudbury (Bus Station Area) options Draft and Supplementary Documents are available for viewing.

Timothy Rix asked if it was possible to have the village magazine in digital format. It was felt that there would be too small a customer base for this at the moment and that many elderly residents would prefer the paper copy.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 8.05pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 5th 2010 at 7pm.