

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

**Additional Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council
on 8th January 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

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5. Public Forum
6. Planning:
 - (i) Application DC/18/05347 – planning application for conversion and extension of barn to dwelling. Creation of new vehicular access, sewage treatment plant and landscaping. Erection of cartlodge in position of former barn footprint. **Midway Farm Barn, Bury Road, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 0JL;**
 - (ii) Application DC/18/05346 – planning application – erection of 2No.2 bedroom holiday lets, parking area, improvements to existing access, installation of sewerage treatment plant and landscaping. Restoration of airfield building and creation of museum room within. **Airfield Barns, Bury Road, Alpheton, Suffolk.**
7. Parish Cllrs Reports (if any)
8. Date and time of next meeting

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

03/01/18

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT

ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 8 JANUARY 2019 AT 7PM

Present: Cllrs: Ken Watkins (Chairman), Richard Barraclough, Trevor Rix, Madeline Gray, Bridget Sumner and Graham Maskell; Parish Clerk Nicola Smith; and one member of the public present.

1. Welcome: Chairman Cllr Watkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Cllr Kemp sent his apologies, he was at another meeting. District Cllr Nunn had confirmed with the Clerk that he was not required to be at the additional meeting for two new planning matters.
3. Present: Present as above.
4. Declarations of interest: Cllr Rix declared an interest in item 6(ii) on the basis that Airfield Barns was near to his property and he was a nearby farmer with disused buildings similar to the "airfield barn" on it.
5. Public Forum:
 Parishioner who is neighbouring land owner/user to application DC/18/05346 spoke within the public forum as follows:-
 He had instructed Whymark and Moulton to respond to the planning application on his behalf as the owner of Shimpling Park Farm. He confirmed that the Applicant does not own or have any rights over any part of the former airfield. He had concerns that visitors to the proposed "museum" may assume that they can go and wander over the airfield land, but that is not the case. Indeed if they did this it may cause a health and safety issue to the user of the land and any machinery etc that they are required to use during the course of their business. The family that own the airfield land had done so since 1904 and therefore were a very established user of the land. Their activities such as organic composting on the concrete hardstanding near the proposed site for the 2 new holiday lets and museum is a long term practice. It does cause high levels of odour when it is turned, but this is not a problem currently as it is far enough away from any place where people are residing. He could not imagine that any holiday makers would find it desirable to be subjected to the odour.
 The parishioner had concerns over land contamination and provided the Parish Council with a copy of a map showing the old radar room (Airfield Barn) and the proximity of 2 x bulk petrol installations each holding 75000 gallons.
 A further issue was access to and from the holiday lets and the museum, and it was noted by the Parish Council that the Highways Dept also had concerns over access.

Signed.....

Dated.....

With regards to the small museum space, the parishioner queries were noted in the letter from Whymark and Moulton to the BDC Planning Service.

Parishioner then left the meeting, as he felt that the PC may be able to discuss more freely the application if he were not present.

6. Planning:

- (i) Application DC/18/05347 – planning application for conversion and extension of barn to dwelling. Creation of new vehicular access, sewage treatment plant and landscaping. Erection of cartlodge in position of former barn footprint. **Midway Farm Barn, Bury Road, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 0JL.**

Cllrs discussed this planning matter. It was noted that the application stated that Babergh DC has not met its five year land supply. However in July 2018 Babergh had announced that it now could meet and indeed exceed its housing supply for the next 5 years. This point was noted along with the response from Cockfield Parish Council as a consultee. Clerk had clarified with Cockfield PC that a public meeting had not been held to discuss this planning matter, it had not been advertised appropriately on an Agenda and therefore members of the public/parishioners had not been given the opportunity to attend a public meeting to put forward their views. Clerk was asked to request that the planning department dismiss any response from Cockfield PC on this basis. Notwithstanding these observations Alpheton PC concluded that the old barn was falling down and if it were converted to a dwelling that a useful home could be created. As such the PC had no objection to this application.

- (ii) Application DC/18/05346 – planning application – erection of 2 No.2 bedroom holiday lets, parking area, improvements to existing access, installation of sewerage treatment plant and landscaping. Restoration of airfield building and creation of museum room within. **Airfield Barns, Bury Road, Alpheton, Suffolk.**

The following observations were made:-

The current and long term use, if development were permitted, caused concern to Cllrs. If the holiday let business did not succeed in such a remote location would this site ultimately end up on an application for residential homes in the village. The Parish has already had over 5% of new builds with the approval of the Newmans Lodge application, and there was still a decision to be made with regards to Lynwold, which would take new development to over 10% of the number of homes in the parish. The PC had raised the point with BDC that the village is a countryside village and not a

hinterland and as such the level of development being proposed whether it be residential or holiday let is beyond what a countryside village should have imposed on it.

The issue of land contamination also concerned Cllrs and they would like the planning department to ensure rigorous reports are submitted before any planning decision is made.

The museum and the holiday lets are not providing any jobs in the locality. This is clearly set out in the planning documents. Therefore, no local advantage would be gained for parishioners, and instead there was concern about “creeping” development.

No business plan had been submitted in relation to the holiday lets or the museum. It would seem that it would be open every day, but would not have any member of staff there. Who would know the number of visitors, how would their safety be ensured, as the parishioner had stated in the public forum the surrounding airfield land is not owned by the Applicant. What would visitors gain from going to a small museum in a remote location and would they be expecting that they could walk around the airfield site. This then poses concerns about health and safety.

Cllrs also noted the comments made in relation to organic composting from an existing and long standing user of the land next to where the 2 proposed holiday lets and museum would be. Cllrs did not think that a long standing business next to the proposed site of the 2 holidays lets should have to changes its reasonable business practice to accommodate the holiday let and museum business.

In short, all of the concerns set out in Whymark and Moulton’s letter dated 19 December 2018 mirrored the concerns of the Parish Council. Cllr Rix did not take part in any decisions about the PC response, but all other Cllrs unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should submit its objection to this planning matter. In addition, the Clerk was asked to raise with the planning authority the issue of the consultee response from Cockfield Parish Council which had been submitted without an Agenda being advertised and a public meeting taking place. The Clerk at Cockfield PC had confirmed by way of email to the Clerk that a planning sub-committee at Cockfield PC only had considered the matter and without a public meeting had submitted a response. As such their response should be dismissed.

Signed.....

Dated.....

7. Parish Cllrs Report (if any):

Chairman reported that he had looked at the BDC planning website to see if any decision had been made in relation to Lynwold. No determination as of yet. Flood report is now on the website, which gives recommendations. Cllrs discussed the issue of access and asked the Clerk to enquire of the planning officer allocated to this matter as to whether they would attend a meeting with some Cllrs on Old Bury Road so that the Officer could see for themselves how that entrance on to Old Bury Road from the A134 is difficult and can be dangerous with limited views.

8. Date and time of next meeting: 5 February 2019 at 7pm and thereafter 2 April 2019 at 7pm (subject to any additional meetings).

Meeting closed: 8pm

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Signed.....

Dated.....

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council

on 5th February 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes of 4 December 2018 and 8 January 2019
6. Matters arising
7. District and County Cllrs Reports
8. Public Forum
9. Correspondence:
 - i. Email response dated 11 January 2019 from Community Warden Supervisor at Sudbury Town Council re: litter road signs;
 - ii. Email dated 17 January 2019 from Long Melford Parish Council regarding regulation 14 consultation on Long Melford draft Neighbourhood Plan (3);
 - iii. Email dated 31 January regarding School Travel Policy changes.
10. Clerks/RFO Report
11. 2019 Parish Elections
12. Parish Cllrs Reports (if any)
13. Planning:
 - (i) Application DC/19/00188 – Application for consent to carry out works to tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order: Proposal to fell Ash (G5) – 061 at Green Apple, Old Bury Road, Alpheton.

Planning Decisions

- (i) Application DC/18/05346 – planning application – erection of 2No.2 bedroom holiday lets, parking area, improvements to existing access, installation of sewerage treatment plant and landscaping. Restoration of airfield building and creation of museum room within. **Airfield Barns, Bury Road, Alpheton, Suffolk.**

To consider the Planning Officers Report and Recommendation dated 17/01/2019 and any next steps.

14. Date and time of next meeting – 2 April 2019.

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

31/01/18

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 5 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7PM**

Present: Cllrs: Ken Watkins (Chairman), Richard Barraclough, Trevor Rix, Madeline Gray, Bridget Sumner and Richard Kemp. District and County Cllr Kemp and District Cllr John Nunn, Parish Clerk Nicola Smith; and two members of the public present.

1. Welcome: Chairman Cllr Watkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Cllr Maskell sent his apologies, due to working commitments.
3. Present: Present as above.
4. Declarations of interest: Cllr Rix declared an interest in item 13 – “Planning Decision – Airfield Barns” on the basis that Airfield Barns was near to his property and he was a nearby farmer with disused buildings similar. He also had a working relationship with the owner of the land next to Airfield Barn, and who had objected to the planning application.
5. Minutes of 4 December 2018 and 8 January 2019:
Minutes of 4 December 2018 – Cllr Rix proposed and Cllr Barraclough seconded that they were a true and accurate record. All Cllrs present agreed.
Minutes of 8 January 2019 – Cllr Sumner proposed and Cllr Barraclough seconded that they were a true and accurate record. All Cllrs present agreed.
6. Matters arising:
Lynwold foliage – To date it has not been cut back, but as the greenery has disappeared, the it would be better to wait until things start growing again to see the extent of the problem, before reverting the matter back to the Highways Department. Whatever happens, the turning into Old Bury Road is never going to be anything other than a blind bend but trimming back might improve things slightly.

Two new grit bins – Clerk is progressing the order.
7. District and County Cllrs Reports:
District Cllr John Nunn reported that he had attended the recent “Vision for Sudbury” meeting in Sudbury Town Hall. Many of the discussions were regarding the bus station area and Hamilton Road.

Signed.....

Dated.....

District and County Cllr Richard Kemp's report:

How will proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) affect you?

Consultation to understand the equality impacts there may be as a result of proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding.

Suffolk County Council is carrying out a consultation to understand the equality impacts there may be as a result of proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding which the authority currently provides. At the Council's Scrutiny meeting on 22 November 2018, the committee considered details of proposed savings totalling £11.2m so the council can balance its budget. Amongst these savings was the proposal to remove the funding grant that the county council gives Suffolk's CAB.

Committee members recommended changing the proposal to a phased reduction – a recommendation that was later agreed by Cabinet. It is now proposed that the grant will reduce by half to £184,000 in 2019/20 before ending in 2020/21.

A consultation regarding this decision ran from 12 noon on Monday 17 December until 5pm on Wednesday 23 January. Comments made through the consultation will be used to help inform the final decision on the council budget, which is due to be made by full council on 14 February 2019.

Sport and Physical Activity worth £270m a year to the Suffolk Economy

A new report has revealed the importance of the Sport and Physical Activity sector to the Suffolk economy.

Undertaken by specialist economic development and regeneration consultancy Hatch Regeneris, the report shows that the sector contributes £270m a year to the Suffolk economy. This accounts for over 10,000 jobs or 3% of all employment in Suffolk and is almost double the proportion seen at national levels.

The report shows that employment in the sector has grown at a faster rate than all other sectors in Suffolk, up 60% in the last 5 years. By contrast, employment in financial and professional services has grown by 10% over the same period.

The report highlights the importance of continuing the drive towards increasing participation as a way of both improving productivity and reducing the spend on health and social care. It estimates that a reduction of just 10% in Suffolk employee sickness rates would give the Suffolk economy a boost of £42m annually.

The report also recognises both the importance of the sector in providing a stepping stone into employment as well as a gateway into higher skilled jobs. The report also highlights the need for organisations in Suffolk work together to respond to the future skills needs of a growing sector.

In relation to events, the report acknowledges that Suffolk has a busy annual sporting calendar with potential to grow further. Events like the Great East Swim generate an estimated £¾ million to the county annually. The county's event programme could be further enhanced to include events like an Ironman or a large-scale beach sports event. This could cement Suffolk's reputation as a leader in the sector and attract people from different parts of the country and stimulate local economic spend.

Consumers failing to protect themselves from online fraud this Sales Season

Hunt for a bargain putting shoppers at risk of falling victim to online scams, warns National Trading Standards.

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Dated.....

New research has uncovered only 5% of consumers think undertaking vital cyber safety checks is the most important factor when shopping online in the Boxing Day and January sales, putting themselves at risk of falling victim to a scam.

This shocking statistic, from research commissioned by National Trading Standards* has raised concerns that shoppers will put finding a bargain before anything when shopping online. A quarter (26%) of those surveyed said finding the cheapest offer was most important when sales shopping online, even more than getting the items they specifically wanted (17%).

Consumers who shop online regularly often miss basic safety checks such as looking for reviews of the seller (24%), the returns policy (22%) and checking for the padlock symbol in the task bar (28%). Missing out these simple checks could explain why almost 1 in 5 (19%) respondents know someone who has fallen victim to a scam when shopping online.

The temptation to rush into finding the cheapest deal or best bargain amongst the madness of the Boxing Day and January sales could put many consumers at risk of receiving poor quality, substandard and overpriced goods, or maybe nothing at all.

National Trading Standards is urging consumers to take extra care when shopping online this sales season and has issued a 'Sale Safety' checklist to help people avoid the criminals who may be luring in customers with the too-good-to-be true prices on popular items.

National Trading Standards sale safety checklist

Look closely at the website before you hit the 'buy' button:

- Try searching for reviews of the product or the seller – do these seem genuine?
- Are there lots of spelling or grammar mistakes on the site? This can be a clue that a business is not professionally run.
- See if you can find out where the company's head office is based – and whether that fits with how the website presents itself.
- Do they have a landline number you can call if there are any problems? Bear in mind that if the company is based abroad, it can be more difficult to get a complaint dealt with or return a faulty product.
- Read the small print – notice if anything seems odd, repetitive or in incorrect English.
- Is there an 's' at the end of the 'http' part of the web address, or is there a padlock symbol in the task bar? This means the website is using an encrypted system that keeps your details more secure.
- Be wary of promotions and discount offers that appear on your social media feeds – these can look authentic as they often try to imitate genuine brands, but in many cases the link will take you to a 'copycat' website selling fake or counterfeit products at discount prices.

Don't be dazzled by a bargain: Are the prices incredibly low? If they look too good to be true, they probably are – particularly if some of your other checks have put doubts in your mind.

Be aware that criminals exploit high demand: When items like branded children's toys start to sell out at well-known retailers, the void is quickly filled by crooks churning out poor quality imitations that can put children in danger. Don't 'panic buy' from the first website you find – do your usual common-sense checks.

Report it: National Trading Standards needs your help to clamp down on unsafe products from abroad. If you believe that any online or face-to-face seller is selling potentially dangerous goods, or something you've bought has made you suspicious, report it to Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **03454 04 05 06**.

Energy Project awards its 100th grant to help businesses be more environmentally friendly

100 Norfolk and Suffolk businesses have now received a grant from The Business Energy Efficiency (BEE) Anglia project.

Signed.....

Dated.....

100 Norfolk and Suffolk businesses have now received a grant from The Business Energy Efficiency (BEE) Anglia project, which provides free support to eligible organisations to help them become more energy efficient.

Screenworks Limited, one of the UK's leading promotional textile suppliers based in Haverhill, recently received the 100th grant having successfully applied for £16,240 to help fund two new gas dryers. This new equipment will provide huge energy saving results, reduce their carbon footprint by 21 tonnes and cut costs by £5,700 every year.

The BEE Anglia project has now delivered £540,000 in similar grants, with £1.8million spent in total on green projects. Local organisations are still able to apply for these grants.

Grant funding is just one of the ways that the BEE Anglia project supports businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and save money. It also offers free energy reviews and the chance to work towards a Carbon Charter for your organisation.

Businesses interested in the BEE Anglia Project can find out more and register online www.beeanglia.org or call 01473 350370.

Public Health Suffolk launches Sugar Reduction Fund

Public Health Suffolk and Suffolk Community Foundation will offer grant funding to support local projects which encourage a reduction in sugar intake.

Public Health Suffolk has partnered with Suffolk Community Foundation to offer grant funding to support local projects which encourage a reduction in sugar intake and a healthier lifestyle for children and young people.

The funding encourages organisations working with or on behalf of children to develop projects to reduce sugar consumption. The grant, totalling £20,000 is open to PTAs or Friends of Schools/PRUs and community groups such as Brownies, Scouts and youth projects to bid for funding of up to £1,000.

Public Health Suffolk is looking to support child or young person led projects which address the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board 10-point sugar reduction plan. The fund encourages young people to be creative, and for projects to use alternative methods to promote their work.

The fund contributes to the county's system-wide plans to reduce children and young people's sugar intake. Public Health Suffolk is already working with OneLife Suffolk and Ormiston Sudbury Academy on a health promotion campaign designed to promote ways to reduce sugar consumption in food and drinks. The campaign encourages children to make 'sugar swaps' recording where they have swapped a sugary food or drink for a healthier option in a sugar swap diary.

OneLife Suffolk is supporting the project, offering free workshops for those taking part, to help identify different ways of reducing sugar intake and to help kick start projects to improve the health and wellbeing of their pupils and staff.

10,000 Suffolk Homes say 'No' to cold callers on their doorsteps

Suffolk Trading Standards recently gave out its 10,000th No Cold Calling sticker, just four years after launching the campaign.

The stickers are placed on a homeowner's front door to declare that the resident does not want uninvited traders to call at their property.

The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, state that traders who approach a resident after having seen the sticker, are committing an offence.

Signed.....

Dated.....

With National Sticker Day on 13 January, it's a timely opportunity to get a No Cold Calling sticker for yourself or someone you know.

The 10,000th sticker was given to residents of Bruisyard at one of the village's monthly 'Soup and Pudding Lunches', which Suffolk Trading Standards attended in partnership with The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project.

For further details of No Cold Calling zones and how to get your own No Cold Calling sticker, visit www.suffolk.gov.uk.

If you have concerns about any individual calling at your door, you can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **03454 04 05 06**.

8. Public Forum:

Parishioner enquired whether a local Police Officer ever attend Parish Council Meetings, or indeed whether they were ever present in the village now because on a daily basis there were speeding offences being committed. Chairman, Cllr Kemp and Cllr Nunn explained that due to cutbacks the Police will now try to attend an Annual Parish Meeting in each parish once per year, but sometimes if they have urgent policing commitments elsewhere this does not always happen. The Parish Council no longer receive monthly reports from the Police, again due to cutbacks. Reports can be seen online on the Suffolk Police website but the information is usually not up to date, for example the current crime figures being reported are from several months ago. The mobile speed awareness sign appeared in the village infrequently, as did the Police mobile speed detecting vehicle. The Parish Council confirmed that they would very much like to see a return of a Police Officer presence in the village and at meetings, giving reports and often helpful advice regarding securing property, but the current situation with Police financial cutbacks means that this seems unlikely to happen in the near future. Parishioner thanked the Parish Council for all the hard work, time and commitment they put into the village. He had not appreciated how much work was carried out by the Parish Council.

9. Correspondence:

- i. Email response dated 11 January 2019 from Community Warden Supervisor at Sudbury Town Council re: litter road signs. Following discussion Cllrs asked the Clerk if she would (a) contact Sudbury Town Council to enquire as to whether they would erect the signs along the Alpheton part of the A134 as they had for part of the A134 that was within the Long Melford boundary, and (b) to make enquiries of a scheme used in nearby villages, that employ volunteer ex young offenders under a managed and supervised scheme, to see if they can offer assistance with litter picking along the Alpheton part of the A134.
- ii. Email dated 17 January 2019 from Long Melford Parish Council regarding regulation 14 consultation on Long Melford draft Neighbourhood Plan (3); Cllrs confirmed that they had no objections.

Signed.....

Dated.....

- iii. Email dated 31 January regarding School Travel Policy changes. Details can be found on the village website at alpheton.onesuffolk.net

10. Clerks/RFO Report:

Since 4th December 2018 the Parish Council had received income of £50 by way of a SCC grant out of County Cllr Kemp's locality budget. This money was specifically for the use of paying the webhosting fees within the current financial year (1 April 2018 – 31st March 2019). The webhosting fees had already been paid within this financial period.

Income

SCC (webhosting grant)	50.00	BACS
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Payment approved at meeting on 04/12/2018 (and not on previous schedule)

G Maskell (grass cutting)	975.00	602	Open Spaces Act
Paddy Trevelyan (Tree of Lights refreshments under the LGA 1972.	15.98	603	Chairs Allowance

(Cheque 603 has subsequently been returned as the incorrect first name was put on the cheque, and therefore new cheque issued under cheque number 604)

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Schedule of invoices awaiting authorisation for payment

Mrs P Trevelyan (see above)	15.98	604	LGA 1972
Village Hall hire (08/01 and 05/02)	24.00	605	LGA 1972
N Smith (Clerk's salary)	270.44	606	LGA 1972
HMRC (tax and NI)	67.60	607	Inc&Taxes Act
PCC Parish Magazine donation	132.00	608	LGA 1972

	1485.02		

All Cllrs present approved the payments. Cheques duly signed.

Clerk explained that the Precept form signed at the previous meeting had sustained water damage. Babergh officer had been very helpful and asked that a new Precept form be signed at this meeting and Clerk will submit the following day. Duly signed and dated.

The Precept will give the Parish a Council Tax Band D amount of £30.28. This is a decrease of -0.53% on 2018/19.

Signed.....

Dated.....

11. 2019 Parish Elections:

Clerk had attended a training course organised by SALC regarding parish elections and had circulated a note to all Cllrs. Awaiting further information from Babergh regarding the date of Public Notices, and the Babergh Nomination Pack. Clerk will circulate as soon as this information is received.

Public Notice will be put up on the village notice boards. Elections will be held on 2 May 2019 and Nomination documents for each candidate will need to be submitted, in person, by no later than 4pm on 3 April 2019.

In order to comply with regulations Cllrs agreed that the APM and APCM should be on 21st May 2019.

12. Parish Cllrs Report (if any)

- (i) Chairman reported on the following:-
 - (a) He had received a request for a litter bin to be placed inside the bus shelter on the Green (the other bus shelters already have them). Clerk will get details of cost and place on the Agenda for the next meeting;
 - (b) Potholes in Church Lane and Tye Green have become quite substantial both in size and number. Clerk will photograph, report on the Highways Reporting Tool and keep a summary document and check progress;
 - (c) Planning permission at Lynwold has been refused.
- (ii) Cllrs discussed the entrance onto the Old Bury Road from the A134 being difficult to see in in the dark, as there is no residual lighting there. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to County Cllr Kemp enquiring if it was possible to have some reflector leader posts at and near the entrance to Old Bury Road which would show where it is located for traffic wishing to turn off there.

13. Planning:

- (i) Application DC/19/00188 – Application for consent to carry out works to tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order: Proposal to fell Ash (G5) – 061 at Green Apple, Old Bury.

Cllrs considered and no comments/objections.

Planning Decision:

Application DC/18/05346 – erection of 2 No.2 bedroom holiday lets, parking area, improvements to existing access, installation of sewerage treatment plant and landscaping. Restoration of airfield building and creation of museum room within. **Airfield Barns, Bury Road, Alpheton, Suffolk.**

Cllr Trevor Rix did not take part in any discussion or decision making on this Agenda item as he had declared an item at Agenda item 4.

Planning permission has been granted. The Planning Officers Report and Recommendation document had been obtained from Babergh and it contains

an error in relation to the concrete hardstanding – it refers to the incorrect one. Cllrs considered and agreed the following action:-

- (a) Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of BDC, and copy in Mr Philip Isbell the Senior Planning Officer and ask that as the report had been prepared by an Officer and the decision of that Officer had been made on erroneous information within the report that the matter should be put before Committee for them to determine the planning application and on the correct information. The current decision is flawed.*
- (b) The letter to the Chief Executive to be sent Recorded Delivery.*
- (c) The adjoining land owner should have had a notice served on them, it is a legal requirement and we are unsure that BDC have done this.*
- (d) The issue of Cockfield PC not properly convening a meeting in order to submit a response has been ignored.*

14. Date and time of next meeting: 2 April 2019 at 7pm and thereafter on 21 May 2019 the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting (subject to any additional meetings).

Meeting closed: 8pm

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council

on 2nd April 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes of 5 February 2019
6. Matters arising
7. District and County Cllrs Reports
8. Public Forum
9. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)
 - i. Email dated 22 March 2019 from Shimpling Parish Council regarding transport provision;
 - ii. Email dated 27 March 2019 from Babergh District Council regarding Joint Area Parking Plan.
10. Clerks/RFO Report
11. To consider any next steps with regards to speeding vehicles on the A134;
12. To consider and approve quotations for a bin in the bus shelter at Tye Green
13. Parish Cllrs Reports (if any)
14. Planning:
 - i. Airfield Barns, Old Bury Road, Alpheton, IP30 0JJ - **Full** Planning Application – erection of 2 no. holiday lets with associated parking area.
15. Date and time of next meeting – 21 May 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

28/03/19

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 2 APRIL 2019 AT 7PM

Present: Cllrs: Ken Watkins (Chairman), Richard Barraclough, Trevor Rix, Bridget Sumner and Richard Kemp. District and County Cllr Kemp, District Cllr John Nunn, and Parish Clerk Nicola Smith. No members of the public were present.

1. Welcome: Chairman Cllr Watkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Cllr Maskell not present due to work commitments; and Cllr Gray was abroad.
3. Present: Present as above.
4. Declarations of interest: Cllr Rix declared an interest in item 14i – “Planning – Airfield Barns” on the basis that Airfield Barns was near to his property and he was a nearby farmer with disused buildings similar. He also had a working relationship with the owner of the land next to Airfield Barn.
5. Minutes of 5 February 2019:
Cllr Barraclough proposed and Cllr Sumner seconded that the draft Minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. All Cllrs present agreed.
6. Matters arising:
Litter bin at the bus stop on the green – two options for discussion under item 12 of the Agenda;

Two new Grit bins – Clerk has submitted application, and photographs of the two locations and is awaiting a response;

Potholes – Clerk had followed this up extensively since the last meeting, and had been out and photographed and reported various potholes at various locations around the village. County Cllr Kemp had arranged a meeting with a Highways Officer and the Chairman Cllr Watkins, County Cllr Kemp, Cllr Gray and Cllr Sumner together with a parishioner had met with the Highways Officer in the village to look at the various issues with potholes:

Aveley Lane potholes also being looked into.

Signed.....

Dated.....

7. District and County Cllrs Reports:

District Cllr John Nunn reported that due the pending elections on 2 May 2019, and therefore the restrictions in place known as “purdah”, not much is happening at the District Council, until after the district elections have taken place.

County Cllr Richard Kemp’s report:

Council pushes forward with funding commitment to create more places for specialist education in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet will discuss recommendations on Tuesday 23 April 2019.

Working together with parents/carers, education providers, partners and children to establish what support they need, Suffolk County Council wants to create more specialist education places in the county to give young people the best possible start in life with the right level of tailored support for their learning.

Suffolk faces a large demand for specialist education places due to population growth, advances in medicine and the increasing complexity of specialist educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Recommendations have been put forward for a financial investment of up to £45.6 million to support the development of a number of local specialist provisions for children and young people with SEND closer to home.

Providing more specialist education placements locally will mean that the county’s children and young people with additional needs will not have to spend unnecessary time away from their family and home travelling to a specialist provision outside of Suffolk. They will also have the opportunity to strengthen their roots within their local community, so they are able to build strong local networks as they move into adulthood.

The recommendations for the investment follows the work by a cross-party Policy Development Panel (PDP) which was established to realise the county’s local offer and identify suitable specialist education places as promptly as possible.

The work of the Panel involved a comprehensive analysis and consultation, visiting a variety of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities settings from in and around the county, considering the views of service users and their families, partners and education providers on the best way to grow Suffolk’s specialist education offer both in the short term and long term to meet future demand.

A green light to move forward with the work of the PDP was given at the Cabinet’s Committee meeting back in January this year. Further work has now taken place by the Council’s Capital Strategy Group to provide an overview of the required level of investment for individual projects.

The £45.6 million investment will create over 800 new specialist education places in the county. This will include three brand new special schools and 36 specialist units attached to existing mainstream schools. A significant number of these specialist units will be opened by September 2020.

The proposal for new schools includes a provision on the former Riverwalk site in Bury St Edmunds for complex, social, emotional and mental health needs and two schools for those with complex communication and interaction needs, one in Ipswich and one in North Suffolk.

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The financial investment will support the interim work that has already taken place in the county to manage immediately the increase in demand for education places for children and young people with additional needs. A new special school in Lowestoft opened in September 2017 and a further special school for children with social and emotional needs has been approved to be opened in Ipswich by 2020. Several of the county's existing special schools have increased their numbers and work has also taken place to establish a number of specialist small groups for specific local needs.

Suffolk's Domestic Abuse Champions Network needs you

The search is on for volunteers to join a network of champions that will help spread the message of support for those experiencing domestic abuse.

The champions will be provided with FREE training to equip them with the skills to spread awareness and share information of where to go for support within their organisations and networks. The Suffolk Domestic Abuse Champions Network will offer Champions a variety of support, knowledge, multi-agency links as well as access to training and events.

What is the aim of the Champions?

- To offer a consistent response to Domestic Abuse across Suffolk and support which is rooted in the community.
- Champions will be confident in encouraging disclosures of abuse, they will respond in a professional manner giving people the tools to stay safe and get the right support promptly.
- The Suffolk Domestic Abuse Champions Network is looking for people who are passionate about domestic abuse awareness raising and who are motivated to make changes. Champions will be able to recognise the signs and the impact, whilst understanding risk and offering basic safety advice.

Email dachampions@suffolk.gov.uk for more information and to register interest.

Suffolk Record Office achieves National Accreditation

Suffolk Record Office has been awarded Archive Service Accreditation. Accredited Archive Services ensure the long-term collection, preservation and accessibility of our archive heritage. Accreditation is the UK quality standard which recognises good performance in all areas of archive service delivery.

Achieving accredited status demonstrates that Suffolk Record Office has met clearly defined national standards relating to management and resourcing; the care of its unique collections and the service it offers its entire range of users. The Suffolk Record Office has started its transition to create a reshaped service right across the county, with "The Hold: A Suffolk Archive Service for the 21st Century", project.

The new Heritage and Archives Centre in Ipswich being created as part of this project is set to open its doors in Spring 2020, replacing the existing Ipswich Record Office in Gatacre Road, whilst the Lowestoft and Bury Record Offices will remain open.

The ongoing service transformation brings Suffolk Record Office in line with the latest national guidance and the highest standard of care, for preserving Suffolk's archives.

The accreditation status awarded is provisional, and progression to full Accredited Archive Service status is subject to areas of planned development for the new, revitalised service meeting the national standards; for example the completion of The Hold building and movement of collections to improved accommodation. A review is scheduled to take place by March 2021.

Alongside a new bespoke heritage facility for the county's archives, The Hold project will provide greater access to Suffolk's archives via digital content, as well as a wide range of events and activities across the whole county, bringing people closer to Suffolk's history than ever before.

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Fears more Children's centres could close
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Up to half of Suffolk's children's centres could close as part of a wide-ranging review of public services.

Suffolk County Council is reviewing the future of its 38 remaining centres.

Campaigner Anne Humphrys said the facilities, which offer advice, support and play sessions for pre-schoolers, provided a "lifeline" for parents.

The Tory-run council said its review aimed to provide "co-ordinated support for children in need".

Ms Humphrys, co-chair of Suffolk Parent Carer Network, said: "Families tell us that children's centres are often a very real lifeline to them.

Children's Centres, originally called Sure Start Centres, were built by the last Labour government for vulnerable families, but were then opened up to all parents. Suffolk originally had 47, but nine were closed during a round of cuts under the Conservatives in 2015. One of the options being considered is to close up to half of the centres, while another is to keep them all open.

In January, Norfolk County Council rubber-stamped the closure of 38 of its 53 centres as part of a £5m package of cuts.

8. Public Forum:

No members of the public present.

9. Correspondence: (all correspondence circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)

- i. Email dated 22 March 2019 from Shimpling Parish Council regarding transport provision. Following discussion Cllrs felt that they would welcome improved public transport links through Alpheton and Bridge Street. The Parish Council are not in a position to financially contribute to any scheme, but Cllr Nunn indicated that the Go Start scheme had no direct cost to the Parish Council, users of the scheme paid a fair. If 2 or 3 local villages were interested then it might be that a viable service could be organised. Clerk to respond to Shimpling PC.
- ii. Email dated 27 March 2019 from Babergh District Council regarding Joint Area Parking Plan. The aim is to encourage shoppers and tourists into Sudbury. It seeks unspecified alternatives to the car. It looks at charges for parking and on street parking. Individual Cllrs to go online and complete the survey if they want to. Matter will be reviewed at a later date once an update is received from Babergh on the survey results.

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10. Clerks/RFO Report:**Schedule of invoices awaiting authorization for payment**

Village Hall (hire on 02/04/19)	12.00	609	LGA 1972
Babergh DC (dog and litter bin emptying)	210.26	610	LGA 1972
N Smith (Clerks salary)	300.48	611	LGA 1972

	522.74		

11. 2019 Parish Elections:

Clerk had attended a training course organised by SALC regarding parish elections and had circulated a note to all Cllrs. Awaiting further information from Babergh regarding the date of Public Notices, and the Babergh Nomination Pack. Clerk will circulate as soon as this information is received.

Public Notice will be put up on the village notice boards. Elections will be held on 2 May 2019 and Nomination documents for each candidate will need to be submitted, in person, by no later than 4pm on 3 April 2019.

In order to comply with regulations Cllrs agreed that the APM and APCM should be on 21st May 2019.

12. Parish Cllrs Report (if any)

- (i) Chairman reported on the following:-
 - (a) He had received a request for a litter bin to be placed inside the bus shelter on the Green (the other bus shelters already have them). Clerk will get details of cost and place on the Agenda for the next meeting;
 - (b) Potholes in Church Lane and Tye Green have become quite substantial both in size and number. Clerk will photograph, report on the Highways Reporting Tool and keep a summary document and check progress;
 - (c) Planning permission at Lynwold has been refused.
- (ii) Cllrs discussed the entrance onto the Old Bury Road from the A134 being difficult to see in in the dark, as there is no residual lighting there. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to County Cllr Kemp enquiring if it was possible to have some reflector leader posts at and near the entrance to Old Bury Road which would show where it is located for traffic wishing to turn off there.

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13. Planning:

- (i) Application DC/19/00188 – Application for consent to carry out works to tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order: Proposal to fell Ash (G5) – 061 at Green Apple, Old Bury.
Cllrs considered and no comments/objections.

Planning Decision:

Application DC/18/05346 – erection of 2 No.2 bedroom holiday lets, parking area, improvements to existing access, installation of sewerage treatment plant and landscaping. Restoration of airfield building and creation of museum room within. **Airfield Barns, Bury Road, Alpheton, Suffolk.**

Cllr Trevor Rix did not take part in any discussion or decision making on this Agenda item as he had declared an item at Agenda item 4.

Planning permission has been granted. The Planning Officers Report and Recommendation document had been obtained from Babergh and it contains an error in relation to the concrete hardstanding – it refers to the incorrect one. Cllrs considered and agreed the following action:-

- (a) *Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of BDC, and copy in Mr Philip Isbell the Senior Planning Officer and ask that as the report had been prepared by an Officer and the decision of that Officer had been made on erroneous information within the report that the matter should be put before Committee for them to determine the planning application and on the correct information. The current decision is flawed.*
- (b) *The letter to the Chief Executive to be sent Recorded Delivery.*
- (c) *The adjoining land owner should have had a notice served on them, it is a legal requirement and we are unsure that BDC have done this.*
- (d) *The issue of Cockfield PC not properly convening a meeting in order to submit a response has been ignored.*

14. Date and time of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May 2019 starting at 7pm followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting on 13th May 2019.

Meeting closed: 8pm

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 13th MAY 2019

IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7PM

(THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

AGENDA

Annual Parish Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Approve Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting
5. District and County Councillor's reports
6. Reports from local organisations:
7. Date and time of next years Annual Parish Meeting – to be agreed later in the year.

AGENDA

Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Councillors of Alpheton Parish Council are summoned to the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on 13 May 2019 in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
2. Signing of Acceptance of Office Forms
3. Apologies
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Approve Minutes of the 2nd April 2019
6. Matters arising
7. Public Forum
8. Correspondence (all general correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs)
9. District and County Council's Report
10. Clerk's Report:
 - i. consider and approve schedule of items awaiting authorisation
 - ii. to consider a report on the Council's financial position
 - iii. to approve grass cutting arrangements
 - iv. to approve purchase of bin for the bus shelter on the green
 - v. update on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (audit)
11. To review and approve Standing Orders and Financial Orders
12. Parish Councillor's Reports (if any)
13. Planning (no new planning matters at the time of serving the Agenda)
14. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Nicola Smith, Proper Officer, 08/05/18

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 13th MAY 2019 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Madeline Gray, Bridget Sumner, John Nunn and the Clerk Nicola Smith. John Nunn (present as District Councillor) and Richard Kemp (as County Councillor). No members of the public present.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Following discussion Cllr Gray proposed and Cllr Nunn seconded the proposal for Cllr Sumner to become the Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr Sumner kindly agreed to the role. Cllr Sumner proposed and Cllr Nunn seconded a proposal for Cllr Gray to become the Vice Chair. Cllr Gray kindly agreed to take the role of Vice Chair. Both Cllr Sumner and Cllr Gray discussed that as new Cllrs they would appreciate as much help as possible from their fellow Cllrs. Discussion about Cllrs taking portfolio roles, for example highways portfolio, planning portfolio to assist both the Chair and Vice Chair. Clerk to place this on the Agenda for the August meeting for further discussion/agreement.
2. Chairman to sign the Acceptance of Office form: Cllr Sumner and Cllr Gray duly signed their Acceptance of Office forms as Chair and Vice Chair respectively in the presence of the Proper Officer. As a new Parish Council term, Cllr Nunn also signed his Acceptance of Office form.
3. Apologies: Cllr Rix sent his apologies he was unwell. Cllr Moore also sent his apologies he was returning from abroad on the day of the meeting.
4. Declarations of Interest: None.
5. Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd April 2019: Cllr Sumner proposed and Cllr Nunn seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.
6. Matters Arising: Matters had been updated throughout the year at meetings and reported in Minutes.
7. Public Forum: No members of the public present.
8. Correspondence (all general correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs) No correspondence to discuss at this meeting.
9. District and County Councillor's Reports:

Reports provided at the Annual Parish Meeting which had taken place just prior to this meeting and reported within the Minutes of that meeting.

10. Clerk's Report

- i. consider and approve schedule of items awaiting authorisation. Clerk will provide this at an additional finance meeting in June 2019 (see 10v below);
- ii. to consider a report on the Council's financial position (see 10v below);
- iii. to approve grass cutting arrangements for 2019-2020. Cllrs agreed that they would like the grass cutting arrangement to remain as they had in 2018-2019.
- iv. to approve purchase of bin for the bus shelter on the green. Cllrs considered the two types and prices of bins and agreed that the lower cost bin in the sum of £48.90 excluding VAT would be suitable. Cllrs further agreed to instruct Mr Peter

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Rix to install the bin. Clerk will arrange to purchase the bin on behalf of the PC and instruct Mr Rix.

- v. Update on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Clerk advised that she would need to arrange an additional meeting prior to the end of June 2019 to present the completed AGAR and Certificate of Exemption to the PC. Date of additional meeting to be arranged.

11. To review and approve Standing Orders and Financial Orders:

Clerk advised that she had checked the SALC website for any relevant updates to Standing Orders and Financial Order and there were none. The current documents remain up to date. Cllrs agreed to review the documents in 2020 or if urgent updates were advised by SALC in the meantime.

12. Parish Councillors reports (if any): None

13. Planning: no new planning matters

14. Date and time of next meeting: Clerk will arrange a Meeting in June 2019 (finances).

Cllrs agreed to meetings on 6 August, 1st October and 3 December 2019.

Meeting closed: 8.10pm

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ALPHETON PARISH

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 13th May 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome: Parish Clerk welcomed all those present to the meeting;
2. Apologies: From John Moore (away) and Trevor Rix (unwell)
3. Present: County Cllr Richard Kemp; District Cllr John Nunn; Retired Chairman of previous Parish Council term Mr Ken Watkins; Bridget Sumner, Madeline Gray, and the Parish Clerk Nicola Smith.
4. Approve Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting - County Cllr Kemp proposed and District Cllr seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate record.
5. County Cllr Richard Kemp's Annual Report:

The Budget + Cuts

We have a statutory responsibility to set a balanced budget. Suffolk County Council's 2019-20 budget was agreed on Thursday 14 February. This will see an increase in council tax of 3.99%, and savings across the council's directorates totalling £10.1m. We set detailed financial targets for all of our services and we monitor spend against those targets throughout the year.

A particularly concerning cut was the decision to remove all grant funding from Citizens Advice. This will be phased over two years, with a 50% reduction in the 2019-20 budget (£0.184m). Fortunately, the CCGs stepped in and agreed to provide Citizens Advice with £184,000 in funding this year, to make up for the 50% funding cut from Suffolk County Council. Although this means Citizens Advice will not lose funding in 2019-20, it does not address the longer-term problem of funding in the future. The CCGs have been clear that this funding is only available for the 2019-20 financial year.

The budget also proposes staffing reductions across all directorates, totalling almost £3m. We do not currently have details of how these cuts will be distributed and which staff will be affected, but I am very concerned that this will result in less efficient services and an increase in stress amongst the remaining staff. We are also re-designing the way that we deliver services through a series of transformation programmes. These programmes are not just about the delivery of savings. They are intended to focus action on how the Council's services can be delivered differently in order to provide better outcomes for individuals and the community at lower cost.

Whilst I respect and understand the process and need for Budget restrictions, I have been very taken aback with the proposed cuts to CAB and I continue to support the challenge to these proposals at Suffolk County Council

New Council Leader and Chief Executive

In May, the Conservative group leadership changed and Cllr Matthew Hicks became the new Leader of Suffolk County Council. Cllr Hicks brought with him a number of new Cabinet members and established cross party “Policy Development Panels” (time-limited groups tasked with looking at a particular issue or policy). There have been a number of these PDPs to date, and it has been a good opportunity for backbench and opposition councillors to be involved in policy decisions.

Towards the beginning of the municipal year Suffolk County Council also appointed a new Chief Executive. Nicola Beach joined the council from Essex County Council, where she was Executive Director of Infrastructure and Environment.

Highways - New Cabinet member and Director appointed

After a long search, Mark Ash was appointed as the new Director of Growth, Highways and Infrastructure in January. He joined Suffolk County Council in February, having previously been the Director of Waste and Environment at Essex County Council.

In addition, Cllr Mary Evans took over as Cabinet member for Highways in May 2018. Response times for pothole repairs do seem to have improved, and a new policy for repairing potholes has been implemented that should improve efficiency.

Highways Budget

As your County Councillor I have a small Highways Budget which can be used to support the parishes of Melford Ward. I have been very happy to fund a number SIDS/VAS pieces of equipment from this fund which hopefully will have an impact on the speed of vehicles in the various villages I cover and also improve the safety and quality of life for the residents

Locality Budget

Locality Budget for Melford Ward includes Long Melford, Glemsford, Hartest, Lawshall, Boxted, groups based in Sudbury area serving these parishes.

Funds have been distributed throughout the year as detailed below;

Carried forward from Previous year	£2,985.20
Budget allocated for 2018/2019	£8,000
Total available budget for 2018/2019	£10,985.20

Date	Beneficiary	Proposal	
04/10/2017	Suffolk trail Festival	walkie talkies (comitted 2017/18	£300.00
01/03/2018	Holy Trinity Church	Repair to bell chamber at St Catherine's, (committed 2017/18)	£1,000.00
12/03/2018	Long Melford Business Association	Long Melford Tourist Information (committed 2017/18)	£400.00
23/03/2018	Friends of Long Melford Library	Equipment for new age curling (committed 2017/18)	£500.00
14/05/2018	Lawshall Pre-School	Education Scheme (Forest school expert)	£250.00
21/05/2018	Sudbury rowing club	Equipment for rowing (Cox orb)	£350.00
21/05/2018	Lawshall Parish Council	Entrance gate for community field	£300.00
22/05/2018	Long Mleford Parish Council	Repairs to pathway	£1,275.00

be done. We have received assurances from the Cabinet member for Children's Services that an oversight board will be set up imminently, made up of councillors from all parties, as well as CCG staff and user organisations.

Review into abandoned Upper Orwell Crossings project

The Upper Orwell Crossings project in Ipswich was abandoned in January due to rising costs and fears the project would go well over the original budget. The county council attempted to find additional funding for the project but were unsuccessful.

Despite no building work having started, Suffolk County Council still spent over £8m on the project before it was abandoned, most of which was on consultants' fees. Nicola Beach (Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council) has confirmed that she will be undertaking a review of the project to determine what went wrong.

Motions from the Liberal Democrat Green and Independent Group

My political group proposed a number of successful motions to council during the year. These included:

- Developing a strategic, costed five-year cycling plan to improve investment in cycling infrastructure in the county;
- Committing to reducing single-use plastic waste in Suffolk;
- Declaring a climate emergency and pledging to make Suffolk carbon neutral by 2030.

Suffolk County Council Campaigns

Throughout the year Suffolk County Council has promoted and supported several campaigns in order to promote wellbeing, community caring and awareness and responsibility for the environment. These campaigns include:

Spring Clean Suffolk Campaign:

The Suffolk Waste Partnership was keen to support local community efforts to clean up towns, villages and our countryside, to help make Suffolk the Greenest County by getting involved in a litter pick during 2018.

Several groups across Suffolk took part to give their neighbourhoods a spruce-up, and, it is hoped that with more groups and individuals taking part this year, a real difference can be made. A litter pick not only improves the look of an area, it's a great way to get out and about, meet like-minded members of your local community, improve habitats and remove potential hazards for wildlife, and makes our county somewhere visitors will want to return to.

White Ribbon Domestic Abuse campaign:

Frequent absence, missed deadlines and unexplained bruises could all be signs of employees suffering domestic abuse, according to a toolkit recommended for Suffolk businesses. Employers were also reminded of their role in tackling the issue – thought to cost £1.9billion a year in decreased productivity, time off work, lost wages and sick pay. The toolkit was endorsed as part of the national White Ribbon campaign to end violence against women - launched locally at county council headquarters.

25 November was White Ribbon Day, an international day for the eradication of abuse against women.

White Ribbon is an international as well as national campaign aimed to stop domestic abuse against women – it calls for men to condemn such violence and for supporters to show their commitment by wearing a white ribbon. The campaign runs every year from 25 November to 10 December.

Women might be the primary victims of this type of assault but the Campaign encourages men to take a share of the responsibility in putting an end to abuse, however ***In Suffolk we support any victim no matter their gender.***

Suffolk County Council Localities and Partnership Specialist Team works with the Suffolk Domestic Abuse Partnership and with Suffolk Constabulary in support of White Ribbon Day. Work done in Suffolk to support male and women victims includes:

Suffolk Domestic Abuse Partnership has pledged to tackle violence against women and men by raising awareness of this issue with staff and partner organisations, and taking action to encourage victims to seek help. We have a long tradition of supporting local domestic abuse forums in each District and Borough and supporting specialist domestic abuse agencies in their work with victims.

Five ways to wellbeing campaign:

A five-a-day style health campaign was launched in Suffolk urging people to take action to look after their mental wellbeing.

Along with eating a good amount of fruit and vegetables, people in the county are being asked to consider what more they could do to stay healthy in mind as well as body.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) has started an initiative called [Five Ways to Wellbeing](#).

The evidence-based framework sets out five steps people can take to improve their all-round health:

- Connect with others;
- Be active;
- Keep learning;
- Take notice;

The launch event was held at Endeavour House in Ipswich where SCC's director of Public Health and Protection, SCC's cabinet member for Health and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service area commander were joined by further council staff and partners including OneLife Suffolk.

Eat out, Eat well:

The Eat Out Eat Well Scheme recognises the work of food businesses (cafes, restaurants and staff canteens) who are making it easier for customers to make healthier choices when eating out. The scheme also lets customers [search](#) for Eat Out Eat Well recognised businesses.

Eating food out of the home is now a regular feature of busy lifestyles. More than a quarter of adults eat out once or more during the week. Making healthier food choices easier helps people maintain a healthy weight and reduces their risk of several long-term health conditions.

Businesses are assessed by environmental health teams against a set of standards linked to the types of ingredients they buy, how they prepare their food and how it's promoted to customers. There's an emphasis on using less fat, sugar and salt, making healthier menu changes and staff training.

Business's [food hygiene rating](#) and compliance with [food legislation](#) is also taken into account. Depending on their score a business can be recognised by a gold, silver or bronze award . Successful businesses are encouraged celebrate their success and display the award to customers.

Suffolk Roadsafe campaign:

The Suffolk Roadsafe partnership aims to reduce casualties in Suffolk and increase road safety awareness through education, enforcement and engineering.

The Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership brings together organisations involved with road safety in the county. Its aim is to reduce casualties on the road network. We provide advice and run awareness campaigns to help all road users stay safe.

This includes information for:

- pedestrians
- cyclists
- motorcyclists
- drivers

The [Suffolk Roadsafe website](#) has advice and information about our current campaigns. You can also use it to find:

- Bikeability cyclist training
- driver training
- GrandDriver scheme

The Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership runs a range of [road safety courses](#). You can [pay for a road safety training course online](#).

Thank you

Finally and most importantly I would like to take this opportunity to extend a wholehearted and sincere thank you to all of those marvelous volunteers who offer continued and sustained support, volunteers in the form of groups or individuals of all ages and abilities who contribute to our communities with their dedication and commitment in such a wide variety of ways.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”
– Elizabeth Andrew

District Cllr John Nunn reported that currently there is not much to report from Babergh. The District Council election results mean that there are a number of seats that are being held by either Green, Independent or Liberal Democrat Cllrs and there are ongoing negotiation talks at Babergh to determine how that will be represented.

6. Reports from local organisations:

Women’s Institute

Again this year we have had some entertaining and interesting speakers. We learnt about the history behind a plaque in Alpheton Church, the Animal Health Trust, Tudor costumes, cake decorating and baby feeding through the ages to name a few. We also attempted to make a rag wreath for Christmas and one of our members showed us how to make

beautiful posies. Some of us were more successful than others. Our garden meeting was held at Sue Tatum's this year. Never before have we experienced such beautiful weather, it was almost too hot. But the garden looked beautiful despite the lack of water. That's two years in a row we've spent the entire meeting outside.

Our August outing last year was to Fullers Mill garden at West Stow. It was another hot day but we were able to sit in the shade to enjoy our refreshments. The garden was lovely and well worth a visit. Members have gone on 3 theatre trips this year to see 42nd Street, Goodnight Mr Tom and a rock panto of Cinderella. The pantomime was such a success that we will be returning next year to see Aladdin.

We are going to celebrate our Women's Institute 70th birthday in November with a social evening, inviting members from over the years. I hope we carry on this year as successful as we were last year.

Alpheton Village Hall Committee

2018/19 has been another challenging year. The Committee consists of four members, we have advertised in the parish magazine for new members consistently for the last 4 years but to no avail.

In 2018/19 no planned events (disco's/summer dances etc) were held, as poor attendance to events in 2017/18 lost money.

The Village Hall made a financial loss of approximately £1000 in 2018/19 due to reduced income revenue from Alphies Bar, regular clubs and private hires and due to increasing energy, utility and insurance costs.

The main aims for 2019/20 are:

- (1) to recruit new committee members
- (2) increase income revenue, wherever possible

(3) inform the community of the Village Hall financial position and that the only medium term solution to its continued existence as a community resource, is community engagement with the Village Hall and its activities, clubs and events – “use or before too long it will be lost!”

Report from the retired/outgoing Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Ken Watkins

Planning and potholes were significant issues over the last 12 months.

The saga of four houses on Lynwold’s garden, which attracted strong opposition, ran on through various revised planning applications before the plot failed drainage tests and the application was shelved.

Airfield Barns, although in an adjoining parish, was given planning permission, despite the officer responsible apparently not being totally up to speed with the area involved. Inevitably, once the application for two dwellings was approved, a new application came in for two more.

Several members of the Council met with a representative of Suffolk Highways in February, specifically to discuss potholes around the Green by the garage and layby and in Church Lane. Despite some residents suffering damage to their vehicles, none of the potholes were considered large enough for repair. A couple in Church Lane have been filled in since.

On the finance side, we managed to cut the precept (PC part of your Council Tax bill) by 0.5% with all the other Council tax recipients increasing their demands.

The Parish Council will be investing in new grit bins, and approved a new litter bin for the bus stop on the Green (yet to be in place).

Four members of the Parish Council did not seek re-election. Richard Kemp and Graham Maskell had served for 45 years, Richard Barraclough for five years, and myself for ten, nine of them as Chairman.

I would like to thank all my Parish, District and County Cllr colleagues for all of the time, effort and support they have put and continue to put into our village. I also thank all those in our village that volunteer their time

to help in the smooth running of the village. I would also like to thank our Parish Clerk for all of her support and work since taking over the role.

7. Date and time of next years Annual Parish Meeting – to be agreed later in the year.

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

Additional Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council

on 25 June 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes: to approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 13 May 2019
6. Matters arising
7. Public Forum
8. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting):
 - i. Email from parishioners regarding damage to grit bin opposite 3 Old Bury Road and the pole with the village hall sign on it following the verges being cut, presumably by SCC Highways contractor. *Consider next steps.*
9. Clerks/RFO Report:
 - i. To consider schedule of items for payment;
 - ii. To consider and approve the AGAR documents (PC finances for 2018-19)
10. Date and time of next meeting – 6th August 2019.

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

20/06/19

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT

ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 25 JUNE 2019 AT 7PM

1. Welcome: Chair Cllr Sumner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: None
3. Present: Chair Cllr Sumner, Cllrs Madeline Gray, Trevor Rix, John Nunn and John Moore together with the Parish Clerk. No members of the public present.
4. Declarations of interest: None
5. Minutes: Cllrs queried an entry in the draft Minutes of 13 May 2019. It stated at item 5 that the Minutes of 2nd April 2019 were approved but Cllrs did not recall seeing a copy of those draft Minutes. Clerk will check and bring any draft/not approved Minutes to the meeting on 6th August 2019.
6. Matters arising:
 Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an email from BDC regarding change of bin collection day. All relevant household will be contact with the change of date information. If affected the changes begin on the week commencing 15 July 2019 with is a Monday and it will be collection of the recycling (blue bin), followed by collection of the household waste bin the following Monday 22nd July 2019, and then the following Monday the recycling bin etc.
 Bin for the bus stop at Village Green – invoice was for approval at this meeting and therefore Clerk will send the cheque off and the bin will be delivered to Peter Rix for him to install.
 The new Chair, Cllr Bridget Sumner confirmed that she would be happy to collect the key and return the key to open and close the Village Hall for PC meetings if the Village Hall Committee were agreeable to that and she would also deliver the cheque for the hire of the hall for meetings.
 With regards to the email received regarding the cut to some bus services and particular the 375 bus service Cllrs agreed that they will respond as individuals and the Chair indicated that she would contact the Chair at Shimpling PC to see if they could collectively submit a response.
7. Public Forum: no members of the public present.
8. Correspondence (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting):
 - i. Email from parishioner regarding damage to grit bin opposite 3 Old Bury Road and the pole with the village hall sign on it following on from the verges being cut, presumably by SCC Highway's contractor.
Clerk had reported these issues under the following reporting numbers on the SCC Highways Reporting tool:

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00245427 – grit bin damage
 00245428 – damage to the village hall sign
 00245429 – verges not cut opposite 5 The Glebe

Responses received at the time of the meeting:

00245427 and 00245428 – logged with the Cyclical Team for investigation with the grass cutting contractor and they will revert to County Cllr Richard Kemp directly.

00245429 – Highways Officer will inspect the cutting of the verge and revert.

9. Clerks/RFO Report:

- i. To consider schedule of items for payment:

Clerk reported notification from BDC regarding a CIL Payment 1848.12 (not yet received)

Income

Precept (1 of 2 payments) 1654.50

Schedule of invoices awaiting authorization for payment

Glasdon UK Ltd	bin for bus shelter	58.68	612	Litter Act 1983
N Smith	Clerk salary	375.60	613	LGA 1972 s112
Alpheton Village Hall	May and June hire	24.00	614	LGA 1972 s133
SALC	annual subscription	137.17	615	LGA 1972

		595.45		

All Cllrs present approved the payments.

- ii. To consider and approve the AGAR documents (PC finances for 2018-19)

(a) Cllrs considered and approved the Certificate of Exemption and the annual gross income of £3426 and annual gross expenditure of £4834.87 as set out on the Certificate and that it was the same as set out in the cashbook document for 2018-19. Duly signed by RFO and Chair.

(b) Cllrs considered and approved the Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19 and in particular that income had not been fully received as the Licence fee from the garage had not been received. Clerk had been in contact with them

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and payment should be paid within 28 days together with the 2019/20 Licence fee.

(c) Cllrs considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19.

(d) Cllrs considered and approved the Accounting Statement 2018/19.

10. Date and time of next meeting – 6th August 2019.

Meeting ended: 8.10pm

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Dated.....

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council

On 6th August 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Guest Speaker – Christine Thurlow (Babergh District Council – Professional Lead in Key Sites and Infrastructure) to discuss Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies. Particularly speaking about the CIL 123 monies, and the framework about who can apply (Parish Councils and Village Hall Committees can apply) and any limitations.
6. Minutes: to approve draft Minutes of the meeting on 25 June 2019
7. Matters arising
8. District and County Cllrs Reports
9. Public Forum
10. Co-option (if appropriate)
11. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)
 - i. Correspondence from FOLA;
 - ii. Various emails from BDC regarding the consultation on the Joint Local Plan (www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan) details of which are on the Village Notice Boards.
 - iii. Email regarding consultation on removal of BT payphone outside of Amicus, Old Bury Road.
12. To consider Street Naming for the new development of four homes at Newmans Lodge, Bury Road
13. To consider and discuss installation and funding of a Speed Indicator Device
14. To consider, and if appropriate approve, portfolio roles for Parish Councillors
15. Clerks/RFO Report
16. Parish Cllrs Reports (if any)
17. Planning:
 - i. Application DC/19/03124 – Highbury House, Church Lane, Alpheton, CO10 9BL – Erection of two bay garage outbuilding.
18. Date and time of next meeting – **1st October 2019**

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

01/08/2019

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 6 AUGUST 2019 AT 7PM

1. Welcome: Chair Cllr Sumner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: None
3. Present: Chair Cllr Sumner, Cllrs Madeline Gray, Trevor Rix, John Nunn and John Moore together with the Parish Clerk. District Cllrs John Nunn and Elisabeth Malvisi present along with two members of the public.
4. Declarations of interest: None
5. Guest Speaker: Christine Thurlow (BDC – Professional Lead in Key Sites and Infrastructure) to discuss Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies. Particularly speaking about the CIL 123 monies and the framework for applying. Christine Thurlow provided a package of document relating to CIL monies for Cllrs to take away and read. Cllrs thanked her for attending the meeting and providing some insight in to what type of applications have already been approved under the CIL 123 funding applications and they would consider whether there was any projects in the village that the PC or other organisations in the village might find helpful to speak to Christine before making an application for monies.
6. Minutes: Clerk had not finalized draft Minutes of 25 June 2019. They will be available at the next meeting along with any other outstanding Minutes. All draft Minutes will go on to the PC website at alpheton.onesuffolk.net
7. Matters arising: updates provided under Agenda items at this meeting.
8. District and County Cllrs Reports:

County Cllrs Richard Kemp's Report

Small changes make a big difference

That is the message as Suffolk County Council launches a new campaign looking at our relationship with alcohol.

Four short films have been produced following the stories of characters ('Billy Binge', 'Tellybox Trish', 'Big Match Barry' and 'My Time Mandy'), speaking about when and where they drink alcohol.

The films cover different habits when it comes to alcohol consumption, weekend binge drinking, drinking at home, drinking as a reward, and excessive drinking to celebrate an event or occasion, such as a football match. The campaign offers guidance and advice about how much is too much, the benefits of reducing alcohol intake and the small changes people can make to their drinking habits, which can make a big difference to their mental and physical wellbeing.

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Evidence suggests direct links between alcohol and heart and liver disease, diabetes and some types of cancer. Alcohol is also highly calorific, contributing to weight gain. It can also influence the quality of sleep and take its toll on physical appearance over time.

The campaign highlights that as well as the health benefits, reducing alcohol consumption can also bring social benefits, such as being able to spend more quality time with your loved ones, saving money for something more meaningful and losing weight.

Suffolk County Council announces funding cuts to subsidized bus routes

Suffolk County Council has announced that 23 subsidised bus routes will no longer receive funding from the Council, in a bid to save £340,000. This means that over a third of subsidized bus routes in the county will lose their funding.

The decision to cut £340,000 from the subsidised buses budget was made in February, when the Council agreed on the budget for the current financial year. I spoke against this cut at the time, as well as other cuts that will affect bus users such as the decision to no longer print bus timetables.

More details of which routes will be affected can be found at

<http://www.suffolkonboard.com/>

The council say that they will be engaging with bus operators to determine whether the routes can continue to run without council funding. I will keep you updated if there are any further developments.

Final Council overspend on 2018-19 budget

The final outturn figure for the 2018-19 budget have been published, showing that Suffolk County Council overspent by £4.5m (0.88% of the budget). Key areas of overspend included:

Home to school transport (£1.7m), due to the increasing demand for out of county SEND transport arrangements;

Adult Care Purchasing Budget (£4m);

Early Help and Specialist Services (£4.8m), due to the increasing number of children in care, especially those requiring specialist placements.

These areas of overspend were mitigated by underspends in other directorates.

Suffolk's Health and Wellbeing Board has committed to tackling poor mental health in Suffolk

Commitment made to tackling poor mental health by signing up to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health.

Working closely with Public Health England, Suffolk's Health and Wellbeing Board is making significant steps towards promoting good mental health and preventing mental health problems. One in six adults experience at least one diagnosable mental health problem in their lifetime. This is influenced by the environment in which we are born, grow, live and work, meaning many of these problems can be prevented.

Having good mental health is important because it can help us to be more resilient, feel good and function well, have more positive relationships with those around us

and deal with difficult times now and in the future. The Prevention Concordat marks the first time agencies across the community and care sectors have come together to make prevention a priority for mental health. So far, 92 organisations representing all sectors have signed up and committed to action.

The commitment from Suffolk's Health and Wellbeing Board includes work to improve people's mental health, including preventing suicide, social prescribing initiatives and a pilot for a new online resource supporting young people aged 16-24. Promoting good mental health is everyone's responsibility and can only be achieved if organisations – including local authorities, NHS trusts, businesses, local communities, and religious groups – work together at local and national level. By signing up to the Concordat, Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board is not only showing public leadership in addressing mental health problems in local communities; they are also putting effective prevention planning arrangements in place, using resources from Public Health England. As well as recognizing that mental health is as important as physical health, this represents a movement away from stigma and fear, and towards achieving a fairer and more equal society.

Cross-party call for independent inquiry into SEND services

On 14 June I signed a cross-party letter to the Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council, asking her to establish an independent inquiry into the provision of SEND services in Suffolk.

This follows the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission reinspection earlier this year, when Suffolk County Council's SEND services were deemed to have made insufficient improvement.

Reports that health visitor numbers will be cut

It was reported in the Guardian and Observer that Suffolk County Council is planning to dramatically reduce the number of health visitors in Suffolk in order to make savings.

These plans have not been shared with councilors or the public yet, however the media claim to have seen internal SCC documents showing that the number of health visitors will be reduced by 25% through redundancies in order to save £1m. health visitors would also have a reduced workload and only focus on the most vulnerable families rather than all families in Suffolk. The rest of their current workload would need to be picked up by nurses or social workers.

SCC releases breakdown of Upper Orwell Crossing spend

The final costs of the abandoned Upper Orwell Crossings project have been released, and show that Suffolk County Council spent a total of £8.1m before deciding to not build the Crossings. Of this, over £4m was paid in fees to consultants.

More details can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport-planning/Upper-Orwell-Crossing-Final-Report-on-Project-Costs.pdf>

Department for Transport refuses funding for four village bypass

The Department for Transport has decided to not support the proposal for £133m four village bypass in Suffolk also known as the Suffolk Energy Gateway. The key reasons for the government's decision were:

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It is concerned about the overall value for money of the project;
It felt the council had not provided enough money for it and neither had EDF as part of the case to build Sizewell C;

There are concerns about the environmental impact of the road.

SCC misses children's care plan targets in 75% of cases

The Department for Education has published figures showing that Suffolk County Council exceeded the legal time limit of 20 weeks for issuing new education, health and care plans (EHCPs) in 75% of cases in 2018. This means that hundreds of children were left waiting for the appropriate support and is a significant increase compared to 2017, when 53% of cases went beyond the legal time limit.

Suffolk County Council has admitted that there needs to be rapid improvements to this process, and in the last few months it has managed to increase the proportion of EHCPs completed within the legal time limit to 42.5%.

District Councillor John Nunn's Report

As some may know, I have worked closely with Long Melford Primary School over the years in my various roles including District Councillor, and therefore I would like to take this opportunity to relay to you an email I have received from Mrs Woolmer the Head Teacher:

"This term we have had two inspections, one by Ofsted which has graded us as a Good school. The other from SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) which inspect among other things, our distinctiveness as a Church school. I am please to be able to tell you that the school has also been graded a Good Church school.

The Ofsted report recognizes that, 'the quality of education provided to pupils has improved considerably' and that the school has undergone 'a period of transformational change'. The report also recognizes that all the parents and carers who responded to the Ofsted online questionnaire would recommend it to others. Many of the parents took the time to write very positive comments about the school. One of the quotes that Ofsted chose to use within their report said that Long Melford was 'A fantastic school, each and every child is valued and happy. The head teacher, staff and all support staff are always available.'

The SIAMS report states that, Long Melford is a school where all feel welcomed and valued. The school prides itself on being an integral part of the local community. Clearly identified opportunities to engage in practical projects are giving pupils a deep understanding of the Christian value of service.' – this comment within the report linked directly to a conversation that a group of children had with the inspector that included discussion about the Remembrance activities that we take part in each year with the British Legion and the litter picking that the children did with Julie Thompson, both of which the children spoke about with passion as to why they were important to them.

The children were also asked about the new development around Long Melford and spoke to the inspectors about how they had been included in the early part of the

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neighbourhood plan: 'Work undertaken as part of the local neighbourhood plan has enabled pupils to be involved in shaping local service for the future and demonstrates powerfully the commitment of the school to developing pupil voice.' The inspectors were impressed that the children had been included and commented at the time that the children were lucky to live in an area that listens and takes account of their ideas and thoughts. Thank you for the support that you have given us over the last three years in your many roles!"

District Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi's Report

Councils support 2030 carbon neutral ambitions

Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have voted on motions to support Suffolk's county-wide aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

At full Council meetings on Tuesday 23 July and Thursday 24 July both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils pledged to set up a taskforce, in partnership with other public sector partners, taking a step forward in becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

The taskforce, due to be set up in September this year, will work with partners across the county and region to examine ways in which the two councils will respond to the climate challenge and fulfil its ambition to become carbon neutral.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils join other local authorities across the country in recognizing there is a climate emergency, building on its work as part of the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership.

The motions were tabled by Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi and Cllr Jessica Fleming, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council's cabinet members for environment.

Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi, Babergh District Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, said:

"We acknowledge the role we play in protecting our environment from the effects of climate change. The approval of this motion takes a positive step forward in helping to make Suffolk the greenest county."

"The taskforce along with key public sector partners, will look at ways we can respond to the climate change challenge, and what we need to do to achieve the ambition of making Suffolk carbon neutral by 2030."

Cllr Jessica Fleming, Mid Suffolk District Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, said:

"I'm pleased this motion has been passed at full council. It will help us to work with the Government to deliver its 25 year Environment Plan and increase the powers and resources available to local authorities, with the hope of making Suffolk carbon neutral by 2030."

"We've already been working with the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership and along with Babergh have been reducing the environmental impact of our services, by re-routing our bin collection rounds, launching our tree for life scheme and leading on a EV rapid car charging project. We realise there's a lot more to do, and the taskforce will help us to achieve our aims."

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CIFCO

This week Councillors approved CIFCO's business plan for 2019/20 looking to increase the £1.4m annual income it already generates for the Districts' through property investment – its trading over the next 12 months – including the investment of a further £50m agreed by both councils back in February.

Joint Local Plan Consultation Launched

Residents are invited to have their say on the future growth across our districts as part of a second round of consultations on the new draft Joint Local Plan. It opened on Monday 22 July and will run for 10 weeks, closing 4pm on Monday 30 September 2019. Hard copies should be available in the Parish Council offices and in the Library.

Annual Litter Awareness Poster Competition

I was honoured to award prizes to pupils of St Mary's Church of England Primary School in Hadleigh who had entered the Annual Litter Awareness Poster Competition, the winning design by Imogen will be carried by several IDVerde waste collection vehicles. Children are very aware of how each of us can help fight climate change through recycling and lowering our consumption.

MIND Suffolk

This August Suffolk Mind is launching Evolve Trans – a weekly emotional support project which aims to improve the well being and health of people who identify as transgender and non-binary living in Suffolk. The service is based in Ipswich and is for adults over the age of 18 who are questioning their gender, on a transitioning journey or who have transitioned. It has a total of 30 places available to residents from across Suffolk.

Evolve Trans will be a space where individuals can feel supported in a safe environment, learn about their emotional health, and potentially make new friendships.

You can find out more on the Suffolk Mind website or by emailing Evolve Trans.

Firecrest Films

Firecrest Films are looking for families to take part in their Channel 4 Programme.

Do you and your family spend too much money on supermarket trips?

If you are looking for some advice on how to halve your supermarket bill, they would love to hear from you.....

Please contact ASAP if you would like to take part.

Email takepart@firecrestfilms.com or call 0141 530 2333 ext 270

Your application will be received by a member of Firecrest Films and they will contact you directly. Firecrest Films will process your personal data in accordance with their data protection and privacy policy. Application deadline 15/08/2019.

Free Swimming

Hadleigh Leisure Centre and Kingfisher Centre are offering free swimming this Summer.

9. Public Forum: no matters raised
10. Co-option: Parishioner Katie Jacobs had expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Parish Council and introduced herself. Chair Cllr Sumner proposed that Katie Jacobs be co-opted, and Cllr Nunn seconded the proposal. All Cllrs present agreed and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form was duly completed. Clerk will forward the Register of Interest form to Cllr Jacobs.
11. Correspondence (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting):
- i. Correspondence from FOLA who are seeking funding towards a Memorial to the 487th Bomb Group. Unclear whether or not this falls in Lavenham Parish or Alpheton Parish. Cllr Rix will investigate further and advise. It is noted that there appears to be no mention of how much funding they are seeking.
 - ii. Various emails from BDC regarding the consultation on the draft Joint Local Plan (www.babergh.gov.uk/jointlocalplan) details of which are on the Village Notice Boards. Cllrs agreed that they would like to consider the draft JLP and have an additional meeting specifically for them to consider any response. *Meeting now fixed for 11th September 2019 starting at 7pm in the Village Hall.*
 - iii. Email regarding consultation on removal of BT payphone outside of Amicus, Old Bury Road. Following discussion it was agreed that for historical purposes the PC would purchase the phonebox for £1, and thereafter give some thought to how best utilise the space.
12. To consider Street Naming for the new development of four homes at Newmans Lodge, Bury Road.
Historically villagers knew this area as Paradise Row, and therefore Cllr Rix proposed and Cllr Moore seconded that the PC requested that the four homes be known as 1-4 Paradise Row. All Cllrs present agreed.
13. To consider and discuss installation and funding of a Speed Indicator Device.
County Cllr Kemp had advised that he would be supportive of a Vehicle Activated Device for the village and that he would have circa £2500 for this project. Cllrs agreed that they would wish to go ahead with this, Clerk will liaise with relevant Highways Officer as they will need to come out to the village and advise of locations they would agree to have the VAD located.
Cllr Moore asked if the issue of speeding along the Old Bury Road would be discussed at the next meeting and Clerk agreed to place it on the Agenda for the meeting on 1st October 2019.

14. To consider and if appropriate approve, portfolio roles for the Parish Councillors

Portfolio	Councillor(s)
Planning	Clr John Moore and Clr Trevor Rix
Footpaths and Highways	Clr Madeline Gray, Clr Katie Jacobs and Clr Trevor Rix
Website Manager	Clr Trevor Rix
Asset Managers	Clr Bridget Sumner and Clr Madeline Gray

Clrs agreed contact details that they were happy to have on the parish website so that they could be contact by parishioners. Clerk confirmed that portfolios could be added to as and when various projects arose.

15. Clerks/RFO Report:**Income**

HMRC VAT return 88.24

Schedule of invoices awaiting authorization for payment

Alpheton VH	hire for PC meeting	12.00	616	LGA 1972
Babergh DC	uncontested election costs	104.78	617	LGA 1972
N Smith	Clerk's salary	225.36	618	LGA 1972

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All Clrs present approved the payments.

16. Parish Clrs Reports (if any) none at this meeting17. Planning:

- i. Application DC/19/03124 – Highbury House, Church Lane, Alpheton, CO10 9BL – Erection of two bay garage outbuildings. No objections.

18. Date and time of next meeting – Additional Meeting 11th September 2019 (to discuss draft Joint Local Plan) and thereafter next scheduled meeting on 1st October 2019. Both meetings to start at 7pm in the Village Hall unless otherwise advised.

Meeting ended: 8.30pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

Additional Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council

On Wednesday 11th September at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes: to approve draft Minutes of the meetings on 2 April, 13 May, 25 June and 6 August 2019;
6. Public Forum
7. To consider the Babergh District Council draft Joint Local Plan which is currently out for consultation, and any response that the Parish Council may want submit.
8. Parish Cllrs Reports (if any available at this additional meeting)
9. Planning: no new planning matters received at the time of serving the Agenda

10. Date and time of next meeting – **1st October 2019**

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

06/09/2019

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT

ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7PM

1. Welcome: Chair Cllr Sumner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Cllr Rix sent his apologies due to health reasons; Cllr Kemp and Cllr Malvisi sent their apologies due to prior commitments.
3. Present: Cllr Madeline Gray, Cllr John Nunn, Cllr John Moore, Cllr Katie Jacobs, together with 2 members of the public.
4. Declarations of Interest: None.
5. Minutes: Cllrs had received draft Minutes of the following meetings: 2 April, 13 May, 25 June and 6 August 2019. Cllrs who were present at those meeting agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the meetings they were present at.
6. Public Forum: no questions from the members of the public present.
7. To consider the Babergh District Council draft Joint Local Plan which is currently out for consultation, and any response that the Parish Council may want to submit.
Cllr Moore had kindly led on this matter and had considered the JLP in relation to Alpheton and Bridge Street. Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed the following response to be submitted to BDC:
 - (i) PolicyLP01 – whilst the principle of development is to be acceptable within the settlement boundary, it is not clear whether “usual” planning criteria are to be adopted in considering applications and what these “usual” criteria comprise: for instance, is Policy LP30(2) such a “usual” criteria – hence, if the Hamlet is served only be an extremely limited public transport system, necessitating reliance on private vehicles (which is presumably not in accord with Policy LP30(2), then would this be a consideration in determining the application – the JLP is not clear on this; and
 - (ii) the decision to set **all** outstanding planning permission against the housing delivery targets does not seem to be particularly prudent; and
 - (iii) no view has been expressed, nor ventured in the draft nor at the briefing, of what might happen in the situation where, for instance, BDC is in a position to adopt the JLP but the JLP cannot be adopted because MID-Suffolk has not progressed in the same timeframe.
8. Parish Cllrs Reports: no reports at this additional meeting.
9. Planning: no new planning matters received.
10. Date and time of next meeting: **1st October 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed: 7.45pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council

On 1 October 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes: to approve draft Minutes 11 September 2019;
6. Matters arising
7. District and County Cllr Reports
8. Public Forum
9. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)
10. Clerk/RFO report:
 - i. Schedule of items awaiting approval;
 - ii. Schedule of income and expenditure from 1 April 2019 to date.
11. To consider draft Precept (final approval at meeting on 3 December 2019)
12. Approve Meeting dates for 2020
13. Update on Speed Indicator Device
14. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
15. Parish Cllrs Reports
16. Planning: no new planning matters received at the time of serving the Agenda
17. Date and time of next meeting – **3rd December 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

26/09/2019

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 1 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7PM

1. Welcome: Chair Cllr Sumner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Cllr Nunn sent his apologies.
3. Present: Cllr Madeline Gray, Cllr John Moore, Cllr Katie Jacobs, Cllr Trevor Rix, County Cllr Richard Kemp and District Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi, together with the Parish Clerk. No members of the public present.
4. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Rix declared an interest in any Agenda item or discussion involving the Lavenham Airfield, due to proximity of land that he owned.
5. Minutes: Cllr Moore proposed that the draft Minutes of the additional meeting on the 11 September 2019 were true and accurate. Cllr Gray seconded, all Cllrs present at that meeting agreed. Chair duly signed and dated the Minutes.
6. Matters Arising:

Matter Arising	Update/Outcome
PC response to Joint Local Plan consultation	Cllr Moore prepared response as agreed by Cllrs and Clerk has submitted this to BDC. We will await further updates on this consultation process.
Friends of Lavenham Airfield request for donation.	Update under "correspondence" on Agenda, and it will be for the PC to decide at this meeting whether they make a donation . The PC has the power under the War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act 1923 s1. In the meantime Clerk has emailed Christine Thurlow at BDC and included FOLA representative and Cllr Nunn in those communications to see whether the project may be suitable for FOLA to submit a CIL123 application.
Naming of four new properties at Newmans Lodge	Clerk had been advised by the relevant Officer at BDC that they had made an error and a new street name is not required. Instead the 4 properties would be part of Bury Road numbering.
BT Payphone	Advised BDC that Alpheton PC would like to adopt the BT Payphone which is located outside of Amicus, Old Bury Road, Alpheton as they consider it to be part of the heritage landscape of the village. Form completed and submitted. 90 day consultation commenced on 9 July 2019 and will therefore conclude shortly. Clerk has sent an email to planning officer and BT requesting an update when the 90 days expire and also requesting a paint pack (free of charge) if the adoption of the phonebox is successful.
Speed Indicator Device	Update under Agenda item 13.

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7. District and County Cllr Reports:

Report from County Cllr Richard Kemp:

Hundreds of children still unsure about school transport arrangements

In September 2019, Suffolk County Council's new Home to School transport policy will be implemented. Children moving to a new school will only receive free transport from the council if it is their nearest school and more than 2 miles from their home. All eligible parents were asked to opt-in and apply for transport, and those who were not eligible for free transport were offered the opportunity to buy a spare seat on SCC school buses.

However, 472 applications for home-to-school transport remained outstanding at the end of August, with families unsure of whether they would be allocated a seat on an SCC school bus in time for the start of the new school year.

First stage of Boundary Commission Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently undertaking a review of Suffolk County Council, to determine both the number of councillors and the boundaries between divisions.

For the first stage of the review, the Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent Group submitted a proposal to keep councillor numbers in Suffolk at a minimum of 75, with the potential for an increase to 80. This was based on the need to ensure proper local representation and encourage diversity amongst councillors, which consequently requires a more manageable workload. Furthermore, given the predicted population growth in Suffolk and the reduced funding that local government is receiving, it is likely that councillor workloads will only continue to increase in the future.

The Conservative and Labour Groups submitted a joint proposal asking for a reduction to 70 councillors. The next stage of the review will determine the new division boundaries and will include two public consultations. The review is expected to be completed by July 2020.

Pension fund begins to move away from fossil fuels

Suffolk Pension Fund has agreed to move £150m into a UBS Climate Aware World Equity Fund. Although a very small proportion of the £2.9 billion fund, this is the first step the Council has taken to move investments away from fossil fuels.

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This will be followed up by a valuation in November to check the performance of the fund, with the hope that a larger amount can be transferred into the climate-aware fund.

New model for specialist speech and language education

The Cabinet also agreed a new model for the provision of specialist speech and language education services.

The model focuses on early intervention and diagnosis, by training early years and primary school staff to identify speech and language needs and providing a specialist outreach service to schools. For children with the most complex needs, a new “Communication and Interaction” education pathway has been established for children aged 4 to 16 years, consisting of specialized units and new special schools. This will replace the current speech and language units which only cater for 5 to 7 year olds.

Carbon strategy agreed

Following the Council’s declaration of a climate emergency in March, the Cabinet has now agreed a strategic framework for meeting its commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The report clearly states that in order to be effective, measures to cut carbon and mitigate climate change will need to be made across every department. It also includes a renewed commitment to become the Greenest County.

A cross-party policy development panel will begin in September, tasked with investigating how the Council can meet its objectives and what investment is needed to ensure the Council is carbon neutral by 2030. It is expected that the panel will report back to Cabinet in early 2020.

Keeping Suffolk villages safe with Lorry Watch

Two new Lorry Watch schemes have launched aimed at reducing the number of HGV drivers ignoring weight restrictions on the county’s roads. The village of Fornham All Saints (near Bury St Edmunds) and Barnham (near Thetford) join nine other similar schemes across Suffolk, set up in conjunction with Suffolk County Council’s Trading Standards and Suffolk Highways.

Suffolk’s Lorry Watch started in 2012 and to date has reported nearly 3,000 incidents of HGV vehicles exceeding weight limits, where clearly marked restriction signs are in place. The existing schemes have been a great success with only four repeat offenders being issued with a warning, meaning that drivers are taking notice when they are first contacted.

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Weight restriction orders make it an offence to drive a vehicle through the restricted area where the vehicle exceeds the weight limit imposed unless they are exempt, for example when delivering or collecting within the restriction zone. If drivers from the same haulage company are being reported, that firm will receive advice on training their staff. The offence remains with the driver unless the haulage firm has caused the offence. Trading Standards can enforce weight restrictions orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

If you are interested in joining Lorry Watch in an area which HGVs are abusing a weight restriction, contact lorrywatch@suffolk.gov.uk or **01473 264859** (option A).

Sudbury Care Home Crowned Olympics Champion

Red House Residential Home in Sudbury has been crowned 2019 Suffolk Care Home Olympics champions. They beat 38 other care homes from across the country to win the title. The annual competition, now in its third year, aims to give care home residents a fun and enjoyable experience of sport whilst highlighting the importance of physical activity within social care settings.

428 residents in 39 care settings across Suffolk completed 3 sports (Boccia, fishing and curling) for a total of 239 hours over the winter and spring months with the top three homes then competing in a “super-final” to decide the outright champions.

The Suffolk Care Home Olympics is delivered by social enterprise Elatus Sports in partnership with the Suffolk County Council led Most Active County Partnership.

Report from District Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi:

Councillors asked to consider renaming District

At a special meeting on Tuesday 22 October, councillors will debate whether to change the name of the district council from Babergh District Council to South Suffolk Council – making the council geographically consistent with neighbouring authorities in Suffolk. Find the full story online.

Babergh seeks proposals for Belle Vue House

Babergh District Council is seeking formal expressions of interest and proposals for the future of the landmark Belle Vue House in Sudbury. After inviting interested parties to view the building in September, groups have until 1 November to submit their plans. Further guidance on the information required as part of the submissions is also available as part of an information pack the Council is providing online. Read the full story on our website.

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First Sudbury Silk Festival a hit

The first Sudbury Silk Festival was held on Saturday 7 September, attracting crowds and gaining both national and local media attention. Included in the Festival was the launch of Babergh's own Sudbury Silk Stories archive, a collection of interviews both on camera and microphone detailing the history of the Sudbury silk industry and what it like to work in the town's world leading silk mills. The archive is online along with a short film showcasing the history and stories uncovered. Find it on the Sudbury Silk Stories website.

Joint Local Plan consultation closes.

Thank you to all our Town and Parish Councils, and to all residents, who took part in our Joint Local Plan consultation. This has now ended, with the deadline for responses arriving yesterday (30 September). Our Strategic Planning Team will now be going through all of the comments received and considering how to amend the draft plan accordingly. We will of course keep you up to date with next steps going forward, and you can find all the information on our Joint Local Plan on our website.

Ground broken for new pool in Hadleigh

Work is underway, after ground was broken on Thursday 26 September on the new £2.4m swimming pool at Hadleigh pool and Leisure. As part of a £2.4m investment by Babergh District Council, with £200,000 of funds provided by Hadleigh Town Council and a Sports England grant (£150k), Hadleigh Pool and leisure will have a new pool, expected to be completed in summer 2020. Read the full story in our press release.

Summer free swims come to an end after outstanding take-up

With the summer holidays over our Free Swim for under 17s have come to an end. The offer saw outstanding take-up in Babergh, with 12% of under 17s in the district registered. A total of 1,918 people registered, with 3,288 free swims at Kingfisher Leisure Centre and 1,205 at Hadleigh Pool and Leisure. Keep and eye on our website over coming weeks for plans to run the scheme during future holidays.

Residents invited to tour Suffolk's Energy from Waste facility

Did you know Suffolk's general waste helps to power the equivalent of 30,000 homes? You can encourage residents in your ward to head to a Suffolk Energy from Waste facility tour to find out how. All they need to do is book a space via their website.

Sporting Memories project comes to Babergh

A new lottery funded project has launched in Babergh, bringing together older residents over their shared sporting memories. A range of partner organisations, volunteers, and sports fans all came together in Sudbury Town Hall on Thursday 26

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September to launch the new project, which will see Sporting Memory Groups meet in Glemsford, Lavenham, Long Melford and of course Sudbury. Find out more on our website.

Recycling information at your finger tips

June's parish briefing included information about the renovation of the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Gt Blakenham as well as helpful online links to find up to date information on recycling in Suffolk.

With recycling high on the agenda for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee this month, and in line with our 2030 carbon reduction and greenest county ambitions, we've highlighted below the key online resources available to our parishes and residents 24/7 when navigating the dos and don'ts of recycling.

You can find the key links:

- What can go in recycling bins – including the changes which saw Tetra Pak drinks cartons and metal pots, pans and trays no longer being accepted in curb side recycling bins, but still accepted at 11 of Suffolk's Recycling Centres
- Recycling leaflet – available for parishes to print if they wish to choose a paper copy
- Where to recycle glass bottles
- Recycling centres in Suffolk
- Home composting
- A-Z of recycling

Please do share this information with your parish newsletter editors to encourage the use of the online resources available to residents.

Hot topics on social media

- Council Tax scam warnings
- Belle Vue House viewings
- Kingfisher Leisure Centre refurbishments
- Sudbury Silk Festival

Meetings

- 9 October – Planning Committee
- 10 October – Cabinet
- 11 October – Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- 21 October – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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- 22 October – Full Council (including Extraordinary Meeting)
- 23 October – Planning Committee

For agendas and minutes, please visit the Democratic Services homepage.

8. Public Forum: no members of the public present.
9. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)
 - (i) Emails regarding Friends of Lavenham Airfield (FOLA) project to build a War Memorial. Request for donation. Cllr Rix declared an interest. Cllr Jacobs proposed a donation of £250 and a letter of support for the project. Cllr Moore seconded. Motion carried.
 - (ii) Email regarding Local Government Boundary Commission and email regarding proposed change of name for Babergh District Council to South Suffolk District Council. Cllr Moore will prepare a response with regards to proposals for the change of name. Given that BDC are making cutbacks it does seem to be a waste of money seeking to change the name of Babergh, and the PC was not convinced that it would only cost approximately £10,000 as indicated in the communication from BDC. With regards to the Local Government Boundary Commission review – County Cllr Richard Kemp had provided information about this in his report (see above). Cllrs generally agreed that to reduce the number of County Cllrs was not prudent, as it would spread County Cllrs thinner and mean that residents were not represented so well. Clerk will send response for the boundary review. County Cllr Kemp confirmed that there were no proposed changes to the boundary of the Long Melford Ward (of which Alpheton and Bridge Street are part of).
 - (iii) Email from Citizens Advice Bureau providing Impact Report 2018-2019 and request for any donations from Parish Council to assist with funding. Cllrs discussed and felt that given the Alpheton and Bridge Street are Hamlets and the Precept is a very limited budget that they would not forward a donation.
 - (iv) Email regarding a Media Release from BDC on its pledge to protect wildlife. This has been uploaded on to the PC website at <http://alpheton.onesuffolk.net/news>

10. Clerk/RFO Report:

- i. Schedule of items awaiting approval

Income

Precept (2 of 2)	1654.50
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Schedule of invoices awaiting authorization for payment

Alpheton VH	hire for 2 x PC meeting	24.00	chq619	LGA 1972
CAS	PC Insurance (annual)	207.48	620	LGA 1972
	Chq cancelled as written with errors on it			621
N Smith	Clerk's salary	300.48	622	LGA 1972

In addition

Friends of Lavenham Airfield Authority Powers) Act 1923 s1	250.00	623	War Memorials (Local

	781.96		

Cllrs approved expenditure.

ii. Schedule of income and expenditure from 1 April 2019 to date:

INCOME

Precept (1 of 2)	3502.62
VAT refund	88.24
Precept (2 of 2)	1654.50

	5245.36

EXPENDITURE

VH hire	12.00
BDC – dog & litter bins	210.26
Clerk – salary	300.48
Glasdon – new bin for bus stop	58.68
Clerk – salary	375.60
VH hire	12.00
SALC (annual subscription)	137.17
VH hire	12.00

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BDC – uncontested election costs	104.78
Clerk – salary	225.36
VH hire	24.00
CAS – PC Insurance	207.48
Clerk – salary	300.48
FOIA – donation WM	250.00

	2230.29

11. To consider draft Precept

	2019-20	2020-21
<u>INCOME</u>		
Precept	3309.00	3455.00
Recycling credits	200.00	200.00
Garage licence	950.00	950.00
	4459.00	4605.00
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Clerk's salary	1995.00	1995.00
Clerk's expenses	80.00	80.00
Audit fees	0.00 (Cert of Exemption)	0.00
Hire of Hall	120.00	120.00
Insurance/subs SALC/CAS	390.00	400.00
Grass cutting	1100.00	1100.00
Donations	50.00	50.00
Village Magazine	150.00	150.00
Dog and litter bins	220.00	230.00
Chairs expenses	50.00	50.00
Training	200.00	200.00
Parish Election costs	104.00	30.00

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Contingency	0.00	200.00
	4459.00	4605.00

Following discussion, it was agreed that the cost of purchasing the Speed Indicator Device would need to be looked at carefully. County Cllr Kemp was going to provide a sum of money towards purchase but the PC may need to budget in further monies depending on what device they purchased.

12. Approve meeting dates for 2020

The following dates were approved by the Parish Council:

4th February 2020

7th April 2020

5th May 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

4th August 2020

6th October 2020

1st December 2020

13. Update on Speed Indicator Device

General discussion about possible locations. Clerk now has the forms that need to be completed and submitted to highways. Cllrs Rix, Gray and Jacobs agreed to meet with the Clerk and go around the village looking at various locations which may be appropriate to site the SID, taking into account various criteria on the forms. Update at next meeting.

14. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Clerk reminded Cllrs that there is a CIL payment of £1,848.12 as advised by Babergh earlier in the year. Cllrs asked if the criteria list for spending could be obtained from the relevant officer at Babergh and they will consider the matter further thereafter.

15. Parish Cllrs Reports: no reports at this meeting.

16. Planning: no new planning matters.

17. Date and time of next meeting: **3rd December 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

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ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Alpheton Parish Council

On 3 December 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes: to approve draft Minutes 1 October 2019;
6. Matters arising
7. District and County Cllr Reports
8. Public Forum
9. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting):
 - i. Email from Lawshall PC regarding once or twice a year meeting with Suffolk Constabulary;
10. Clerk/RFO report:
 - i. Schedule of items awaiting approval;
11. To consider and approve draft Precept
12. Parish Cllrs Reports:
 - i. Report from Chair regarding Fit Villages Project (<https://www.activesuffolk.org/fitvillages>)
13. Planning: no new planning matters received at the time of serving the Agenda
14. Date and time of next meeting – **4th February 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Nicola Smith

Parish Clerk

28/11/2019

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT

ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 3 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7PM

1. Welcome: Chair Cllr Sumner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Cllr John Moore sent his apologies as he was unwell. District Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi sent her apologies due to prior commitments.
3. Present: Chair Cllr Sumner, Cllr Madeline Gray, Cllr John Nunn, Cllr Katie Jacobs, Cllr Trevor Rix, County Cllr Richard Kemp and District Cllr John Nunn, together with the Parish Clerk. No members of the public present.
4. Declarations of Interest: None.
5. Minutes: Cllr Gray proposed and Cllr Jacobs seconded that the draft Minutes of the meeting on the 3 October 2019 were true and accurate. Chair duly signed and dated the Minutes.
6. Matters Arising:

Matter Arising	Update/Outcome
Neighbourhood CIL payment	Monies received by the PC
Friends of Lavenham Airfield donation for War Memorial	PC cheque in the sum of £250 by way of a donation sent to FOLA together with a letter of support for the project. BDC Infrastructure Team confirm that any donation can be made from the CIL monies, if the PC wish to do so. Cllr agreed that they will determine whether the £250 comes out of the CIL monies or the PC reserves once the Speed Indicator Device has been purchased out of the CIL monies.
"30 MPH AHEAD" sign – Old Bury Road	Landowner – has given his consent to the sign being erected on the triangle of land. Confirmation from BDC Infrastructure Team that CIL monies can be used to purchase and install the sign. Cllr Rix and Cllr Jacobs had looked into quotations for the sign. All Cllrs agreed with the recommendation from Cllr Rix to purchase the Start Traffic quotation in the sum of £117.96 (incl VAT). Cllrs also agreed to instruct Peter Rix to install the sign. Clerk will arrange for purchase and delivery to Peter Rix. Cllrs agreed to pay for the sign and installation out of the CIL monies.
Speed count down signs on the A134 (Bury Road)	SCC Highways have looked into the matter. They will not consent to the requested count down signs. SCC Highways will consent to a "pedestrian crossing sign on the approach to the bridle path but overall SCC consider that there is sufficient signage about speed. CIL monies can be used if the PC wish to proceed.

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	Following discussions Cllrs agreed not to go ahead, rarely are there pedestrians along that stretch of the roadway.
<p>Speed Indicator Device:</p> <p><u>Proposed sites:</u></p> <p>(a) 3 x areas within the 30mph zones on the A134</p> <p>(b) Shop Hill/Old Bury Road</p> <p>(c) Church Lane</p> <p>(d) Aveley Lane</p> <p><u>Funding of SID:</u> Cost: approx. £3,000</p>	<p>(a) Details sent to SCC for each site</p> <p>(b) (c) and (d) letters will shortly be with local residents for their consent</p> <p>Aim to finalise and submit all paperwork to SCC by Christmas.</p> <p>Cost is going to be in the approx. region of £3,000.</p> <p>£2,000 to be funded from County Cllr Richard Kemp's highways budget.</p> <p>Balance of approximately £1,000 – Cllrs agreed that they would like to fund this out of Neighbourhood CIL monies. BDC Infrastructure Team have confirmed that they could spend CIL monies on this project.</p> <p>Update at next meeting.</p>
BT Payphone	BDC have consented to the PC adopting the BT Payphone outside of Amicus on Old Bury Road. BT have forwarded standard terms of contract for purchase for £1. Proper Officer has signed on behalf of the PC and will submit the contract and the £1 cheque once it has been approved and signed at this meeting. BT have confirmed that they will then send the free of charge paint pack. PC to decide next steps once in receipt of the paint pack. Clerk will also then update asset register and advise insurers.

7. District and County Cllr Reports:

Report from County Cllr Richard Kemp:

Cabinet reshuffle at Suffolk County Council

On 15 October, there was a major reshuffle of the Suffolk County Council Cabinet. The key changes are:

- Cllr Gordon Jones is the new Cabinet Member for Finance

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- Cllr Mary Evans remains as deputy leader and is Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills
- Cllr Andrew Reid is the new Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs
- Responsibility for the council’s policy on Sizewell C moves to Cllr Richard Rout
- Responsibility for the council’s property portfolio and assets moves to Cllr Nick Gowrley

Boundary review – extension of consultation

The Boundary Commission has extended the deadline for their consultation on new division boundaries for Suffolk County Council until 2 January 2020. The Boundary Commission are proposing to reduce Councillor numbers in Suffolk from 75 to 70.

More information available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/18495>

35% cut to Health Visitors

It was recently reported that Suffolk County Council planned to cut 25% of Health Visitors. We have now learned that the council has in fact reduced Health Visitors by 35%, without informing either the public or councillors. The staffing cuts were made as part of an internal restructure of the 0-19 Healthy Child Service in order to save £1m.

In England, it is mandatory for families to receive five visits to check on the health of children/parents during pregnancy and early childhood, and guidance states these checks should be undertaken by health visitors. As a result of these staffing reductions, in Suffolk only three of these visits will be undertaken by trained health visitors, with staff nurses expected to take on the other two checks.

My group proposed a motion asking the administration to reconsider these cuts but was unsuccessful.

Review of school transport policy confirmed

Cllr Mary Evans has apologised to families affected by the new school transport policy and confirmed there will be a review of the policy. However, this review will likely only focus on the implementation of the new policy, rather than inherent problems with the policy itself.

Since the introduction of the new policy, there has been a large increase in the number of transport appeals: 141 appeals were submitted from 1 July – 18 October, compared to an average of 21 for the same time period in previous years. Over 70%

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of these appeals have been decided in favour of parents initially refused transport by the council.

Report from District Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi:

General Election – December 12

As you will be aware, a general election has been called for Thursday 12 December 2019.

Councillors given more time to consider name change

Babergh District Councillors are being more time to consider a proposal to change the name of the council in order to allow time for further discussions.

The Council was due to meet in late October to discuss a proposal to change the name of Babergh District Council to South Suffolk Council, making the council geographically consistent with its neighbouring authorities in the county.

This means any name change is now unlikely before April 2021.

Cross Street in Sudbury is set to get a breath of fresh air

Suffolk County Council working in partnership with Babergh District Council is proposing to remove six short stay parking bays on Cross Street in Sudbury with the aim of improving air quality in the area for both residents and pedestrians.

Suffolk County Council will be implementing an experimental traffic order to remove the six parking bays from January 2020 until June 2021.

Since 2011 Cross Street has been a designated air quality management area due to a high concentration of nitrogen dioxide, which exceeds the national health standard, and the order should see an improvement.

More free swimming for youngsters

Following successful summer take up, BDC extended their free swims offer during half term and will also be running the initiative over the Christmas holidays to which aims to help promote healthier and active lifestyles in the district.

Fly-tipper billed more than £1,500 for dumping waste in Semer

Mr Ionel Stanescu, of Sirdar Road, Ipswich, dumped items including a hot water tank jacket in September 2018 in Drakestone Green, Semer. The council investigated the fly tip after witnesses reported a male dumping items out the back of a van into a ditch, along with the vehicle registration number. Taking account of his guilty plea, the court fined Mr Stanescu £720, along with costs of £708.67 and a victim surcharge of £72.

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Abbeycroft Leisure awarded two more county-wide exercise referral quality standards

Abbeycroft Leisure, who run Babergh's leisure centres in Sudbury and Hadleigh, has been awarded two county-wide exercise referral quality standards, for their work with patients with long term conditions at our centres.

The quality standard developed by Suffolk County Council Public Health and county wide partners, for exercise referral scheme (ERS), is the first of its kind in the UK. Exercise referral schemes enable GPs and health professionals to refer patients with long term health conditions to a fitness programme based within the community, to increase their physical activity levels as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Volunteers mark World Mental Health Day

On World Mental Health Day (10 October) Sudbury Volunteers and Statutory Partnerships (VASP) raised awareness by promoting the services available in Suffolk.

Council urges businesses to take fun seriously

The council is encouraging businesses across the district with bouncy castles or inflatable play equipment to seek safety advice in light of an accident at the Maldon Grey pub in Sudbury in May, where a child suffered a fractured leg having fallen from a bouncy castle.

Babergh pledges to protect wildlife

During Full Council on 24 September councilors passed a motion with a range of pledges to enhance and protect biodiversity in Babergh. These included wildflower verges, free trees for families, and a map showing Babergh's wildlife networks. The environment and climate change taskforce will look to fulfil the pledges and explore the ways biodiversity corridors can be enhanced in Babergh to protect wildlife.

Security at Belle Vue Park

Following discussions with Sudbury Town Council and Sudbury Community Wardens, Babergh District Council has agreed that the best way to tackle recent anti-social behavior at Belle Vue is by working together. From November 1, responsibility for locking the park gates will transfer to Sudbury Community Wardens, with all parties fully committed to keeping the park a safe space for the local community.

Free recycling talks for residents

Suffolk's Recycling Centres offer free 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle – not a waste of time!' sessions to interested parties to learn more about ways to reduce waste and improve recycling.

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Hot topics on social media

- Warning of conservation officer scam calls
- Free swims

Other items to add:

- Civil Parking Enforcement – all things being equal, is due to start 31st January. Once the scheme beds in we should start to see an improvement in the way people park
 - Babergh intend o carry out a review of parking across the district but paying specific attention to Sudbury and Hadleigh
 - A member of the public took Babergh to task with regard to planning appeals and their cost, the subject matter was well reported in the local press
 - The new village hall car park in Long Melford.
8. Public Forum: no members of the public present.
9. Correspondence: (all correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting)
- (i) Email from Lawshall PC regarding once or twice a year meeting with Suffolk Constabulary. All Cllrs present agreed that it would be worthwhile being part of these meetings. Clerk will liaise with Lawshall PC.
10. Clerk/RFO Report:

- i. Schedule of items awaiting approval

Schedule of invoices awaiting authorisation for payment

N Smith	Clerk's salary	338.04	624	LGA1972
Alpheton VH	1 x hire for meeting	12.00	625	LGA1972
I Etherington	grass cutting	100.00	626	LGA1972
G Maskell	grass cutting	1025.00	627	LGA1972
PCC	Parish Magazine	132.00	628	LGA1972
P Trevelyan	Tree of Lights Event	22.94	629	LGA1972
BT Payphones	Adoption	1.00	630	LGA1972
Start Traffic	30MPH AHEAD sign	117.96	631	LGA1972

All Cllrs present approved expenditure.

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11. To consider and approve draft Precept for 2020/21

INCOME

Precept	3755.00
Recycling credits	200.00
Garage licence	950.00
	4905.00

EXPENDITURE

Clerk's salary	1995.00
Clerk's expenses	80.00
Audit fees	0.00
Hire of Hall	120.00
Insurance/subs SALC/CAS	400.00
Grass cutting	1400.00
Donations	50.00
Village Magazine	150.00
Dog and litter bins	230.00
Chairs expenses	50.00
Training	200.00
Parish Election costs	30.00
Contingency	200.00
	4905.00

NB: cost of speed indicator device to be met by (a) County Cllr Richard Kemps's donation of £2,000 from Highways Budget, Neighbourhood CIL monies and if any deficit thereafter from reserves of monies held by the PC.

12. Parish Councillor's Reports:

- (i) Chair reported that she had been contacted by the Fit Villages Project. Cllrs had been provided with details ahead of the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that as most activities would need to take place in the VH it was

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better if Fit Villages Project spoke with someone from the VH Committee.
Chair will provide details of VH contact to Fit Villages Project.

- (ii) Cllr Rix reported that there is a stretch of road from the layby at the top of High Cross that he considers would benefit from white line being painted on the road. Clerk to contact Cllr Kemp to see if this can be done.

13. Planning: no new planning matters.

14. Date and time of next meeting: **4th February 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed: 8.35pm

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