

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 27th JULY 2020 AT 7PM (REMOTELY BY WAY OF VIDEO CONFERENCING)

1. Apologies: All Parish Cllrs present.
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Rix declared an interest in the footpath matter being updated under item 4, as he is a land owner on part of the footpath.
3. To consider and approve the draft Minutes of 11th June 2020: Cllr Rix proposed and Cllr Jacobs seconded that the Minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. All Cllrs present agreed.
4. Matters arising (updates):

| Matter arising | Current position | Next steps |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Speed Indicator Device | <p>Clerk has submitted site suitability checklists plus associated paperwork for each of those 10 sites to SCC Highways.</p> <p>Sites as follows:-</p> <p>A134 – 4 proposed sites Old Bury Road – 3 proposed sites Church Lane – 2 proposed sites Aveley Lane – 1 proposed site.</p> | <p><i>Awaiting response from SCC for each of the 10 proposed sites.</i></p> <p><i>In meantime, confirmation from SCC that villages are only permitted to use 1 Speed indicator Device at any given time, so 2 could not be in operation in the village.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Rix had sent out information to all Cllrs regarding purchasing the SID from manufacturer abroad. Clerk had obtained some info from SALC. Further discussion at meeting and <u>it was agreed on a vote of 4:1 that the SID device would be purchased from a UK supplier (maintenance and repairs being the main reasons for this vote outcome).</u></i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that Cllr Rix will resend the information</i></p> |

Signed.....

Dated.....

| | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| | | <p><i>regarding the type of Speed Indicator Device so that Cllrs could consider exactly what device they would prefer to purchase.</i></p> |
| Defibrillator | <p>Clerk has been in contact with Martin Richards of Long Melford defibrillators and the Clerk at Long Melford PC to obtain information.</p> <p>Cllr Rix has been looking at various types of defibrillators.</p> | <p><u>Village Hall site</u></p> <p><i>We now have confirmation from the Village Hall Committee that they consent to a defibrillator being mounted on the outside of the VH.</i></p> <p><u>Alpheton Garage site</u></p> <p><i>Chair and Clerk met with the owner of the garage and went through various options but none are suitable on the garage site.</i></p> <p><u>Bus shelter</u></p> <p><i>Cllrs Grey, Jacobs and Rix had a meeting here, together with the electrician who installed the Long Melford defibs. Towards the end of that meeting, the owner of Alpheton Garage spoke with them and very kindly offered to supply mains electricity from her house, to power a defibrillator on the northern end of the bus shelter.</i></p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p><i>VH Committee have offered a donation of £100 towards the cost or installation of a defibrillator on the outside wall of the VH.</i></p> |

Signed.....

Dated.....

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| | | <p>Further funding needs to be secured to purchase. Leaflet being distributed to households in the village.</p> <p><u>Type of defibrillator</u> To be agreed. The type that Long Melford have purchased are costing @£1350 each plus @£200 to install.</p> |
| Replacement Grit Bin on Old Bury Road | Cllr Jacobs and the Clerk have been trying to progress this matter with SCC sub contractor. | <p><i>Damaged grit bin has now been removed.</i></p> <p>New grit bin needs to be installed. Clerk and Cllr Jacobs still pursuing the matter.</p> |
| Refurbishment of Phone Box on Old Bury Road | Clerk has obtained a quotation from Peter Rix to carry out the refurbishment works at £22 per hour but he is unable to say how many hours would be needed. | PC has agreed for now to see how much monies need to be spent on the other ongoing projects and then consider at a later date the refurbishment of the Old Phone Box. |
| Public footpath grass cutting Bridge Street to Church Lane | Grass is very overgrown. Initial report was for the area before and after little bridge across the Chad river from Bridge Street to Church Lane, Alpheton, but upon further inspection the whole route is overgrown. | <p>Chair Cllr Gray reported on highways reporting tool under reference 12695 and 12689 footpath 4.</p> <p>This does come under the routine SCC cut schedule which is usually April/May. The next cutting schedule starts in August through to September.</p> <p>However, the landowners noted that it was causing concern for parishioners and cut back the footpath.</p> |

Signed.....

Dated.....

5. District and County Cllrs reports: attached.
6. Public Forum: No members of the public present.
7. Correspondence:
 - (i) "Round Robin" email from Chair at Shimpling Parish Council regarding the possibility of Shimpling forming a Good Neighbour Scheme". Following on from this correspondence Alpheton Parish Council have had a number of people comment that they would be interested if there was a joint GNS between Alpheton and Shimpling. Clerk had conveyed that to Chair at Shimpling PC and we will await any update.
8. Clerk/RFO report:-
 - (i) No items awaiting payment at the current time.
 - (ii) Income and Expenditure to date in 2020/2021

Income

| | |
|---|---------|
| Precept (1 of 2 payments. Second payment due in September) | 1877.50 |
|---|---------|

Expenditure

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Babergh – annual dog and litter bin emptying | 224.40 |
| SALC – annual subscriptions | 141.98 |
| N Smith salary (from 06/02 – to 05/05) | 454.08 |
| HMRC – tax and NI | 34.20 |
| | 854.66 |

- (iii) Audit – due to the volume of work under matters arising the Annual Governance and Accountability Report for 2019/2020 will be put before the Parish Council at their next meeting on 4th August 2020.
9. Planning: No new planning matters at the time of serving the Agenda.
10. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting: 4 August 2020 at 7pm to be held remotely by Zoom, unless other instructions are agreed by the Parish Council.

Meeting closed: 7.40pm

Signed.....

Dated.....