

Alpheton Parish Council Meeting 7th February 2017

Agenda & Correspondence

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Present
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes of November 2016
6. Matters Arising
7. Highways
8. Planning
9. Finance
10. Clerk's Report and Correspondence
11. District and County Councils' Reports.
12. Parish Council Chairman's Report.
13. Any Other Business
14. Date and Time of next meeting.

Correspondence

Finance

1. SALC – Details of the New Sector Led Body for the external Audit arrangements for local Councils. Suffolk's appointed auditor is PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP
2. SALC – In view of the above SALC advise that although in normal circumstances no fee will be payable, we should budget for a limited assurance review as a precautionary measure.
3. The Clerk has received an Acknowledgement of Declaration of Compliance with the Pensions Regulator, (for herself).
4. Suffolk Accident Rescue Service Report and Appeal. Website www.sars999.org.uk
5. Email from Richard Kemp to say that the proposed Babergh DC Council Tax increase will be 3.4% (not 2% as previously indicated).
6. Transparency Code Application Form and Guidance notes. It may be possible to obtain funding for the cost of hosting the documents.
7. SALC – Council Tax referendum principles have **not** been extended to Parish and Town Councils in 2017/18.

Planning

8. Email from Paul Weeks asking the Council to consider writing to Bill Newman at BDC to ask for Alpheton to be elevated to a hinterland village in the updated Local Plan.
9. Notice of Change of Governance for Babergh District Council. (To a Leader-Cabinet form of Governance effective from AGM in May 2017.)
10. Babergh DC – Consultation on Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation. Views are sought, consultation period is 13th Jan – 10th Feb. Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan web page.
11. Quantity of correspondence regarding site visit of Chairman, Councillor Maureen Lankester and the Clerk with David Daw, Road Safety Officer (Education) SCC at Bridge Street regarding School Bus Route and Safety.
12. Speeding at Bridge Street. The road has been monitored by the Safety Camera Team. 20% of vehicles have to be observed breaking the speed limit for the speed van to be deployed and prosecute. Unfortunately the average speed was 40.5mph.
13. Changes to Parish Councils Register of Interests, which will now be dealt with by the Support Services Team.
14. Richard Kemp's February Report.
15. Registration required for WWI Beacons of Light ceremonies planned for 11th November 2018.
Glasdon Street Furniture catalogue, Norris and Fisher Insurance, Green Barnes (Notice Boards) leaflet, The Local Councillor.