

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 AT 7.00 PM

Present; Ken Watkins, (Chairman), Alan Ariss, John Holdway, Richard Kemp, Maureen Lankester, Graham Maskell, Trevor Rix and Julie Rix the Clerk. Also present John Nunn ( District Councillor).

Apologies;

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 were signed as correct. Proposed by Alan Ariss and seconded by Maureen Lankester.

Matters Arising

Flooding - Highways have jetted the drain by Doone House and established that there is a blockage. They have also put a camera down to check out the problem. There has been no report to follow this work.

Sudbury Bypass - John Nunn will be attending another meeting in two weeks time.

Elections - This May will see National, District and Parish Elections. John Holdway is standing down as one of our Parish Councillors. John was thanked for all he has done while serving as a councillor. Ken commented that he was grateful for the support, help and advice during his time as chairman, and thanks also go to John's wife Pauline.

Planning

No applications received.

Highways

The signage on the bend and on Cold Hill is due for replacement in the not too distant future. Apparently the job has moved up the Highways pecking order.

Police

No police present at this meeting. Crime report sent however. This was for February, and showed the parish as having just one crime, an assault at Aveley Lane, with no publicity requested. The police recorded 67 crimes in the period in the Babergh West area, of which 14 were assaults.

Finance

The Audit pack has arrived and is due in by 27<sup>th</sup> May. Cheques were authorised;

No;446	£210.26	Babergh DC for Dog Bins
No;447	£123.00	Suffolk Assn of Local Councils ( Subscription)
No;448	£958.03	Mrs J m Rix second half of Clerk's salary
No;449	£12.00	Alpheton Village hall – Hire April 2015
No;450	£63.50	P G Rix – repairs etc Bus shelters and Notice board put up
No;451	£12.00	Alpheton Village hall – Hire February 2015

Clerk's Report & Correspondence

As correspondence list – otherwise dealt with elsewhere in these minutes.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

### County and District Councillors' Reports

Richard Kemp and John Nunn gave their reports for County and District and were thanked. Apart from the run up to the Elections in May things are rather quiet .

### Any Other Business

Telephone box. BT has asked us if we wish to purchase the red box in Old Bury Road for £1. BT will continue to supply power, and ensure the light is working, but the power supply can be disconnected if BT decides to do so in the future.

Uses for a telephone box include – an art gallery, a lending library, a pop-up shop. According to BT, one was used as a pub – for one night only.

If we did decide to buy it, someone/several people will be needed to look after it. Also Babergh have to approve any plans. Ken will put an article in the parish magazine to see if there is support, not just for the idea of purchase, but for taking care of it.

Trevor Rix noted that Broadband Fibre was enabled a month ago and we now have the fastest speeds in the country.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 7.35pm

The next meeting will be The Annual Meetings on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.