

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 24TH AUGUST 2010 AT 7.00PM

Present; Ken Watkins. (Chairman), Alan Ariss, John Holdway, Richard Kemp, Maureen Lankester, Graham Maskell and Trevor Rix,
Also present Julie Rix, the Clerk, John Brand and PCSO Hannah Partington.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially PCSO Partington.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as correct. (Proposed by Alan Ariss and seconded by John Holdway.)

The Item 'Police' was brought forward to allow PCSO Partington to speak about the Crime Report to date. She was thanked and then left to attend another meeting.

Matters Arising

The Community Orchard will be discussed further by the Village hall committee and there will be a working party to prepare the ground.

The Minutes of May 2010 will be sent to Mary Dunk for inclusion on the website.

The editor of Alpheton News would like a summary of the minutes for the magazine.

Tom Nunn of Suffolk County Council is aware of the very bad state of the road surface along Old Bury Road.

The Old Control Tower planning permission has been granted.

The council intends to provide grit boxes throughout the parish to help in the bad weather.

Richard Kemp may be able to help with some funding.

It is understood that the portacabins which have started appearing on the far side of the airfield are just being stored there.

The email tree has not got much further. An advert for it will be put in the magazine.

The invoice for Alpheton Garage has been paid. Cars are still being parked too near the bend near the Garage.

Highways

We are provided with figures for speeding vehicles caught on the A134. The van can only be deployed on weekdays and so cannot be in place on weekends when there are motor bikes speeding through the village.

The drainage problem in Bridge Street has not been solved but has been a little better of late.

The road surface in Old Bury is breaking up and there is a bad stretch near Thatched Acre. The Chairman will speak to the owner to see if he can park his vehicles elsewhere as the left hand lane is suffering from repeated use.

Finance

Two cheques were authorised;

No; 341 £58.75 BDO LLP (Auditors)

No; 342 £12.00 Alpheton Village hall - Hire

Sudbury Court is under threat of closure. This council will protest against this proposition and fully support keeping it open.

Mr Kemp gave his report on Suffolk County Council, and Babergh District Council.
Mr Brand also gave his District report and stated his wish to stand down from this post.
Both Councillors were thanked for their reports and the interest that they take in this parish.

Correspondence and Clerk's report.

There is the opportunity for Councillors to attend Great Blakenham Recycling facility to see what happens to the contents of our blue bins. The clerk will contact them to book 6 places.
Appeals for funding will be held over to the Annual meeting when all will be considered together.

Any other business

Mr Watkins reported that there is to be a reorganisation of local Register Offices. This will mean that Sudbury will close for one day a week.

Mr Rix said that high speed Broadband should be available from Thatched Acre to Elms Farmhouse very soon with more coverage to the airfield.

This meeting closed at 7.55pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 23rd November 2010.