

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011 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 and John Brand, and one member of the public.  
Apologies; There were none

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Matters Arising

The trees for the Community Orchard were planted before the snow, and Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> is the provisional date for the Dedication Ceremony.

The Clerk has written to Suffolk County Council about the road surface again and asked for various abandoned road signs to be collected. (Subsequently the signs have been removed) Seven grit boxes have arrived from Glasdon Products Ltd. Suffolk County Council have been contacted for advice with reference to their installation (placement, distance from kerb, base etc).

There was a temporary reprieve for Sudbury court, but it will be closing in March 2011.

The repeater signs that have been requested for Church Lane have not yet arrived.

Police

PCSO Partington was unable to attend. There was no Crime Report.

Planning

Application B/11/00001/FUL

Elliot's Cottage, Shop Hill, Alpheton, CO10 9BU

Erection of detached stable block and associated works  
(existing redundant pig rearing building to be demolished).

Application B/11/00003/FHA

Elliot's Cottage, Shop Hill, Alpheton, CO10 9BU

Erection of first floor extension over existing flat roof single-storey extension,  
(existing single-storey rear lobby extension to be demolished.)

Both of these applications were considered at this meeting and there were no objections.

Highways

A resident has complained about speeds in Old Bury Road, particularly coming down the hill. Mr Kemp offered to ask SCC if repeater 30mph signs could be added here. It may be possible to request the speed gun for deployment here.

Dog fouling is also a problem in Old Bury Road/Hospital road footpath, ironically near the dog waste bin. It was suggested that if seen, the number of the owner's vehicle should be taken and the information given to the police. We will put a note in the village magazine although it is

not distributed to all residents and it may not be a resident who is at fault. Mr Kemp will ask Babergh (who have a Dog Warden) for more advice.

#### Finance

Cheques authorised at this meeting;

No; 350	£28.42	Jane Watson/PCC - Refreshments for Christmas Tree Lights Ceremony.
No; 351	£1082.98	Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd - Grit Bins
No; 352	£99.00	Alan Ariss 50% donation to Community Orchard
No; 353	£167.29	Babergh DC Dog & Litter bin collection 2010
No; 354	£12.00	Alpheton Village Hall – Hire
No; 355	£ 840.00	Graham Maskell – Grass Cutting

Cheque received for recycling £88.04

#### Chairman's Report.

The Chairman noted that there are no speeding figures from the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. He and the clerk will try to complete the Registration process of land in the parish. The Christmas Tree lights on the Green was very well attended and the tree's lights looked good from the main road.

#### District and County Reports

John Brand gave his report regarding Babergh District Council, concerning finances. He said that information about council pensions was now available to the public. Mr Kemp reported for Suffolk County Council. First he commented on Babergh's possible merger with Mid-Suffolk Council, which would obviously incur cost and redundancies. SCC must save £28million over 3 years and so are looking for volunteers in some areas. Both were thanked for their reports.

#### Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The visit to Great Blakenham is still to take place. Six councillors are interested in going. A note will be put in the magazine to make the numbers up to ten.

#### Any Other Business

The Royal British Legion are celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday by encouraging communities to hold Poppy Parties on the weekend 10/12<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Kemp said that Long Melford branch of RBL intend to do this.

The wedding of HRH Prince William and Miss Kate Middleton will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and this will be a Bank Holiday. Shimpling have asked if Alpheton would like to combine for this event. They are having a pre-wedding party on the Thursday, tea after the wedding ceremony finishes on the TV and on the Saturday they will be holding races and giving commemorative mugs to the children.

The dates of meetings for this year will be as follows;  
22<sup>nd</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting), 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, all at 7.00pm

There being no further business this meeting closed at 7.40pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 at 7pm.