

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 24th JANUARY 2012 AT 7.00PM

Present: Ken Watkins. (Chairman), Alan Ariss, John Holdway, Richard Kemp, Graham Maskell and Trevor Rix. Also present Julie Rix - the Clerk, and one member of the public.

Apologies: Maureen Lankester

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as correct. (Proposed by Graham Maskell seconded by Alan Ariss)

Matters Arising

Alpheton Garage have changed the angle of the security light and it is a little better. They have not, however, moved the cars back as requested. The Chairman will speak to the owner.

Data protection Act – the clerk will enquire and see if she and the Chairman need to register.

Police

No representative from Suffolk Constabulary attended.

Highways

Suffolk County Council have been contacted with regard to residents' concerns over speeding in the village. SCC is under the impression that there are no problems. (Hand held speed guns used in the village have not indicated any speeding)

Mr Kemp will ask if a SID (Speed Indicator Device) can be deployed in the village.

Finance

Two cheques were authorised;

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| No; 375 | £12 | Alpheton Village Hall hire |
| No; 376 | £860.00 | G Maskell – Grass cutting. |

There has been a payment of £97.75 for recycling.

Correspondence and Clerk's Report.

A list of all correspondence had been circulated with the minutes.

The Chairman's Report was covered above.

Mr Kemp gave his District and County Reports and was thanked.

Any Other Business

There has been a plea for faster Broadband provision. Alpheton is not alone in having a poor speed, Shimpling also suffers.

This summer sees the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations over a long weekend in June and the Olympics from 27th July – 12th August with the Paralympics 29th August – 9th September. Peter Rix - Village Hall Chairman, said that the Village Hall Trustees intended to put on events both occasions. It was agreed to pledge £150.00 to the Village Hall. Mr Kemp said that the Locality Budget funding could be applied for these events also and could be used for anything other than refreshments.

Suffolk Acre are starting a scheme for buying heating oil at reduced rates. A village co-ordinator would be needed to oversee this. A Note will go in the magazine.

Dates for meetings for the year were agreed (previously agreed dates being incorrect.)

March 27th

May 22nd Annual Meeting

August 28th

November 27th

There being no further business this meeting closed at 7.35pm.