

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALPHETON  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at 7pm

Present; Acting Chairman; Mr Alan Ariss, Mr J Holdway, Mrs M Lankester, Mr G Maskell, Mr K Watkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs J Rix.

Apologies; Mr T Rix, Mr R Kemp, PCSO Hannah Partington. (Apologies accepted.)

Declaration of Interest; There were none.

January's meeting's minutes were signed as correct. Proposed by Ken Watkins and seconded by John Holdway.

Matters Arising.

The Village Hall Committee are happy to allow the Community Orchard to be positioned on some of the village grounds. Approximately 10 trees will be planted. It was hoped to do this in the Spring but expert advice says that preparation of the ground should be done now, with planting in the Autumn. The cost will be roughly £200. It was proposed that the Parish Council contribute half of this amount. (The budget has always shown a sum for planting trees but this has not been fully used) All agreed.

The Parish Council minutes for January will be sent to Mary Dunk for inclusion on the website.

The potholes and Chevrons have been attended to.

The planning application at the Control Tower on the Airfield has still not had a decision made by Babergh.

The Suffolk County Council extra funding may not be forthcoming. It was decided to press ahead with the refurbishment of the bus shelters in any case, using our own funds.

Grit was delivered to the village and especially Aveley Lane in spite of low stocks. The Clerk will investigate costs with a view to providing a box for Aveley Lane.

We have a copy of the Transport Survey Report.

Ken Watkins is now an authorised bank signatory.

Richard Kemp says that our meeting dates are identical to Long Melford's. New dates have been made – AGM is Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, then Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Planning

Application; B/10/00180/LBC  
Location; Barns at Alpheton Hall, Church lane, Alpheton.  
Proposal; Application for Listed Building Consent – External & Internal alterations.

Application; .B/10/00047/FHA/GC  
Location; 3, Roseacre, Church Lane, Alpheton  
Proposal; Erection of side extension to existing garage to provide additional garaging.

There were no objections to either of these applications.

### Highways

The pot holes have had some repair and the chevrons near Tallage have been replaced. It was noted that Old Bury Road suffers from vehicles running over verges and garden perimeters from time to time by lorries.

### Police

PCSO Partington had given her apologies. Some correspondence had been received; Public Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May in Lavenham; lists of fixed penalty notices issued in Alpheton in November 2009 and January 2010; a speed complaints form which can be filled in and sent in to SCC; list of police Priorities regarding local policing; letter from Long Melford PC who intend employing their own PCSO and asking smaller parishes to consider joint funding. This council declines to contribute.

### Finance

Cheques authorised at this meeting;

No; 332	£ 140	Alpheton PCC – for Magazine
No; 333	£ 30.99	Alpheton PCC – Christmas tree lights and refreshments
No; 334	£ 150.79	Babergh DC – Dog & Litter Bin collections
No; 362	£ 12	Alpheton Village hall – Hall Hire

### Any Other Business

Richard Kemp had sent his report which was read out.

There are a lot of portacabins on the airfield near Stone Cottages. To whom do they belong?

A scheme has been set up whereby information can be sent around the village by email to those residents who are interested. Email addresses will be given to Parish Council, Alpheton PCC and Alpheton Village hall only, so that messages may be sent when time is short to get the information into the magazine. The clerk has set up a dedicated email address for the council. [alphetonpc@gmail.com](mailto:alphetonpc@gmail.com)

There being no further business this meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.