

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 22nd MARCH 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

John Brand was given leave to address the meeting. He thanked Alpheton Parish Council for inviting him to attend meetings for the past 12 years. Richard Kemp responded with his thanks to John for his support to himself and to the council.

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 Trevor Rix and seconded by Maureen Lankester.)

Matters Arising

The Dedication of the Community Orchard will be this Sunday 27th March, at noon.

Suffolk County Council has replied regarding road mending – they have a backlog in excess of the funding available, but will do patching in the new financial year.

The clerk will try emailing regarding the siting of grit boxes as her telephone call brought no information.

The 30mph repeater signs have brought mixed reactions from residents in Church lane. The police ran a demonstration speed check for some residents one Saturday morning in Church Lane, unfortunately on the day of Alpheton Barn Wedding Fayre.

An article regarding speeding has also appeared in the village magazine, which was not written by the council, but may be read as such. The Council was not informed in advance of this appearing, nor given prior notice of the speed check. There is disappointment in the lack of communication in view of the fact that all residents in Church lane have had a letter – jointly from the council and the police – advising speed limits in the village. Businesses on the airfield have received a similar letter and had visits from Suffolk Constabulary.

Our plea for speed checks on the motor bikes which speed through our village on Sundays has come to nothing as the camera van operates only from Monday to Friday.

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). Granted

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.) Refused

Chairman's Report

Mr Watkins has put an article regarding dog fouling in the village magazine.
He has also asked the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for speeding figures, but has received nothing so far.

A map of the area will be needed to proceed with registering village land.
Shimpling are organising several Royal Wedding events and have asked for a contribution towards the Children's Tea. This was agreed.

County & District Reports

Richard Kemp gave his report for Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council and was thanked.

Police

PCSO Hannah Partington arrived and was invited to speak. She said that between 25th January and 22nd March there have been no crimes in this parish. She warned against complacency however, as neighbouring villages have had break ins to insecure vehicles. The oils thefts are now diminishing. Suffolk Constabulary is offering farmers visits to their properties to give security advice and to check what is being held there. She also commented that the person who parks his camper van occasionally on the Green overnight is not a danger to anyone.

Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The clerk drew to the attention of the councillors the consultation periods for items 4,5 and 7.
(please see Agenda & Correspondence.)

The Nomination papers and explanatory booklet have been distributed to councillors and posters put up regarding forthcoming Parish Elections.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 7.45pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meetings on Tuesday 17th May 2011.