

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 17TH MAY 2010 AT 7.35PM

Present; Alan Ariss, (Chairman), John Holdway, Richard Kemp, Maureen Lankester and Ken Watkins. Also present Julie Rix, the Clerk and one member of the public.
Apologies; Trevor Rix, John Brand.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Mr Ariss stated his intention to resign his post as chairman and asked for nominations. He proposed Mr Ken Watkins, seconded by Richard Kemp. There were no other nominations. Mr Watkins was duly elected.

Mr Watkins thanked Mr Ariss for performing the role so efficiently and running the council smoothly.

The minutes of March 23rd 2010 were signed as correct. Proposed by John Holdway seconded by Alan Ariss.

Matters Arising:

Community Orchard in memory of Edwin Taylor – 10 trees have been ordered at a cost of £170.00 + £29.00 delivery. They will arrive in November. Discussions are still ongoing about the optimum position for the orchard.

The council minutes (once they have been signed) are being sent to Mary Dunk who puts them on the website for us.

It was noted that some work had been undertaken filling in the worst of the potholes in Old Bury Road. The clerk will write to politely remind SCC that major work is still needed.

There is still no decision regarding the application for The Old Control Tower.

The refurbishment of the bus shelters will probably be after harvest.

It may be possible to use either Locality Budget funding or the ‘Quality of Life’ funding to pay for grit boxes.

The application for Elms farm has been withdrawn and two new applications received. In view of the quantity of drawings it decided to hold a planning meeting on Friday 28th May at 2.30pm.

Richard Kemp will investigate the gradual appearance of portacabins on the airfield.

The email ‘tree’ to the clerk has not had a great response so far.

Cheques were authorised;

No. 335	£12.00	Alpheton Village hall – Hire
No. 336	£27.00	Lyn Holt – Internal Audit
No. 337	£752.00	Graham Maskell – Grass cutting
No. 338	£108.00	Suffolk Assn Local Councils - Subscription
No. 339	£1378.00	J Rix - Clerk’s salary

No.340 £77.65 J Rix – Clerk’s expenses

An invoice was sent to Alpheton garage for the Licence fee at Easter. No funds have been received as yet. A statement will be sent at the end of the month.

Correspondence

There have been several appeals for funding this year. It was decided to support the village magazine and the Christmas Tree Memorial Event on an annual basis to a total of approximately £200. A further £100 will be shared between the Suffolk Air Ambulance and the Children’s Hospice Tree Appeal.

This meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The next meeting will be 24th August at 7.00pm.