

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 23rd MAY 2017 AT 7.35 PM

Present; Ken Watkins, (Chairman), Maureen Lankester, Richard Barraclough, Richard Kemp, Graham Maskell, Trevor Rix, John Nunn (District Councillor) and Julie Rix the Clerk. One member of the public.

Mr Watkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

At the previous meeting Mr Watkins had spoken about Councillor Alan Ariss whose funeral many of those present had attended this day. A moment of silence was taken in tribute to his memory.

Election of Chairman. Nominations were asked for by Mrs Lankester. Mr Watkins was proposed to stand again by Mr Rix seconded by Mr Barraclough. All agreed – he was duly elected.

Vice chair. Mr Watkins proposed Mrs Lankester , seconded by Mr Barraclough. All agreed – she was duly elected.

Both Councillors completed Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

Apologies; there were none

There was a Declaration of Interest from Mr Kemp for the item on planning.

The minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were signed as correct. Proposed by Mr Barraclough and seconded by Mrs Lankester.

Matters Arising

The road sign at Bridge Street which was retrieved from the river has not yet been re-instated.

The missing chevron on the bend at Clapstile corner has not been replaced either. Mr Kemp will follow these problems up.

The Chairman completed the Open Spaces survey, but it was really designed for places with playing fields and play equipment.

Planning ( Mr Kemp took no part)

B/17/01103 Newmans Lodge, Bury Rd, Alpheton CO10 9BP

Erection of 4 no. dwellings and construction of new vehicular access

It was noted that the application prior to this had been withdrawn and this application (which is identical) takes its place. It was agreed to reply with the same concerns as before.

B/17/00527 Jadan House, Church Lane, Alpheton CO10 9BL

Erection of single storey rear extension

There are no comments to make about this.

B/17/00473/FUL/MAPR Mill Barn, Bridge Street, Alpheton – Permission granted for (ClassA1) retail use.

## Highways

Item dealt with above in Matters Arising.

## Finance

The Audit has been completed and the accounts internally audited by Lynn Holt. The accounts had been circulated to all the councillors and were approved at the preceding meeting.

The following cheques were authorised;

No; 558	£14.70	Mrs J Rix – Expenses
No; 559	£12.00	Alpheton Village Hall - Hire
No; 560	£28.00	Ms L Holt – Internal Auditor
No; 561	£133.17	SALC Subscription
No; 562	£25.00	Ms L Holt – Internal Auditor

A claim for refund of V.A.T. has been sent in for £50.04, and the first instalment of the Precept of £1545.50 has been received.

It was decided not to send for copies of the Good Councillor Guide as it is accessible online - and every councillor was sent a copy from the clerk.

Two appeals for funding had been received – All Saints CEVC Primary School for new pre-school building and Citizens Advice. Both regrettably turned down.

It was suggested that the Garage Licence fee should be reviewed in November when the budget is set.

## Clerk's Report and Correspondence

There will be changes to planning consultations from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Consultations on new planning applications will be sent by email, a link to the website to view documents and plans will be included, hardcopies for major applications only or if requested on a case by case basis. Documents can be posted or collected. The Clerk will have to register on the system to respond to cases.

Document from SALC – Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017.

Residents with private pumping stations will no longer have responsibility for them as they have been transferred to Anglian Water.

Babergh Area Meeting documents.

Our district is undergoing a boundary review due to conclude in 2019. The council is invited to a session on this at Bildeston's Chamberlin Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm.

Free event at the Athenaeum in Bury St Edmunds on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2-5pm called 'Patient Revolution' – an NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group event to have a say on healthcare.

SALC – Precept datasheet.

Changes to Data Protection Law on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## District and County Council's Reports

Mr Kemp thanked all those who had supported his re-election as a County Councillor.

Campaigns at the moment are 'AWARE – water safety with support from Suffolk Fire and Rescue, and efforts to promote physical activity with £160,000 investment. 94% of Suffolk parents have been offered their first choice of primary school and Suffolk Trading Standards is warning residents to be aware that solar panel scams abound. If in doubt telephone 03454 040506.

As regards Babergh, there was a big re-shuffle today with a new cabinet.

Cynthia Mills (formally of Alpheton) has recently died and her funeral will be at Long Melford URC on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

In response to the Manchester Terror Attack of yesterday with many dead and injured, Long Melford Parish Council has sent condolences to Manchester Town Hall.

21<sup>st</sup> June is Suffolk Day.

#### Any Other Business

There was none.

The next meeting will be August 1st at 7pm.

Future dates are October 3rd, and December 5<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 8.30pm.