

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 4th APRIL 2017 AT 7.00 PM

Present; Ken Watkins, (Chairman), Maureen Lankester, Richard Barraclough, and Julie Rix the Clerk.

Apologies; Alan Ariss, Richard Kemp, Graham Maskell, Trevor Rix, And John Nunn (District Councillor).

Declarations of Interest; there were none.

The Minutes of February 2017 were signed as correct Proposed by Richard Barraclough and seconded by Maureen Lankester

Matters Arising

Mr Watkins had asked PCSO Laura Mansell if we could apply for the SIDS at Bridge Street, but has been told that they are only available for use in 30mph areas. The speed van has been used in Bridge Street recently, however only 4 speeding motorists were prosecuted. Inspector Cooper confirms that the A134 is still a site of interest for the Safety Camera Team who attend twice a month. There were 39 prosecutions between September 16th and 17th February.

The road sign which was in the river has been removed, but not replaced. The Clerk will contact Paul Gant at SCC.

Highways

There has been a further complaint from a resident about the effect speeding and heavy lorries have to properties along the straight part of A134 through the village. Unfortunately the camera van (see above) and SID are shared with the rest of Suffolk.

The Clerk has reported the following;

SCC Problem Report No. 00166268 - demolished chevron at Clapstile Corner.

Public Rights of Way Report No. 4139742 – broken Footpath sign at Buxtons, Old Bury Road.

Planning

Application B/17/00473 Mill Barn, Bridge Street

Continued use of Mill Barn for (Class A1) retail use.

The Council has no comments to make.

Finance

External Audit pack has arrived for year ending 31st March 2017.

The following cheques were authorised;

No; 556 £210.26 Babergh DC for Litter and Dog Bin Emptying.

No; 557 £12.00 Alpheton Village Hall – Hire

Claim form completed applying for Recycling Credits of £98.70.

Notification of Section 137 (4) (a) Local Government Act 1972 for 2017/18 is £7.57, being the amount per head of the parish which can be spent for the good of the parish.

Clerk's Report and Correspondence

An additional correspondence list was circulated. The Chairman will complete the Babergh – Mid Suffolk/Ethos Environmental Planning Open Spaces survey.

PCSO Laura Mansell regrets that no officers are available to attend the Annual Meeting. The Clerk has asked for a Report for that meeting, and given dates for the year as an Officer may be able to attend an ordinary meeting.

SALC – Jo Cox Foundation seeking to mark the anniversary of her death with community events – 'The Great Get Together'.

Also 'Battles Over – A Nation's Tribute WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November 2018'.

These will be forwarded to the Village Hall Committee for their consideration.

District and County Reports

Mr Kemp although not present sent his Reports which were read out.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

All covered above.

Any Other Business

There were none.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 7.40pm.

The Annual Meetings will take place on May 23rd 2017 starting at 7pm.

