

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL  
ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 28th MAY 2013 AT 7.30 PM

Apologies; There were none.

Present; Ken Watkins, Chairman, Alan Ariss, John Holdway, Richard Kemp, Maureen Lankester , Graham Maskell and Trevor Rix. Also present Julie Rix the Clerk, John Nunn, District Councillor, PC Ruth Horton and eight members of the public.

Mr Watkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr Kemp proposed Mr Watkins as Chairman for a further year, seconded by Mr Ariss. There were no further nominations. This was agreed.

Mr Watkins proposed Mr Ariss as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr Holdway. This was agreed.

Mr Watkins thanked all the councillors for their support and also thanked the Clerk.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The previous meeting's minutes were signed as correct. Proposed by Graham Maskell seconded by Alan Ariss.

Mr & Mrs Grey (owners of the Rose and Crown in Bridge Street) were present and discussed queries from the council and the floor concerning the Rose and Crown planning application. Mr Watkins thanked them for attending.

Finance

As reported in the previous meeting's minutes the accounts have been completed and approved by the council. They were checked by our Internal Auditor L Holt, and sent to the External Auditor BDO LLP.

Cheques were authorised at this meeting;

No; 410	£12.00	Alpheton Village hall – Hire of hall
No; 411	£27.00	L Holt – fees to Internal Auditor
No; 412	£117.00	Suffolk Association of Local Councils – Subscription

Clerk's Report & Correspondence (List on file)

A letter of thanks has been received from Mrs Trevelyan, Editor of Alpheton Parish News, for the donation towards printing the village magazine (£132).

Acknowledgement of Subscription (£30) to Community Action Suffolk- formerly Suffolk Acre.

First 50% of precept received £1306.50 plus grant of £276.00.

Two cuts of the verge will be made this year by SCC in their Annual Surface Clearance programme, which will be through the village along A134.

We will enquire about clearance of footpaths.

Annette Gray from Community Action Suffolk would like to attend a meeting to talk about Parish Plans.

Advice from DEFRA & The Arboricultural Association about Ash Dieback disease. They warn that unscrupulous workers are offering to cut down trees which they identify as diseased. Householders are advised that trees should be left as they are not dangerous and need to be properly identified to show the extent of the problem.

Home-Start South Suffolk & District's AGM is at Brett vale Golf Club, Raydon on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

County & District Reports (on file)

75 seats at Suffolk County Council were contested on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The main concern was voter apathy with overall only 30% turnout. The Melford Ward voting resulted in Mr Kemp remaining as councillor.

Mr Kemp was thanked.

With no further business this meeting closed at 8.20pm.

The next meeting will be July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.