

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM.

Present; Acting Chairman; Mr Alan Ariss, Mr J Holdway, Mrs M Lankester, Mr T Rix, Mr K Watkins. Also present Mr R Kemp, the Clerk, Mrs J Rix, and one member of the public.

Apologies; Mr J Brand, Mr G Maskell. PCSO Julia Bignall. (Apologies accepted.)

Declaration of Interest; Alan Ariss with regards to Village Hall.

The previous meetings minutes were signed as correct. Proposed by Trevor Rix and seconded by John Holdway

Matters Arising.

There will be further discussion regarding the tree to commemorate Edwin Taylor.

It was agreed that the previous meeting's minutes will be published on the website.

We have sent a letter and photographs about the state of Old Bury Road to Highways Department, Suffolk County Council. No reply as yet.

Our Police Officer has emailed with apologies, and asking for dates of Coffee Pot and Mobile Library. She will attend Coffee Pot on 17th November to meet our residents.

A Crime Report has been received. Between 4th May and 29th October there have been 4 crimes. We have also had the mobile speed camera on several occasions.

Lyn Wilson has agreed to be our internal auditor.

The Clerk will contact the bank regarding changing our signatories.

Planning

An Extraordinary meeting met to discuss the following;

Planning application; Application; B/09/01009/FUL

Location; The Former Control Tower Alpheton Airfield, Shop Hill, Alpheton

Proposal; Change of Use of former Airfield Building to office/meeting room; erection of material test facility; construction of hardstanding and vehicular access.

A Noise Report has been received for the above following some testing carried out for the benefit of Babergh Officers on 14th October.

One application to be discussed tonight;

Application B/09/01169/FHA

Elms farm, Old Bury Road, Alpheton CO10 9BU

Erection of single storey extension and first floor shower room with new windows. Alteration to outbuilding to form an open carport, store rooms and garage. Construction of new vehicular access drive. Erection of replacement wall.

Plus Listed Building Consent.

Finance

Mr Ariss had prepared a draft budget in advance of the request from Babergh District Council for the council's projected precept. There is a general increase of 3% . It is hoped that some refurbishment of the village bus shelters will take place soon.

One cheque was authorised;

No; 362 £12 Alpheton Village hall – hall hire.

A recent crash at Bridge Street damaged the tree by the bus shelter. Alec Maskell kindly cleared up the damage and he will be paid for this.

A letter from Mrs Trevelyan on behalf of Alpheton PCC was also received requesting help with funding Alpheton Parish News. This was agreed.

Last year's Locality Budget has been held for works to Alpheton Village hall car park. Mr Kemp has offered this year's funding and this could be used for the Village magazine.

Richard Kemp then gave his report and was thanked.

Correspondence.

List appended.

It was noted that the National Grid is holding a series of public consultation events about proposals for a new 400,000 volt overhead line between Bramford near Ipswich and Twinstead near Sudbury. The Chairman of Chattisham and Hintlesham Parish Council has asked for our support to their proposal that this line is placed underground. It was agreed to do this.

It was noted that Babergh District Council will be making changes to the refuse collections. It will eventually ensure that Mid Suffolk collections are alternated with Babergh collection on a bin colour basis. It will be necessary to wait and see if a sticker appears on the bin to explain what to do. It is disappointing that the information arrived a few days ago and was far too late for inclusion in the magazine.

Any Other Business

Hamilton Road Quarter, Sudbury (Bus Station Area) options Draft and Supplementary Documents are available for viewing.

Timothy Rix asked if it was possible to have the village magazine in digital format. It was felt that there would be too small a customer base for this at the moment and that many elderly residents would prefer the paper copy.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 8.05pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 5th 2010 at 7pm.