

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 6th OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00 PM

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

Apologies; Richard Kemp, and Trevor Rix and John Nunn (District Councillor),

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of 4TH August 2015 were signed as correct. Proposed by Richard Barraclough and seconded by Graham Maskell.

Matters Arising

The Council has agreed in principle to purchase the telephone box in Old Bury Road for £1. The Chairman has delayed taking this any further until a firm decision has been made as to what it would be used for, and until our insurers get back to us about insurance cover. Ideas are welcome.

Issue of speeding and weights on main road were raised at the last meeting. District Councillor John Nunn was not able to attend and it had been hoped to ask him about this matter.

The issue with the bus company and picking up at an unscheduled stop is being looked into by the Operations Team at Suffolk County Council. The Crime report shows that in the West Babergh SNT area 60 crimes were recorded, with one in this parish.(No details). Glemsford had 21.

The Council has received a letter from the Acting Chief Constable regarding non-appearance of the Police at Parish meetings. They would be available for a 'specific local concern'.

Planning

Application B /15/01231

Spindrift, Bridge Street CO10 9BG. Erection of two bay Cart Lodge.

This council has concerns about drainage in view of the on-going problems at Bridge Street.

The following has been sent;

'Having discussed this application at a meeting of Alpheton Parish Council on 6th October, concerns have been raised about the siting of the Biodisc as the existing cess pit is underneath the proposed Cart Lodge.

We have concerns that the new drainage provisions are not shown on the plan sent to us.'

Application B/14/00926/FUL/BEL

The Old Rectory, Old Bury Road, Alpheton CO10 9BT

Erection of two storey barn building, adjacent to existing barn, to provide music studio with first-floor library and office; and erection of building to house bio-mass boiler, adjacent to existing double garage, as amended by plans received 25th June 2015.

Application Granted, with thirteen conditions.

Finance

The budget figures were put before the council. The provisional figure for the precept for the coming financial year is £3021.06. This is subject to alteration in view of additional figures not yet received from Babergh DC.

From next year it will be necessary to have a pension in place for the Clerk.

The Audit has been returned from BDO External Auditors with a qualified audit. The matters raised are that the asset register has not been kept in sufficient detail (this will be rectified) and that a formal Risk assessment document has not been kept and reviewed. A new Risk Assessment document has already been compiled and will be sent to every councillor for perusal.

The Annual return was approved and accepted by the council.

Other than the points raised above the books and finances are correct.

The Clerk gave the council a report of her attendance at a recent Finance Seminar held by SALC which was very helpful in light of new Financial regulations. It was stressed that any Model Regulations should be tailored to each individual council.

Funds received are;

£1423.50 ½ Precept by BACS 10.09.15

£78.67 Recycling by BACS 24.09.15

Cheques authorised;

No 459 £12.00 Alpheton Village Hall – Hire

No 460 £57.28 J Rix – Clerk's expenses

No 461 £947.23 J Rix – Clerk's ½ Year Salary

No 462 £25.00 Ladywell Accountancy Services (PAYE)

No463 £913.00 G Maskell – Grass cutting

The Chairman commented on the September and October Reports from Richard Kemp.

Any other business

The bus shelter on the Green is looking rather scruffy.

There is a dead cherry tree near the entrance to Nuns Drift.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 1st December.

This meeting closed at 8.15pm.