

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 17TH MAY 2010 AT 7.00PM

Apologies; Trevor Rix, John Brand.

Present; Alan Ariss, Chairman, John Holdway, Richard Kemp, Maureen Lankester and Ken Watkins. Also present Julie Rix the Clerk and one member of the public.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The previous Annual Meeting's minutes were signed as correct. Proposed by John Holdway seconded by Alan Ariss.

Chairman's Report.

Mr Ariss gave a brief resume of the nine planning applications considered this year. One is still outstanding (Control Tower Testing.) Ken Watkins had been welcomed as co-opted councillor. The minutes are being published on the Alpheton Website. Some road repairs were effected before the very bad winter weather, but the subsequently worsened surface due to severe cold has been patched only, a few weeks ago and some today. The Council paid for the refurbishment of the village sign and the lights and refreshments at the Christmas Tree event. Lyn Holt is our new Internal Auditor. The council supported the opposition to the National Grid plan to put pylons over the countryside, but the BT plan to adopt the telephone box has been abandoned by them. £500 of Locality Budget funding helped to re-surface the village hall car park.

Report from Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees, Peter Rix.

The kitchen has been re-furbished and the top of the car park successfully brought up to standard. The rest of the grounds will be done this year. These ventures have of course depleted Village hall reserves. Mr Rix thanked the Parish Council for their support, whose assistance has been much appreciated.

Richard Kemp gave his reports for both Babergh and Suffolk County Council. He stated that work will start resurfacing on Cold Hill this June. He said that two sources of funding were available to the Council, 'Locality' money and 'Quality of Life' . (Reports on file). Mr Kemp was thanked.

Police

Apologies had been received from PSCO 3231 Hannah Partington. Lists of tickets issued for traffic offences in the village for February and March had been sent however.

Finance.

The accounts were presented, agreed by the Council and signed by the Clerk and Chairman. Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return were also completed and signed. (Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement.) The books have been audited internally by Ms Lyn Holt and will be sent to BDO/ for external auditing.

There was no further business to discuss.

This meeting closed at 7.30pm