

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALPHETON
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 5th January 2010 at 7pm

Present; Acting Chairman; Mr Alan Ariss, Mr J Holdway, Mr G Maskell, Mr T Rix, Mr K Watkins. Also present the Clerk, Mrs J Rix.

Apologies; Mr J Brand, Mr R Kemp, PCSO Julia Bignall. (Apologies accepted.)

Declaration of Interest; There were none.

The November meeting's minutes were signed as correct. Proposed by Ken Watkins and seconded by John Holdway.

Matters Arising.

A way of commemorating the life of our previous Chairman, Edwin Taylor has yet to be decided. His widow, Margaret has suggested a community orchard. Land will have to be found possibly donated or village hall grounds. The Parish Council would donate towards the project.

The signed minutes will be published on the village website. The Clerk has sent them ready to display, but to date this has not been done.

Our letter to Suffolk Highways regarding the poor surface of Old Bury Road has had a response. Only urgent repairs will be done to keep the road safe, any more substantial repairs will be considered in the next financial year.

We will write again regarding the bad potholes which have appeared since the bad weather, from Melford Park Farm drive to the top of Cold Hill on A134. Also the chevrons at Tallage corner have been flattened more than once and need replacing with something more durable.

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 3rd December were signed as correct, proposed by John Holdway and seconded by Ken Watkins. This was regarding a planning application by D J Goode & Associates Ltd at the Old Control Tower on the Airfield.

The Chairman explained a little more about the proposal. Babergh has yet to make a decision about this application. There were no matters arising.

The Precept request papers have been submitted.

Alec Maskell cleared up the damaged tree at the Bridge Street bus shelter, and has been paid.(See below)

The Locality Budget funding from SCC has been received (£500) and this will be given to the village hall for the car park renovations.

Our District Councillor has some funding available and it was decided to apply for it to refurbish the bus shelters.

Planning

Application No; B/09/01429/FHA
Location; Rose & Crown, Bridge Street
Proposal; Erection of rear porch

This was discussed and there was no objection to this application.

Alpheton Garage

The Licence fee is due at Easter. An Invoice will be sent in a few weeks, at the same amount as last year.

Highways

We have had a letter from Claire Richardson of No9 Aveley Lane, who is worried about the access road from her house to the main road. She has requested a grit box. We will ask SCC if they can provide grit boxes for Aveley Lane.

Police

There was no police presence available at this meeting but a nil Crime Report had been sent.

Finance

Cheques were authorised;

No; 328	£25.00	Alec Maskell (clearing tree at Bridge Street)
No; 329	£500.00	Alpheton Village hall Locality Budget Funding
No; 330	£12.00	Alpheton Village hall Hire fee
No; 331	£70.00	Eans Garden Services (Grass cutting Bridge St)

Mr Kemp's Report was read out and he was thanked for sending it.

Correspondence

We have an invitation to a meeting to discuss Options for Passenger Transport Services at Wickhambrook Village hall on 2nd February 2010. There is no-one available to attend but we will ask to see a copy of the Survey report.

The bank wish to see identification from Mr Watkins before he is added as a signatory on the account. He is happy to do this.

Dates for future meetings were chosen;

23rd March, 18th May (AGM), 17th August and 16th November.

There being no further business this meeting closed at 8.15pm.