

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.00PM

Present; Ken Watkins. (Chairman), Alan Ariss, John Holdway, Maureen Lankester, Graham Maskell and Trevor Rix. Also present Julie Rix - the Clerk, and one member of the public.

Apologies; Richard Kemp

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as correct. (Proposed by Alan Ariss seconded by John Holdway.)

Matters Arising

The grit bins have been installed and subsequently filled. Other heaps of grit have been delivered also.

The leak in Old Bury Road has not been fixed – it will be necessary to contact SCC again. A large hole which appeared between the entrance to the Village hall and Doone house was reported and quickly attended to.

Alpheton Garage have been keeping the cars back as requested, and following a visit by the Chairman a security light which blinded traffic coming from Sudbury has been moved. (Possibly now causing a problem to traffic from Bury St Edmunds – we will check)

Police

There was no police presence at this meeting although they had been informed. They did visit Coffee Pot and brought free security items and information. The Chairman has been to a safer Neighbourhoods meeting. With reference to speeding along Church lane the only other solution is a 20mph limit which would be unenforceable.

Planning

New application;

1. B/11/01143/LBC

Primrose Hill Cottage, Bridge Street, Long Melford, Sudbury CO10 9BE
Application for Listed Building Consent – Insertion of roof light to rear elevation
(retention of).

No comments.

2. B/10/01448/FUL

The Mount, Bridge Street, Long Melford, Sudbury, CO10 9BQ
Conversion and extension of existing barn to dwelling
Application refused.

3. B/11/00909/VOT/LM

3 Aveley Lane, Alpheton, Sudbury, CO10 9BH
Application for Variation of time to approved planning permission

B/11/1876/FHA – Erection of first floor rear extension and 2 storey side extension (existing detached garage to be demolished) Erection of detached single garage. As amended by Drawing No. 1878-02/pl, received on 14th January 2009.
Application granted.

Finance

Budget papers had been circulated with the minutes for Councillors to read. (Appended). The budget for next year was thought to be acceptable and the precept upon Babergh DC will be £2613.00.

A recent letter indicates an increase in costs of having dog waste bins and litter bins emptied. The total for next year will be £203.80.

This council will contact Ladywell Accountancy as it is necessary to register with HMRC for PAYE.

After some discussion regarding banking provision it was decided to remain with Yorkshire Bank plc for the time being as there are no cash transactions.

Cheques authorised at this meeting;

No; 369	£144.00	BDO LLP– Audit Fee
No; 370	£90.00	Eans Garden Services (Grass cutting at Bridge St)
No; 371	£75.00	Peter Rix – Installation of 7 grit bins
No; 372	£40.85	Ken Watkins – Chairman’s Expenses
No; 373	£12.00	Alpheton Village hall – Hire

Correspondence and Clerk’s Report.

Additional correspondence;

Survey – Impact of cuts & changes to public transport in Suffolk

SCC – Budget Consultation feedback.

Information re precept

Notification of new staff appointments at Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils.

Reminder of Babergh Community Achievement Awards

Emails – Babergh Community Development Newsletter, Fit Villages (subsidised healthy activities), East of England Conference for councillors, notification of websites for viewing information regarding the Localism Bill.

Chairman’s report

An enquiry to the MoD regarding helicopter flights over the village at night has had a response. This is ‘Essential Training’ and with apologies areas of low population are chosen.

The Chairman has also written to Judy Terry regarding the retention of mobile libraries. He also attended a seminar at SALC about Traveller Invasions in view of the situation at Dale Farm.

The Chairman and Mr Ariss and Mr Rix attended the Babergh Area meeting and Mr Ariss gave his report on that and also that of the Babergh Development Framework Meeting they also attended, and was thanked.

Mr Kemp who (had given his apologies,) had sent his District and County Council Reports which were read by the Chairman. He was thanked.

Any Other Business

Data Protection Act - It appears that the councillors must register if they wish to use a computer to write to a resident. The Clerk will seek clarification from SALC.

The Queens Jubilee and the Olympics in 2012 - Mr Ariss went to a meeting regarding this at Shimpling. Possible ideas were discussed. There will be other meetings.

The Hunt recently rode through the village and alarmed a resident out walking with dogs. Mr Rix gets notified as a landowner when they are coming and will inform that resident in future.

Dates for meetings in 2012 were chosen;

January 17th

March 20th

May 22nd (Annual General Meeting)

August 21st

November 20th

NB; These dates superseded as at meeting January 2012– please note new dates

March 27th,

May 22nd Annual Meeting

August 28th

November 27th

There being no further business this meeting closed at 8.20pm.