

**ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March '24 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall**

**Present:** Jeremy McNulty (JMcN) Chairman, Sue Stacey (SS) Vice-Chairman, Barry Gelder (BG), Ivan Green (IG) John Lain (JL), David Whitehead (DW) and four members of the public.

This meeting was quorate.

**1. Apologies of absence**

County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig and District Councillor John Fuller

**2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest**

None

**3. Minutes of Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Were proposed by IG seconded by BG and duly signed off

**Actions**

The church gate latch work has not been completed and it is unlikely that the person approached will carry this out. The matter has reverted to St Mary's church to find an alternative solution.

NCC Highways has confirmed it will reinstate the H bar at the school crossroads which was lost when the road was resurfaced. Still outstanding. JMcN to monitor.

Framingham Earl PC has purchased a convex mirror to improve visibility at the 90-degree bend at Aldiss Farm Shop on Burgate Lane and are awaiting permission from Aldiss to have this installed. They have approached AYPC for a contribution to the cost of the mirror.

JMcN to track progress

NCC Highways has viewed Thimble Cottage hedge and accepts that visibility is reduced at the junction but that as it is not encroaching on the carriageway they cannot ask the homeowner to reduce the hedge any further. JMcN to forward a copy of the response to KMB

IG reported that BAPC has cut down the Japanese knotweed on Mill Road and taken away the debris.

JF has provided details of the SNDC ditch walker JMcN to ask if The Slad is on their radar as there is regular flooding at the A146 junction. JMcN to raise a job for the clearing of sand off the road.

The Village Hall committee is open to the suggestion of an outside tap. SS to ask that their 'pet' plumber investigate what is possible.

**4. Reports from District and County Councillors and Parishioners' questions**

No report received from JF

KMB report updated that NCC has agreed a £528m budget. They are looking to make some cost savings that have gone out to consultation including switching off some streetlights including the A146 at Thurton. A&YPC has responded stating we do not believe that this is a safe measure. We have suggested as an alternative that they review their lighting policy for the NCC building which has a significant number of lights left on, on every floor outside of working hours

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**5. Correspondence**

We have applied for the gift of a framed photograph of King Charles which will be hung inside the Village Hall.

Thurton PC are endeavouring, through engagement with NCC Highways and KMB additional road safety measures for the village as well as more logical diversions when the A146 is blocked. Access to an online petition has been published on our website.

The next litter pick will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> April, IG is co-ordinating.

SS advised that the Community Emergency Plan will be updated to reference the risk of flood and the need for the gully by the pond to be kept free of debris.

A working party will tidy the hedge in front of the village hall of brambles and ivy and plant the bank with primroses purchased from the Clean and Bloom grant.

**6. Finance**

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
7 Jan 24	Balance b/f	£4,703.59	
	<b>Payments</b>		
8 Jan	Microsoft annual subscription	59.99	
24 Jan	Community Action subscription	20.00	
25 Jan	Clerk salary and expenses	184.60	
25 Jan	PAYE	37.80	
29 Feb	Clerk salary & expenses	183.00	
29 Feb	PAYE	37.80	
			<b>523.19</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>		
			<b>0.00</b>
10 March 24	Balance c/f		4,180.40
<b>NB c/f includes £200 ringfenced from Coronation/Jubilee grants towards bench and £300 ringfenced from Clean up and Bloom grant for plants</b>			
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
7 Jan 24	Balance b/f	£21,696.60	
	<b>Payments</b>		
			<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>		
			<b>0.00</b>
10 March 24	Balance c/f		£21,696.60
<b>NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of 21,696.60 to unpaid CBF awards shown below</b>			
<b>£21,431.54 Pond project</b>			
<b>£265.06 Jubilee celebrations</b>			

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CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
7 Jan '24	Balance b/f	£0.00	
10 March '24	Balance c/f	0.00	

**7. Planning Applications**

Application Ref.	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2023/1542	Agricultural Building south of Avenue Farm Cottages Back Road Alpington Norfolk Conversion of barn into a two-bedroom annexe	Approved	Approved
2023/1543	Agricultural Building south of Avenue Farm Cottages Back Road Alpington Norfolk Conversion of barn into a two-bedroom annexe	Approved	Approved
2023/1897	Land North of Mill Road Alpington Norfolk Development for <del>four</del> two residential bungalows and detached garages together with a new access road and biodiversity area	Refused	Pending
2023/3519	Quackers, Church Road, Yelverton Norfolk NR14 7PB Front, rear, and side extensions, <del>raising the roof with rear dormer windows for accommodation in roof space</del> , solar panels, and alterations	Refused	Pending

**VCHAP update**

AYPC has submitted its objection on the SNDC VCHAP consultation for the Wheel Road Alpington proposed site for 12 properties. This would increase the total number of additional dwellings in the Alpington/Yelverton/Bergh Apton cluster to 62.

JMcN advised that the property deeds for some Church Meadow residents indicate that there is a covenant on the Church Meadow allocated site restricting the building of new properties to 16.

**8. Highways – speed camera, parking, roadworks etc**

The most recent sets of results have been circulated and published on the website.

**9. D-Day 80**

On Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 there will be national celebrations to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings (D-Day 80). Our low-key village event will be at The Wheel of Fortune. SS has prepared an article for the next edition of Eleven Says. BG will speak to the landowner of the adjacent field about the siting of a bonfire there. Any bonfire to be lit at 9:15pm with a prepared speech to be read out. The Hippy Chippy will be selling fish and chips.

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**10. Reports**

**a) Tree Warden**

The coppicing of the hazels in the Jubilee Wood together with some tree management around the pond is on hold until Q4 due to the prolonged wet months making a timely start impossible.

**b) Village Hall Committee**

There is no update on any future CBF application from Cottontails. It is noted that the outside area is much tidier.

**c) Village School**

IG met with Rosie Welch, headteacher. There will be a CBF application for further window replacement in the future. The school is fully subscribed and will be every year with 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the children coming from Poringland. The school is to introduce a reward scheme for walking to school in the hope that this will alleviate parking issues. The school continues to push the offer of parking at the Wheel of Fortune which is ignored by parents. The school has a defibrillator outside the school and has asked if the PC will take over the ongoing run costs of c£150 p.a. as it is available for the whole village. BG will update on the purchase cost of an additional defibrillator for the Wheel of Fortune, the shelf life of pads etc and any cost savings for bulk purchases to help inform a decision on bringing all defibrillators under the responsibility of the PC.

**d) Play Area Monthly Inspection**

A clean-up of the equipment will be undertaken and DW will arrange a date for a working party to carry this out. JL will repair the gate hinge closest to the Village Hall. The fort is looking tired and should be repainted once cleaned. DW will contact David Bracey to carry out the 2024 H&S checks.

**e) Garrick Field**

The field is in reasonable condition as some football matches have been postponed. Any required herbicide treatment will be for the football pitch only.

**f) Village Pond Monthly Inspection**

The gully under the road has been unblocked and the pond is no longer overflowing. The cordon around the wooden planking will remain in place as it is loose and in disrepair. This will be replaced as part of the pond refurbishment project as will the faded signage and the repainting of the posts.

**Parish Projects**

**Pond**

We can expect to hear if we have been successful with our grant application to SNDC Pride in Place this week. The award scheme has been oversubscribed but 86 grants have been awarded totalling over £700k

The meeting closed at 20:45 Next meeting is the 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Approved 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

