

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Monday 1st July '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), and four members of the public.
This meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies of Absence

David Whitehead, County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig and District Councillor John Fuller.

2. Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 13th May 2024

Were proposed by BG seconded by SS and duly signed off.

Actions

NCC Highways has reinstated the H bar at the school crossroads.

Framingham Earl PC to update on whether the purchased convex mirror to improve visibility at the 90-degree bend at Aldis Farm Shop, Burgate Lane has permission to be installed. AYPC has been approached for a contribution to the cost. JMcN to track progress. SS has informed the Village Hall Committee (VHC) about the possibility of installing an outside tap connected to the gents' toilets. The VHC is now awaiting a quotation for the proposed works.

D-Day 80 was a very successful event and the Parish Council extended its thanks to the organisers.

4. Reports from the District & County Councillors and Parishioners' questions

None received and no questions to be passed to the District or County Councillors taken.

5. Correspondence

TOPS Maintenance has strimmed St Mary's footpath to ensure it remains accessible.

Defibrillators. AYPC agreed that it would finance the pads for the defibrillator at the village school for the duration of CBF funding, this does not include spare pads as there is no legal/best practice requirement for spares to be held.

Gigaclear propose to install a new fibre broadband service to Alpington and Yelverton (as well as Brooke and Surlingham) in the latter stages of 2024. There is a meeting on 18th July at the Wheel of Fortune to discuss this with parishioners. Details of the event have been circulated on noticeboards, social media and the village website.

Yelverton F.C. The Parish Council (PC) has been asked to investigate the increased use of the Garrick Field by Yelverton F.C. (FC). It has been established that the FC plan to resurrect their Sunday morning team and enable Surlingham Tornados U16'S (who will become part of Yelverton FC next season) to play Sunday mornings and a Veterans team to play Sunday afternoons. This will result in a total of 18 home games on Sunday mornings and 7 home games on Sunday afternoons.

It is noted that the FC pays rent to the PC for the use of the Garrick Field and that the hire agreement states it must seek permission from the PC to play Sunday matches. However, this has not been done in previous seasons.

Some parishioners have raised concerns about noise and bad language. They feel that allowing both Saturday and Sunday matches will disrupt the quiet enjoyment of the outdoors, which is central to the matter to be resolved.

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A proposal to survey all parishioners on Sunday games for the 2024-2025 season was proposed by IG seconded by SS and approved. However following further discussions all parties acknowledge that, given the proximity to the start of the 2024-25 football season, it is not feasible to refuse the FC permission for Sunday matches at this point. Therefore, these matches will be allowed to proceed for the 2024-25 season only, despite the FC not obtaining permission in advance as per the Hire Agreement. The FC will be asked to avoid playing two home games on any Sunday. The future of Sunday football is contingent upon the FC's ability to moderate the language of players and supporters during all games and training sessions, regardless of the day of the week. Neighbours wishing to report instances of bad language during FC games should contact the Parish Clerk in a timely manner. These reports will be recorded and passed on to the FC. In Q1 2025, the PC will review the level of complaints and meet with the FC to evaluate the overall situation. If the complaints are deemed unacceptable, the PC may engage all parishioners in a survey to gather their views on the continuance of Sunday football. This will be a democratic process to inform the PC's decision-making. Should Sunday football be deemed appropriate to continue beyond the 2024-25 season, the YFC will need to adhere to the terms of the Hire Agreement and seek permission for games in advance. This will be done as a block approval for the season rather than on a weekly or game-by-game basis.

6. Finance

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
12 May 24	Balance b/f	£7,668.11	
	Payments		
15 May	Anglian Internet	30.00	
28 May	TOP Maintenance	192.00	
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29 May	PAYE	44.80	
29 May	Clerk salary and expenses	214.20	
5 June	Ashfords	286.09	
28 June	PAYE	44.80	
28 June	Clerk salary and expenses	210.60	
			1,214.49
	Receipts		
			0.00
30 June 24	Balance c/f		6,453.62
NB c/f includes £200 ringfenced from Coronation/Jubilee grants towards bench and £285 ringfenced from Clean up and Bloom grant for plants			
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals

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12 May 24	Balance b/f	£21,696.60	
	Payments		
29 May	Solar Farm income	12,840.01	
			12,840.01
	Receipts		
			0.00
30 June 24	Balance c/f		£34,536.61
NB Balance c/f includes a maximum committed spend of 21,696.60 to unpaid CBF awards shown below			
£21,431.54 Pond project			
£265.06 Jubilee celebrations			
CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
10 March 24	Balance b/f	£0.00	
12 May 24	Balance c/f		£0.00

7. Planning Applications

Application Ref.	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2023/1897	Land North of Mill Road Alpington Norfolk Development for four two residential bungalows and detached garages together with a new access road and biodiversity area	Refused	Pending
2024/0095	38 Cherrywood Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NJ Conversion of garage and extension to join to main dwelling and rear of garage and changes to side porch to create a toilet/sink for bedroom (Retrospective)	Approved	Pending
2024/0654	Pinewood, Slade Lane Yelverton Norfolk NR14 7PR 2 bay cart lodge, single garage and store. Re-position entrance gate and create driveway	Approved	Pending
2024/1459	15 Church Meadow, Alpington Norfolk NR14 7NY Single storey extension to rear	Approved	Pending
2024/1559	Wheel of Fortune, Wheel Road, Alpington, Norfolk NR14 7NL	Approved	Pending

8. Highways – speed camera, parking, roadworks etc

The June results have been circulated to Police Constable Goodrum together with recent photos of poor parking. He will carry out speed checks and visit at the end of the school day to check and speak to anyone badly parked. PC will look at positioning the camera on Framingham Earl Road leaving the village following a request from a parishioner.

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9. Reports

a) Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

b) Village Hall Committee

The next meeting will be held on the 15th July

c) Village School

IG reported that the school will be making a CBF application for further window replacement in the future. The school has yet to launch its initiative for a reward scheme to encourage walking to school aimed at alleviating parking issues. The school lacks a process for checking whether its defibrillator has been used during school holidays. IG will recommend that the caretaker carries out this inspection and if it has been used to contact the Parish Clerk to order a replacement pad.

d) Play Area Monthly Inspection

DW has cleaned the equipment, and the fort has been repainted ahead of the 2024 H&S check. BG will repair the protective matting. Thoughts to be given to additional play equipment to be funded from CBF. DW to ask for input from David Bracey when he carries out the 2024 H&S check.

e) Garrick Field

JL to check and deal with any mole problems.

f) Village Pond Monthly Inspection

The perimeter of the pond continues to be kept neat and tidy thanks to the efforts of a local parishioner who has also repainted the posts and railings. The reeds are starting to encroach into the pond and need reducing once the water level allows. The trees adjacent to the pumping station and those on the pond island need pruning, the earliest this can be undertaken is November.

10. Parish Projects

Pond

The PC was successful with its grant application to SNDC Pride in Place. The funding application was met in full meaning that the pond project can go ahead. A meeting has taken place with the proposed contractor and work is expected to start w/c 22nd July and take 6 weeks to complete. A communications plan will be developed and shared with parishioners once the contract has been signed.

PMN - Contact was made with the Mr & Mrs Sapey and it was agreed that the pond memorial bench would be refurbished and installed in the church grounds without its plaque. A new plaque with identical wording will be placed on one of the new benches at the pond.

The meeting closed at 20:58. Next meeting is on 2nd September

Minutes agreed and approved 21/9/24



S. J. Stacey, vice chairman