

**ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the AGM and Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall**

**Present:** Jeremy McNulty (JMcN) Chairman, Sue Stacey (SS) Vice-Chairman, Ivan Green (IG), Steve Hunter (SH), Hayley Jakeman (HJ), John Lain (JL) and four members of the public.

This meeting was quorate

**1. Apologies of Absence**

Barry Gelder, The Lord John Fuller (JF), County Councillor Kay Mason-Billig (KMB)

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

None

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Were proposed by IG, seconded by JL and duly signed off

**Actions**

JMcN updated that the landowner has confirmed that it will undertake the ditch clearance on Reeders Lane.

JMcN there is no update on the repositioning of the posts and chain on the village hall carpark to enable the field to be used for overflow car parking.

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

The monthly report from KMB is awaited and will be circulated to Councillors and published on our website when it is received.

JF emailed to advise that the next round of funding for the Community Action Fund is imminent, that the next consultation for the VCHAP is 15<sup>th</sup> January (JMcN will be attending) and he is unable to attend any PC meetings in 2026 as his diary commitments require him to be in London on Monday evenings. The Clerk asked JF who will be attend in his absence to ensure that the PC has representation at District Council level.

A parishioner asked for the attendance records at PC meetings for both JF and KMB given the likelihood of the cancellation of local elections in May 2026. The Clerk confirmed that JF attended 1/6 meetings and KMB 0/6 meetings in 2025. KMB started a monthly County Council update in March 2025 but it is agreed that this is a general update and not specific to Alpington/Yelverton.

**5. Correspondence**

The Village Hall has flagged its requirements for consumables for the defibrillator to ensure it continues to be fit for purpose. Alpington school has also been asked for its requirements for the 2026-2027 financial year to assist with budget planning.

The VCHAP hearing with the Inspector for our village is 15<sup>th</sup> January. JMcN will be speaking. The Church Meadow site landowners have submitted a report stating that they are ready to proceed with a development of 25 dwellings.

Social media posts have been made to promote the Alpington Indoor Bowls Club but it has not resulted in any new faces coming along. LMcN will repost.

TOP Maintenance has finalised its 2025 contract with the grass cutting of the Jubilee Wood. SNDC has paid £20 for the 2025 March litter pick which had been overlooked.

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**6. Finance, including precept**

The Parish Council agreed to increase the precept by 10%, resulting in a rise for Band D properties from £36.00 to £39.60 per annum. This will provide a total annual income of £11,998, enabling the Parish Council to meet its responsibilities within the parish.

Finance: Balance of accounts, Receipts received & Payments made			
Main Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
9 Nov '25	Balance b/f	<b>£6,164.14</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>		
26 Nov	Clerk salary and expenses *	213.20	
26 Nov	PAYE	44.80	
3 Dec	John Lewis voucher for webmaster *	120.00	
22 Dec	Clerk salary and expenses *	210.70	
22 Dec	PAYE	44.80	
5 Jan	Village Hall rental 2026 *	126.00	
9 Jan	Microsoft renewal	84.99	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>844.49</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>		
9 Jan	SNDC Litter pick	20.00	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>20.00</b>
11 Jan '26	Balance c/f		<b>£5,339.65</b>
<i><b>NB c/f includes £200 ringfenced from King's Coronation grant towards goal nets at the village hall. £66.58 ringfenced from Clean up and Bloom grant for plants</b></i>			
<i><b>*Denotes spend over £100 that is not VAT recoverable</b></i>			
CBF Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
9 Nov '25	Balance b/f	<b>£940.19</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
11 Jan '26	Balance c/f		<b>£940.19</b>
CIL Account			
Date		Amount	Totals
9 Nov '25	Balance b/f	<b>£53.49</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>		<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>		<b>0.00</b>
11 Jan '26	Balance c/f		<b>53.49</b>

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**7. Planning Applications including VCHAP**

<b>Application Ref.</b>	<b>Address and Proposal</b>	<b>P/Council Decision</b>	<b>S/Norfolk Decision</b>
<b>2025/1043</b>	Church Meadow Lane Alington NR14 7NF Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use and associated building works of agricultural building to dwelling house (QA and QB)	Approved	Pending
<b>2025/1442</b>	Land East of Back Rd Yelverton Norfolk Construction and operation of a c15MW Solar Farm, comprising the erection of solar panels mounted on metal frames, centralised inverter housing, spares container, new access tracks, underground cabling, perimeter fencing with CCTV cameras and access gates, temporary construction compounds, landscaping and all ancillary grid infrastructure and associated site works	Refused	Pending
<b>2025/1929</b>	Land East of Nichols Road Alington Erection of 7 residential dwellings and associated garages as part of the settlement extension (SN0529SL) included in the Village Cluster Plan	Refused	Pending
<b>2025/2476</b>	Land North of Mill Road Alington Erection of 1 self-build bungalow	Refused	Pending
<b>2025/2626</b>	Land off Church Meadow Lane Alington Norfolk Installation of concrete pad to be used for storage	Approved	Pending
<b>2025/3269</b>	Reeders Meadow Burgate Lane Alington Norfolk NR14 7NP Dormer window to rear elevation, single storey extension to the rear, side extension and cart lodge to the front garden	Approved	Pending
<b>2025/3364</b>	Land adjacent to Wheel of Fortune Public House Wheel Rd Alington Norfolk Erection of twelve residential units, one self-build site (class C3) and a new carpark and land for the pub (class sui generis) with associated landscaping and highways works	Approved	Pending
<b>2025/3448</b>	Rose House Back Road Yelverton Norfolk NR14 7GF Replacement porch	Approved	Pending
<b>2025/3591</b>	6 St. Marys Close Alington Norfolk NR14 7NZ Single storey porch/shower room with pitched roof to side elevation	Approved	Pending

**VCHAP**

The Alington/Bergh Apton Cluster has two sites under review for development. Church Meadow, Alington, and the Old Concrete Works, Bergh Apton, with approximately 25 dwellings proposed at each site. A meeting with the Inspector is scheduled for 15 January to allow for any final representations. JMcN will attend and state that Alington/Bergh Apton already has several ribbon development planning applications either approved or pending which together deliver approximately 25 dwellings, and that these must be considered when looking at any further development through the VCHAP. We believe there is no justification for the Church Meadow site to come forward.

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**8. 2026 Priorities**

The PC discussed proposals for its 2026 priorities. The CBF account is expected to hold approximately £15,000 once the 2026 income from the solar farm has been received. A parishioner proposed a flagpole at the Village Hall. Planning permission is not required, and the Village Hall Committee would agree to the siting of it on their land. It was noted that some of the play area equipment is almost at the end of its service life and that the play area is well used. It was therefore felt that this should be a priority for 2026. A parishioner noted that the perimeter wall of St Mary's church needs repairing. This falls outside of the remit of the Diocese, and the church does not have funds to carry out repairs themselves.

There are several maintenance tasks that need completing in the village. JMcN will set up a WhatsApp group and include all volunteers to help with the co-ordination of resource. It was agreed that the play area jobs of hedge trim, cleaning of equipment and the seeding of any bald grassed areas would be completed 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March. The coppicing of hazels at the Jubilee Wood, the cutting back of overhanging branches on Church Loke and the removal of ivy laden branches at the Garrick field would be completed 21<sup>st</sup> March or sooner. A date for the removal of excess reeds would be agreed at the March PC meeting. The re-staining of the church loke gate and handrails at the pond would be scheduled in for May.

The next litter pick is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> February. All volunteers are requested to bring their own bin bags to avoid a collection from Ketteringham.

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

The speed camera will be repositioned at the end of the month and the data circulated. The last results showed a speeding vehicle at 65mph at 3:15pm on Church Rd. JMcN circulated the report to PC Goodrum, NCC Highways, KMB and the Police and Crime Commissioner for comment and action on highway improvements.

**11. Reports**

**a) Tree Warden**

Funding for a survey by Norfolk Trees on the Veteran Oak has been included in the 2026 budget, with any follow-up works to be considered for funding from the CBF fund.

**b) Village Hall Committee**

SS updated that the next committee meeting is in Q1. The funding raising quiz was well attended and raised c£455.

**d) Village School**

HJ reported that she will contact the school and remind them to update the PC on their defibrillator consumables requirements for 2026 financial year and to agree a date for the next meeting where the topic of speeding and parking will be raised again. The PC suggests that registration numbers of persistent offenders are printed in the weekly newsletter.

**e) Play Area Monthly Inspection.**

BG circulated his monthly inspection report. There is no damage and as discussed, an action plan has been agreed to cut the boundary bush hedging, set new seed and a clean-up of all play equipment 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March.

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**f) Garrick Field Monthly Inspection**

An action plan has been agreed for the removal of the fallen ivy laden branches, coppicing of hazels in the Jubilee Wood and the cutting back of low hanging branches on Church Loke.

**g) Village Pond Monthly Inspection**

There are numerous weeds growing in the path gravel to be removed. As discussed, a date in May will be agreed for the clearing of excess reeds, the cutting down of any dead trees, and the re-staining of the handrails.

**The meeting closed at 21:30. Next meeting to be held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

**Approved and signed 3/3/26**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JRM', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.