

## ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

#### HELD ON 1 MARCH 2022 AT 7PM IN ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies Apology was received from Cllr Rix.
  - (i) To consider Cllr Rix's request that the Council approves his reasons for absence. Following discussion, the Council resolved under S85 (1) of the 1972 Local Government Act to approve Cllr Rix's request for absence. Proposed Cllr Kemp, Seconded Cllr Moore.
2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Kemp declared a non-pecuniary interest at Item 8. Cllr Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest at Item 5 and Item 10.
3. To approve Minutes of the meetings of 11 and 27 January The minutes for 11 January were approved. Proposed by Cllr Gray, Seconded by Cllr Baker. Subject to noting that the location of meeting was Shimpling Village Hall and the start time of 9.15pm, the minutes for 27 January were approved. Proposed Cllr Jacobs, Seconded Cllr Baker.
4. Public Forum No members of the public were present.
5. To consider any new planning matters
  - (i) Appeal APP/D3505/X/22/3291449 relating to DC/21/05011 - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or activity including those in breach of a planning condition. Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Section 191 as amended by section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. Town and Country Planning (General Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Conversion and use of former second world war building as a dwellinghouse – decision being 'not lawful' The Council discussed this complicated case in some detail. Councillors felt that they lacked knowledge and detail on the particular case. Cllr Nunn Proposed that the Council would concur with Babergh District Council on this matter, Seconded Cllr Gray and approved by the Council.
  - (ii) DC/22/00544 Housholder Application - Erection of a single storey and two storey rear extension, two storey side extension and new front porch (following demolition of existing side extension) 1 Shop Hill Cottages Shop Hill Alpheton Suffolk CO10 9BU. The Council discussed this additional planning application. Based on the information currently available, Cllrs had no objection to the application but asked that Babergh DC consider a condition for the provision of parking within the curtilage of the property. Proposed Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr Gray.
6. To receive the Parish Clerk's report:
  - (i) The Council approved the payment of all items on the schedule of payments. Proposed Cllr Kemp, Seconded Cllr Jacobs.
 

Shimpling Village Hall hire for training and PC meeting	£ 21.00	LGA 1972 s.111
SALC – Planning training for Councillors	£ 120.00 (£20 VAT)	LGA 1972 s.111
Graham Maskell grass cutting	£ 950.00	PHA 1875 s.164
Village Hall hire, March meeting	£ 20.00	LGA 1972 s.111
  - (ii) The Council approved the estimate for the annual internal audit from Dave Crimmin, Heelis & Lodge. Proposed Cllr Kemp, Seconded Cllr Nunn.
7. To receive District and County Councillors' Reports The reports from Cllr Malvisi, Nunn and Kemp were noted.

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8. To receive an estimate from Trusted Roofing Solutions and an update on progress and plans for this work to the three bus shelters Cllr Gray explained the efforts and difficulties encountered in trying to obtain quotes for this work. Cllr Gray will make further attempts for three quotes by the next meeting. The Council resolved to make a final decision on going ahead with the work at the April meeting.
9. To review the grass cutting arrangements for the year 2022/23 Cllr Gray reported on the large number quote enquiries made for the grass cutting. Only one had been received so far. There remain two more possible contractors to approach but a decision will need to be made at the April meeting in order that the grass can be cut from the start of the season.
10. To approve requests by the Village Hall Committee
  - (i) The use of the Village Green over the period of the Platinum Jubilee was approved. Proposed Cllr Kemp, Seconded Cllr Jacobs
  - (ii) The use of the Parish Council noticeboards to promote events was approved. Proposed Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr Jacobs.
11. To receive an update on plans for new SID pole and the meeting with SCC regarding traffic calming measures The Clerk reported that dates for the meeting with SCC had been suggested and a quick decision was needed.  
 The Clerk also provided an update that SCC were still not able to approve the position proposed for a new SID pole. It was suggested that this is discussed at the forthcoming meeting with SCC. The Council noted that the role of the SID 'crews' volunteers was for deploying and redeploying the devices. They do not have a repair and maintenance role.  
 Cllr Moore suggested the setting up of an informal working group to look at traffic calming and speeding issues. This group would report back to the Parish Council meetings. The Council approved this proposal. Proposed Cllr Kemp, Seconded Cllr Jacobs.  
 Cllr Gray will look at the possibility of purchasing reflector posts for the Old Bury Road turning from A134. Cllr Kemp may be able to help fund from his Locality Budget.
12. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting:  
 5 April 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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