

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs M Gray (Chair), G Baker, K Jacobs, J Moore. Also present: Mary Luton-Woodburn, Parish Clerk.

1. To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs R Kemp, J Nunn and T Rix.
2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Gray and Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5.
3. To approve Minutes of the meeting of 6 December 2022 Proposed, Cllr Moore, Seconded, Cllr Gray.
4. Public Forum. No members of the public present.
5. To consider any new planning matters and report on any decisions.
 - (i) Notice of Planning Appeal AP/22/00071 relating to Planning Application DC/22/01834 - Erection of 1No detached holiday let. Aveley House, Aveley Lane, Shimpling, Part In The Parish Of Alpheton IP29 4HB. The Parish Council resolved to reiterate their request to Babergh District Council that if planning permission is approved that strong measures are in place to ensure the property remains a holiday let. Proposed, Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr Moore.
 - (ii) DC/23/00095 Full Application - Erection of detached annex for family members (following demolition of outbuilding/s). Laburinthos Cottage Bury Road Shimpling (part In The Parish Of Alpheton) Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0JJ. The Parish Council resolved to object to the application on a number of grounds. Proposed, Cllr Jacobs, Seconded, Cllr Baker.
6. To receive an update on the regular locating of the SIDs devices, costs and return of the SID display to manufacturer The Parish Council noted that the SID display had been returned to the manufacturer in Austria for repair. A response from Sudbury Town Council Wardens regarding the potential agreement is still awaited.
7. To receive the Parish Clerk's report:
 - (i) The Council approved the payment of all items on the schedule of payments. Proposed Cllr Moore, Seconded Cllr Gray.

Return of SIDs display to Sierzega	£ 30.33	<i>Highways Act 1989, s.274A</i>
Glasdon – four bollards for entrance Old Bury Road	£ 170.60	<i>Road Traffic Reg Act 1984 s.72(1)</i>
Shimpling Village Hall hire Feb, meeting	£ 20.00	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
 - Cllr Moore outlined the total costs for installation of the safety/visibility bollards – being £180. The Parish Council approved this. Proposed, Cllr Jacobs, Seconded, Cllr Baker.
 - (ii) to approve the appointment of Heelis and Lodge to be the internal auditor for the year end 31 March 2023 at an estimated cost of £150. The Parish Council resolved to appoint Dave Crimmin of Heelis and Lodge. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Moore.
 - (iii) to consider and approve the Asset Register for 2022-23. Subject to the addition of the recently purchased safety/visibility bollards; the Council approved the Asset Register. Proposed, Cllr Jacobs, Seconded, Cllr Gray.

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8. To receive District and County Councillors' Reports Cllr Kemp, Cllr Malvisi and Nunn reports were noted.
9. To consider the costs for a replacement dog poo bin in Church Lane including all fixing costs. The Parish Council resolved to replace the dog bin lid at an inclusive cost of £187.80. Proposed, Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr Gray.
10. To consider the dates for the Council meetings for April 2023 to March 2024. The Council discussed meeting dates for the year 2023-24 and approved the following revised schedule:

2023

April 13th - Thursday

[May 4 – Thursday Local elections]

May 23rd - Tuesday Annual Village meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

July 27th - Thursday

Oct 12th - Thursday

Nov 30th - Thursday

2024

Jan 25th – Thursday - tbc

For the year commencing 1 April 2024

April 9th - tbc

11. To consider whether the village plans a Commemoration of the Coronation of King Charles III (a locality donation of up to £500 may be available from Babergh District Councillor Malvisi). Cllr Malvisi explained that she wished to grant Alpheton a Locality Award from BaberghDC. Following discussion, the Parish Council resolved to apply to Cllr Malvisi's BDC Locality Awards for a grant towards the improvement of community facilities, to help with various items around the village. Proposed, Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Baker. In addition, the Parish Council resolved to consider making a grant, up to £500 to the Village Hall for assistance with an appropriate project, to mark the Coronation. Proposed, Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr Jacobs.
12. To note an update on the TVAS pole in Bridge Street It was noted that Suffolk CC expects the TVAS to be added to the rota which comes out in the March update on Suffolk Roadsafe.
13. To note the key dates for the election period and other related matters. The dates for the election period were noted.
14. To consider the Council income from recycling receipts. The Clerk will endeavor to confirm whether the receipts are for both paper and bottles.
15. To note an update on Village Hall matters Cllr Moore provided an update on Village Hall and the need to increase income. This update was noted.
16. To note the renewal of electricity poles in Old Bury Road It was noted that insufficient notice was given by the contractor before this work was undertaken.
17. To note a request for an update on the telephone kiosk Cllr Baker updated the Parish Council that the kiosk library was receiving many positive comments and that the volunteer arranging this was doing an excellent job. The Parish Council asked that she was thanked for her efforts.

Date and time of next Parish Council meeting:

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April 13 at 7pm – Alpheton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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