

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 10 AUGUST AT 7.30PM IN ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL

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

1. To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr T Rix.
2. Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.
3. To approve Minutes of the meetings of 28 June 2022 Subject to the addition of the list of those Councillors present being added, the minutes were approved. Proposed, Cllr Gray, Seconded, Cllr Nunn.
4. Public Forum One member of the public was present.
5. To receive an update on Speed Working Group Due to various members leaving, the group is currently not meeting. In addition, the SIDs team is very short of help. Cllr Moore has sought new volunteers but with little response so far. Councillors discussed alternative options for ensuring the SIDs were moved regularly, every four weeks. Cllr Kemp proposed that if it was not possible to put together a sufficient team of volunteers to undertake the moving of the SIDs that Bradley Smith at Sudbury Town Council be asked to take on the role, subject to confirmation of the quote of £31.95 per visit which includes his travel costs. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Jacobs.
6. To consider any new planning matters No new matters at this time
7. To review and adopt the new LGA Model Code of Conduct for Councillors The Clerk provided a summary of the new code explaining the main differences and strengthened areas compared to the Suffolk Code of 2012. Councillors discussed aspects of the Code and the Council's responsibilities, This included discussions about declaration of interest and the new categories, as well as social media. The Parish Council resolved as part of this discussion that: *The Alpheton WhatsApp Group which served a very useful purpose during the pandemic, is no longer needed for its original purpose. Therefore the Council requests that Cllr Rix posts a message on the WhatsApp Group announcing that the Council no longer has an affiliation with this group and all items on this group are the personal view of its members and not those of the Parish Council.* In addition the Parish Council resolved to ask Cllr Rix to point Group members to the website if they wish to see the old Alpheton meeting minutes. The new Code of Conduct was approved and adopted by the Parish Council. Proposed, Cllr Kemp, Seconded, Cllr Baker.
8. To receive the Parish Clerk's report:
 - (i) The Council approved the payment of all items on the schedule of payments. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Jacobs

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| Evan Markell, 1 Aug grass cut, as per contract | £ | 180.00 | PHA 1875 s.164 |
| Village Hall hire, Aug 10 meeting | £ | 20.00 | LGA 1972 s.111 |

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Trusted Roofing (funded from CIL + Locality £1300) £ 3,586.04 Local Gov (Misc. Prov) Act 1953.S.4

- (ii) to confirm policies in need of review and/or adoption. The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the policies which have not been reviewed for several years and some possible new ones which ought to be added to the list. It was agreed that this would be done over the next few forthcoming meetings, rather than all at a single meeting.
9. To receive District and County Councillors' Reports Reports from Cllr Kemp, Cllr Nunn and Cllr Malvisi were noted.
10. To consider the purchase and locating of a new dog poo bin and receive a report on the expected emptying schedule with Babergh Cllr Jacobs confirmed that the emptying schedule was now being carried out regularly on a Wednesday and that a new bin would cost in the region of £100. Cllr Jacobs will provide further details on this. A contractor to install this together with the cost will be confirmed for agreement at the next meeting.
11. To receive an update on the locating of a TVAS pole in Bridge Street Cllr Gray confirmed that the Bridge Street post for mounting a TVAS had been suitably extended by SCC and was now on the rota for the TVAS. The cost of £275 would be met from Cllr Kemp's Highways budget. The PC thanked Cllr Kemp for his support.
12. To receive an update on the visibility bollards at the entrance to Old Bury Rd Cllr Gray tabled a paper on the two options for bollards. The Parish Council approved the proposal to purchase 3 bollards to be set back one metre from the verge. The Verge Master X-0176 was selected as most suitable. It is hoped that the installation tool will not be necessary and some other method of installing the bollards can be found.
13. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting:

October 4 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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