

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 27 JULY AT 7PM IN ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs M Gray (Chair), K Jacobs, R Kemp, J Moore (Item 6 onwards), E Malvesi, T Rix. Also present: Mary Luton-Woodburn, Parish Clerk.

- Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Baker and Nunn.
- Declarations of Interest: The following declarations of interest were made –
Item 5 - All Cllrs present because the Council holds its meetings at Village Hall adjacent to the site of Planning Application DC20/05511. All Councillors present agreed that they have an open mind about the outcome of the planning decisions related to the application.
Item 6 – Cllr Baker, Jacobs, Kemp and Rix – regarding the property in Planning Application DC/21/03939 and DC/21/03940.
Item 8 – Cllr Moore as Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, Cllr Rix regarding Alpheton Garage
All Councillors present declared an interest in general matters related to Alpheton and Bridge Street Parish for domestic and commercial interests. These interests are not pecuniary and therefore they requested dispensation.
Alpheton Parish Clerk as the Proper Officer granted the requested dispensations until the next local elections.
- To consider and approve the draft Minutes of 4 May 2021 The Minutes were approved. Proposed Cllr Kemp, Seconded Cllr Gray.
- Public Forum A member of the public spoke in support of objecting to Planning application DC20/05511.
- To consider the re-examination of Planning application DC20/05511 (as it refers to drawing no. 725/21/002, site plan, received Babergh DC on 03/02/2021), in light of recent Babergh District Council request. Following a lengthy and detailed discussion the Council resolved to object to the Planning application on the grounds of highways issues (traffic volume) local plan policies (sustainability) and flooding. Cllrs also noted that another dwelling in the village envelope would generate traffic as the occupants would need to travel for day to day services and employment.
- To consider any new planning matters
DC/21/03939 Householder application - Proposed conversion of existing integral garage to provide a home office including associated internal and external alterations together with a 2-bay detached cartlodge/garage The Thatched Cottage Church Lane Alpheton Suffolk CO10 9BL. Based on the information currently available, Cllrs had no objection to the application.
DC/21/03940 Application for Listed Building Consent - Proposed conversion of existing integral garage to provide a home office including associated internal and external alterations together with a 2-bay detached cartlodge/garage. The Thatched Cottage Church Lane Alpheton Suffolk CO10 9BL Based on the information currently available, Cllrs had no objection to the application.
- To receive District and County Councillors' Reports – Cllr Kemp's report was noted. Cllr Malvesi's report was noted.
Cllr Kemp left the meeting at 8pm. Cllr Moore joined the meeting.
- Clerk's report:

Signed

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(i) Schedule of items waiting approval: The Council approved the payment of all items on the schedule of payments. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Jacobs.

Brenda Crichton Internal Audit	£35.00	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
Redhead International (Schenker) (Freight Forwarder standard charge - processing shipment through customs for the SIDs)	£50.00	<i>Highways Act 1989, s.274A</i>

(ii) Garage: The Council resolved to redouble efforts to achieve payment of the long overdue licence fee from Alpheton garage and seek a more satisfactory system for the future which aligns more closely with the licence agreement.

(iii) Village Hall fees Following discussion about the new Village Hall fee structure the Council approved the fee of £20 per meeting rather than a charge based on an hourly rate. Proposed Cllr Gray, seconded Cllr Jacobs.

11. To Note:

- SIDs – The Council agreed that all Councillors and SIDs crew members would have access to the SIDs data. Training to use the system will be required and Cllr Rix has been providing Zoom facilities for this. Residents of the parish can request the SIDs information from Councillors. Proposed Cllr Moore, seconded Cllr Gray.
- Small building on Village Hall site – Cllr Kemp offered to chase up the situation further.
- ANPR – Cllr Moore provided an update from Jon Shaw (ANPR Officer, SCC Road Safety) who now has the device. Further testing and checking will take place and a visit to the proposed site is planned for a date yet to be confirmed.

12. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting 5 October at 7pm in the village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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