

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024 IN ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs M Gray (Chair), G. Baker, R Kemp, J Moore and Tim Rix. Also present: Mary Luton-Woodburn, Parish Clerk.

1. To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Malvisi and Nunn.
2. Declarations of Interest None declared.
3. To approve Minutes of the meeting of 23 July 2024 The minutes were approved. Proposed, Cllr Kemp, Seconded, Cllr Rix.
4. Public Forum. No members of the public were present.
5. To consider any new planning matters and report on any decisions No new matters. The Parish Clerk reported that the following two applications had been granted.
 - (i) DC/24/03838 Application for Works to Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order WS176/G5 - Fell 1 No. Ash (T1) Green Apple Old Bury Road Alpheton Sudbury Suffolk CO10 9BT
 - (ii) DC/24/00574 Full Planning Application DC/24/00601 Application for Listed Building Consent – Conversion of and erection of linked extension to barn to form 1No Dwelling. The Old Rectory Old Bury Road Alpheton Suffolk CO10 9BT
6. To receive a report on Councillor’s resignation and process for filling a casual vacancy The Clerk reported that Cllr Jacobs had resigned with immediate effect for personal reasons. The Parish Council resolved to thank her very much for her very helpful support and activity for the Parish Council. The Clerk then briefed on PC on the process for filling such a vacancy. It is hoped that there may be some members of the community interested in getting involved by the November meeting.
7. To review progress and costs for the Village Gates project Cllr Moore updated the Parish Council that there had been no price changes for the proposed gateways and none was likely before the end of the year. The PC confirmed that it is intended that the items in Phase 1 be purchased once all the work on the bus shelter replacement is complete but that installation will not take place until the purchase of both phases has happened so that installation and highways costs will be done for both phases together and thus save on those costs.
8. To receive an update on the removal of Bridge Street bus shelter and progress on replacement options Cllr Moore reported that he would now proceed with seeking final quotes from the three suppliers for the elements needed to replace the bus shelter, noticeboard and litter bin for Bridge Street following its accidental demolition. The Clerk will then confirm this with the PC’s insurers and seek a cash settlement so that the PC’s own selection of contractors would be used for the project.
9. To receive the Parish Clerk’s report
 - (i) The Council approved the payment of all items on the schedule of payments. Proposed Cllr Baker. Seconded, Cllr Gray.

Evan Markell grass cut 17/6/24 (prepaid)	£	180.00 PHA 1875 s.164
ICO (prepaid)	£	35.00 LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk’s Salary (prepaid)	£	798.84 LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk’s tax (prepaid)	£	237.00 LGA 1972 s.111

Signed

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ABC bus shelter removal (inc £131 VAT) (prepaid)	£	786.00	<i>LGA (Misc Prov) 1953, s.4</i>
Babergh Bin emptying (inc £69 VAT)	£	414.00	<i>Litter Act 1983, ss5,6</i>
Alpheton Village Hall hire May 30 meeting	£	20.00	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>

- (ii) to receive a half-yearly report on the budget [attached] The Clerk's report was noted. The PC discussed the possibility of a donation to Gryphon from the Chair's expenses budget. The Clerk/Chair will check on how they are funded and report to the next meeting.
- (iii) to receive a verbal report on the newly arranged insurance policy and possible changes to the level of cover for assets. The Clerk briefed the PC on the new insurance policy and reported that following the installation of the new bus shelter it will be necessary to review the insured value of bus shelters in the future.
10. To receive District and County Councillors' Reports Cllr Kemp's and the Babergh report were noted.
11. To receive an update on SIDs and Sudbury Warden involvement. Cllr Moore reported that as yet no contract had been received from Sudbury Town Council but that all such SLA were being reviewed by Sudbury Town Council currently.
12. To receive an update on the use of the signage policy and any further steps The signage policy adopted at the 23 July meeting had been sent to one organization together with a letter asking them to remove their sign. A favourable response had been received from the business in question although the sign has yet to be removed.
13. To discuss a request to encourage the use of 30mph/40mph speed signs on wheelie bin The Parish Council discussed a resident's request to encourage 30/40 mph speed signs on wheelie bins. After some discussion the Parish Council resolved to investigate the cost of the Parish Council purchasing these for distribution around Alpheton and Bridge Street, three per household. Cllr Kemp will allow a request for these safety signs from his Highways budget, in the region of £200-300. Proposed Cllr Baker. Seconded Cllr Moore.
14. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting:

Thursday November 28 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.26pm.

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