

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024 IN ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs M Gray (Chair), K Jacobs, R Kemp, J Moore, J Nunn, Tim Rix and District Cllr Malvisi. Also present: Mary Luton-Woodburn, Parish Clerk.

1. To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Baker.
2. Declarations of Interest None declared.
3. To approve Minutes of the meeting of 28 March 2024 The minutes were approved. Proposed, Cllr Rix, Seconded, Cllr Moore.
4. Public Forum. No members of the public were present.
5. To consider any new planning matters and report on any decisions
 - (i) DC/24/00680 Householder Application - Erection of front extension. 6 The Glebe Alpheton CO10 9BS – revision to previous application. The Clerk reported that following the PC objection and the revision to the plan, removing the cartlodge the application had now been approved.
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 Gray.

SALC Membership Sub 2024/25	£	172.34	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
Evan Markell grass cut 2/4/24	£	180.00	<i>PHA 1875 s.164</i>
SCC Highways Street Furniture Licence	£	160.00	<i>Highways Act 1980, s.274A</i>
Reimbursement of elec cost for defib – Village Hall	£	30.00	<i>PHA 1936, s.234</i>
Reimbursement of elec cost for defib – Alpheton Garage	£	30.00	<i>PHA 1936, s.234</i>
Alpheton Village Hall hire Apr 11 meeting	£	20.00	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
 - (ii) to receive an update on the financial position of the Council at year end. The Clerk's update of the year end budget was noted by the Parish Council.
7. To receive District and County Councillors' Reports Cllr Kemp's report was noted. Cllr Malvisi reported that she had attended an Emergency Planning meeting and that when available slides from the meeting would be shared with Councillors. She also noted her year as leader of Babergh District Council was coming to an end and that it had been a positive and uplifting experience.
8. To consider the dates for the Council meetings for April 2024 to March 2025 The proposed dates were discussed and the following confirmed for the forthcoming year.

May 30 th	- Thursday, Annual Village meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting
July 23 rd	- Tuesday
Oct 3 rd	- Thursday
Nov 28 th	- Thursday
<u>2025</u>	
Jan 30 th	- Thursday
<i>For the year commencing 1 April 2025</i>	
April 10 th	

Signed

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9. To receive an update on the Village Gates Cllr Moore confirmed to the meeting that the Parish Council's application for a SCC Highways Licence had been approved by SCC. Once the contractor for the installation has been confirmed they will be tasked with arranging the appropriate Traffic Management requirements and providing a quote.

Cllr Kemp has already committed £2,000 from his Local Highways budget and hopes that more may be forthcoming after 6 May. Cllrs Malvisi and Nunn also hope to be able to provide funds for the second element of the project from their Locality budgets.

Having looked at expected costs, funds currently available or promised the Parish Council agreed to purchase 3 gates but only install two until more funding is available for installation costs, assuming prices aren't substantially higher than the guide figures received from contractors.

Cllrs Moore and Gray will seek a firm price from Glasdons for 3 gates. Three installation quotes will be sought on the basis that the project will be for installing two gate now but eventually four in total will be installed, once funding is in place. Proposed, Cllr Kemp, Seconded, Cllr Jacobs.

10. To discuss the Environment Agency letter. No more information has been forthcoming on the flooding and riparian owners' responsibilities. Cllr Kemp will follow up further and keep the Parish Council informed.

11. To receive an update on the Long Melford Emergency Plan Cllr Gray confirmed that the Plan has been completed providing information for a major emergency; outlining risks, hazards and skills available to help and evacuation points. This is primarily in Long Melford but with some information which is useful for Alpheton and Bridge Street. Cllr Gray will circulate to the Parish Council but reminded all that it contains confidential contact information.

12. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting:

May 30, Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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