

ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024 IN ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

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

1. To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Jacobs and Kemp.
2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Moore declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 5.
3. To approve Minutes of the meeting of 27 February 2024 The minutes were approved. Proposed, Cllr Moore, Seconded, Cllr Nunn.
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. After a detailed discussion the Parish Council resolved to submit a neutral response to the revision to the previous application. Proposed, Cllr Gray. Seconded, Cllr Nunn.
6. To receive the Parish Clerk's report The Clerk reported that dates for the next financial year would be brought to the April meeting and that she would be working on the Internal Audit preparation and AGAR over the next few weeks.
 - (i) The Council approved the payment of all items on the schedule of payments. Proposed Cllr Baker. Seconded, Cllr Nunn.

Alpheton Village Hall hire Mar 28 meeting	£	20.00	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
Clerk's Salary, 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2024	£	989.24	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
Clerk's Tax	£	46.60	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
SALC payroll 6mths to 31 Mar 2024 (incl. £3.80 VAT)	£	22.80	<i>LGA 1972 s.111</i>
7. To receive District and County Councillors' Reports Cllr Kemp's report was noted. Cllr Nunn mentioned that Babergh District Council was now 50 years old.
8. To receive an update on the Village Gates Cllr Moore gave details on further signage which may be needed and the revised costs. However, until a licence is granted and the terms of it are known accurate costs are difficult to define. Cllr Gray confirmed a 3rd installation contractor would visit in early April to gather some idea of the project. The Clerk added that the current increasing costs may be more than the Council can readily budget and pay for without further substantial funding. VAT reclaimable would not be received until after payment of invoices and money to run the business of the Council must be held in reserve.
9. To note the letter received from the Environment Agency and confirm a related Agenda item for the meeting on 11 April. This letter was noted and this will be added to the Agenda for the April meeting. Cllr Gray updated the Parish Council on the further flooding in Bridge St. during February. Two residents have employed a private surveyor due to the frequency of the flooding. SCC Flood Management Team have undertaken to visit but they are overwhelmed with work so this is not expected to be in the near future.
10. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting:

Thursday 11 April 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed

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