

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

held on Monday 17 September 2012 at 7.30pm at Alington Village Hall

Present:, Kevin Gotts (Vice) Chris Black, John Lain, Jeremy McNulty and David Whitehead

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, Sue Thomson District Councillor and 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies of absence were received from Jack Taylor.

2. Co-option of New Councillor

The official notice of a Parish Council vacancy had been advertised in the village and on the website due to the resignation of Jerry Davies in July 12. Residents volunteering to stand had been invited to the meeting.

One nomination was received from Ivan Green and as there were no further nominations Councillors unanimously agreed to Co-op Ivan Green to the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance form was completed and the Chairman welcomed the new Councillor.

3. Declaration of Interest and New Code of Conduct

Councillors were reminded the new 2012 Declaration of Interest required completion and returned to the Clerk as soon as possible. South Norfolk would include the information on their website.

Jeremy McNulty	Item 9 Non Pecuniary Interest – Church Meadow
Kevin Gotts	Item 15 Non Pecuniary Interest
David Whitehead	Item 9 Non Pecuniary Interest

4. To consider a dispensation under S33 of Localism Act

Kevin Gotts applied to the Parish Council for a dispensation regarding Police and Parking at the school as a non pecuniary interest. Kevin Gotts left the meeting and the clerk read Kevin's request to Councillors. Councillors agreed to support Kevin's dispensation. Kevin then rejoined the meeting.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chair

6. Matters Arising

Emergency Plan – The Clerk found that Saxlingham PC had installed a generator switch at their village hall and would contact them for further information and report back at the next meeting.

7. Correspondence:

Alington and Yelverton Village Hall – Quiz and Cuisine Evening 20 October 2012

NPFA Newsletter and play equipment inspection course

Highway Rangers – Dranes Lane required attention the hedges were very overgrown and needed cutting. The centre of the road needed vegetation removed.

8. Finance

Payment table and forecast balance of accounts

Date	Detail	Cheque No	Amount	Totals
	Balances of Accounts			
26.07.12	Savings		£4,883.92	
26.07.12	Current		£1,000.00	
	Sub total of Balances	Sub total		£5,883.92
	Receipts			
30.08.12	Kerbside adopter		£250.00	
30.09.12	Precept		£3,343.50	

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	Sub Total of Receipts	Sub total		£3,593.50
	Payments			
26.07.12	Fenland Leisure	100668	£713.76	
23.08.12	L Gray Salary Standing Order	STO	£193.87	
17.09.12	Mazars	100669	£144.00	
17.09.12	Came and Co Insurance	100670	£593.26	
23.09.12	L Gray Salary Standing Order	STO	£193.87	
	Sub Total of Payments	Sub total		£1,838.76
	Balance of Accounts		Balance	£7,638.66

9. Planning including The Local Plan Site Specific Consultation

Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Decision
2012/0525 20/03/12	Rose Bungalow, Back Road, Yelverton, Proposed Porch	Approve	Refused
2012/0922 15.05.12	Village Hall, Church Road, Alpington, NR14 7NU Alterations to Alpington Village Hall, Remove all existing asbestos tiles and replace with celotex warm roof system and reclad with synthetic grey slate.	Approve	Approved
2012/0939 17.05.2012	Garrick Field off Church Road, Yelverton, Proposed new changing rooms for Yelverton Football Club	Abstain as PC landowners	
2012/1283 13/07/2012	Alpington Cottage, Nichols Corner, Alpington Proposed extension and alterations.	Approve	Approved
2012/1393 02/08/2012	Land at Nicholls Corner, Nicholls Road, Alpington, New Highway access to agricultural field.	Approve	

The Local Plan Site Specific Consultation

Sue Thomson District Councillor stance on the site specific consultation for Alpington and Yelverton. Sue Thomson lives on Church Meadow, close to one of the identified sites. She reported that she had attended the last Public Meeting by standing in the back of the hall to listen to resident's opinion and gauge the majority view. Lots of local residents have contacted her to discuss the matter. She reported that as a District Councillor she will make a decision from the majority view of residents.

Local Plan Consultation response from Parish Council

Kevin Gotts gave an overview of the process so far; this had been a long and thorough process and is now at the point where a site for development that fits the criteria of the Local Plan must be selected in the village.

The Consultation process will end on 26 October 2012 and residents are urged to write, email or visit consultation events to submit their comments to South Norfolk regarding this issue.

The stance and response to this consultation of the Parish Council was discussed with residents. After the public meeting in 2 July 2012 it was evident there were views about highway issues and the two main identified sites promoted strong views for and against each site from residents. The Parish Council has to support the views of all residents in the village and as no one site was better than the other it was agreed the Parish Council will remain opposed to any large development of the village as the roads and infrastructure of the village were at capacity and unable to cope with any increase in traffic or population.

Regarding the changes to the Village Development Boundary near the Affordable Housing site on the Southern end of Nichols Road, the Parish Council is adamant this amendment must be removed. The Affordable Housing site is an exception site and the Parish Council agreed to its development on the grounds that it would not be extended for further development. If the site had been submitted to the Local Development Framework it would not fit the criteria.

10. Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor Sue Thomson, District Councillor reported;

New Housing Allocation Policy – South Norfolk Home Options, all new applicants will be interviewed to assess how best to meet their housing needs. Some applicants could face a long wait for the right property so assistance to remain in current properties or help with private tenancies along with financial advisers will also be included.

Council Tax Benefit – Has been transferred over to the District Councils with only 90% of the grant. Cuts need to be found but as there has been an increase in benefit claiming the Council Tax and amount to paid on Council Tax benefit may rise in the future.

Capital Projects grant – South Norfolk to support capital projects in the community by offering £100,000, all bids must be worth at least £10,000 each but can be more. Closing date 31 October

Preferred site Consultation – The 8 week public consultation for the preferred sites for future development under the Local Development Framework is underway. Consultation events will be held throughout the district. Residents are urged to make their comments to the District Council my letter, email or at an event..

Adrian Gunson, County Councillor reported

Bergh Apton Household waste site – The site was agreed to be permanent and thanks were extended to the Parish Council for support in recent months to agree this.

Surface Dressing – completed in Cherrywood, Church Road and Slade Lane over the A146

Footpaths – work had been completed on Wheel Road to Church Meadow and Wheel Road to St Marys Close.

Potholes – Reported in Framingham Earl Road

Speed awareness mobile sign – The village was on the list for the sign to visit.

Dranes Lane – Had been reported to Highways, it was overgrown and impassable in places

Wheel Road – The ditch in Wheel Road needs attention and had been reported to Highways.

Broadband – NCC had approved BT to make Broadband available at 2mb minimum to more residents of Norfolk by June 2015. Unless NCC had not invested in the scheme Norfolk would only have 43% coverage. With this partnership the coverage and quality of Broadband would be significantly better for all residents.

Norfolk Community Fund – NCC was providing 3.5 million to building and construction projects for community buildings in Norfolk.

Kevin Gotts extended his thanks on behalf of the Councillors to Adrian Gunson for his support and commitment regarding retaining Bergh Apton Waste Site.

11. Garrick Field - Monthly Inspection Report

a Japanese Knotweed receiving ongoing treatment

b Dug out - to be removed from the agenda

John Lain had contacted Mr Gould to trim the hedges

Weed Killer Quotes – It was agreed the weed killer should be applied to the field in the spring and a contractor would be selected later in the year.

12. Play Area and Village Hall Land – Monthly Inspection Report

Public Notice Sign – The Clerk had agreed the wording and received a quote for a minimum order of one sign £25.00 plus VAT. Councillors discussed and agreed the Clerk should research the cost of 4 signs and if it was no more than £50.00 to go ahead with the order.

Village Hall Garden – Chris Black reported there had been problems during the summer regarding children not respecting the planted garden at the back of the Village Hall.

Play Surface – Kevin Gotts would meet with Sovereign a company who fitted sustainable play surfaces and report back at the next meeting. Councillors discussed filling and turfing the areas

where the bark had broken down. Kevin Gotts would contact Kevin Parfitt for a quote for top soil and turf for the next meeting. Councillors highlighted this work needed to be completed before winter as the Play Area would need to be closed for two to three weeks.

13. Village Pond - Monthly Inspection Report

Jack Taylor had sent a report which the Clerk read out. The pond is currently covered in duck weed which Ed Stocker NCC Environmentalist confirmed would die off but is brought to the pond by the ducks. The pond surround had been cut back and strimmed by Norse at the beginning of September. When Ed Stocker from NCC recently visited the pond he was very impressed with work carried out last year by DHS and reported the pond was more vibrant and an asset to the village. He suggested areas of improvement to include a path from the road to the pond and details of new grants that would be available in 2013.

John Lain reported the railings at the pond required repainting and the Clerk would contact the Highway rangers and report back at the next meeting.

14. Fuel Oil Bulk Buying Scheme

Kevin Gotts confirmed the Village scheme was up and running. The scheme needed to be advertised to residents and would be included in the next leaflet drop regarding the Local Plan. Most people were receiving a good service but there were some pro's and con's to the scheme.

15. Police and Parking at the School

This was an ongoing problem but no new areas of concern in the new school year had been reported.

16. Other Matters for consideration for future agendas Meeting Dates for 2013

17. Next Meeting to be held 5 November 2012 The Clerk had agreed the following new dates below with the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

5 November 2012

14 January 2013	4 March 2013
25 March 2013 Annual Parish Meeting	
13 May 2013	1 July 2013
16 September 2013	4 November 2013