

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

held on Monday 16 September 2013 at 7.30pm at Alington Village Hall

Present : Kevin Gotts (Vice Chairman), Chris Black, John Lain, David Whitehead and Ivan Green

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, Sue Thomson District Councillor and 0 members of the public.

1. **Apologies of absence** were received and accepted from Jack Taylor and Jeremy McNulty.
2. **Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest**
David Whitehead arrived at the meeting late but declared a Non Pecuniary interest to Item 8
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2013** were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising**
Road Sweeper – the piles of gravel reported in the July meeting had been removed
Highway Ranger – The Clerk had contacted the Rangers with the areas for attention
5. **Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor**
Adrian Gunson, County Councillor reported
Buses The new bus service no 86 was being run by Anglian Buses and there had been changes to the timetable. The whole service was being subsidised by the County Council from Thurlton through to Norwich Bus Station. The destination of the bus had changed from John Lewis to the Bus Station which had extended its hours and would now be open from 9am to 5pm on Sundays would remain closed on Bank Holidays.
Several residents were concerned regarding the route of the bus including Framingham Earl Road as it was a single track country road. The Bus route included equally minor roads in other parishes including Sunnyside in Bergh Apton but as it was designated a rural service there were no planned changes to the route.
School Coach to East Norfolk Sixth Form College – This bus had been causing problems in the village when parked outside the Village Hall in the mornings. The designated collecting and dropping place had now been changed to Wheel Road.
Footpath – The footpath from Wheel Road to St Marys Close via Cherrywood would be rebuilt.
Northern Distributor Road – The Postwick to Taverham/Fakenham Road was designated of National Importance and the planning process would now commence through Government decision. Due to European Legislation the NDR would not continue through to the A47 as a bridge would be required and the area around the River Wensum was an area of conservation
Hobart High School results – 72% 5A* to C or more and 59% 5A* to C including English and Maths. 5 students received A* in all subjects and 4 students received A's in all subjects.
Sue Thomson, District Councillor reported;
Recycling – The contract for the recycling of the contents of the green bins had been agreed and will take effect from next April. A joint-venture company between all the District Councils, the County Council and Norse had been agreed. This means residents will be able to recycle yoghurt pots, food trays and other plastic items in their green bin and it is hoped that later next year glass will also be accepted. The first cooking fat and oil recycling banks have been rolled out. Please put used oil and/or fat in sealed plastic containers and put into the bank and this is converted into biofuel. The nearest bank is at Budgens in Poringland
Community Pub of the Year – The competition was in its 5th year. The Eastern Rivers Neighbourhood Area winner was the King's Head at Brooke and the overall winner the Green Dragon at Wymondham. The Minister for Pubs, Brandon Lewis together with the South Norfolk MP Richard Bacon and the West Norfolk MP George Freeman presented the winners' plaques.
6. **Correspondence:**
Norfolk Winter Service Grit bin register – Grit Bin located on Wheel Road o/s the Primary school will be filled in mid November and then at least once during the winter season.

Autumn Leaf Clearance by South Norfolk – Councillors identified Alberta Piece and the junction with Bergh Apton Road and Wheel Road as requiring leaf clearance.

Norfolk County Council – Advanced notice of forthcoming consultation by NCC on the 2014/15 budget and savings proposals for 2014/17.

Bus stop improvements – Cllr Roger Smith asked for some improvements to three sets of bus stops on the A146 two within the Yelverton Parish Boundary. Both Highway engineers and the First Bus group representative concluded not to formalise stops at The Slad/Slade Lane and the Gull PH South bound. But Highway Garden Centre Northbound stop be marked with a flag.

7. Finance

Section 137 – A letter from the Poringland Responder group asking for a donation had been received – Councillors agreed to donate £100.00. As there was no further correspondence regarding donations and Councillors were aware of high level fund raising efforts for the Air Ambulance no further donations were made.

Clerk National 1% pay award – The National Association and the Society of Local Councils Clerks had awarded a 1% pay rise to all Clerks back dated to 1 April 2013. Two signatories signed an amendment letter to change the Clerks pay.

Insurance – The Clerk had received the renewal notifications from the Insurance Company. If the Council agreed to the Long Term Plan a decrease of 5% would be applied to the new premium. Councillors discussed and agreed the Long Term Plan Agreement.

Action Point – Clerk to contact the Village Hall committee with the details of the Long Term Plan agreement.

Finance Payment table and forecast balance of accounts

Date	Detail	Cheque No	Amount	Totals
	Balances of Accounts			
01.08.13	Savings		£3,804.21	
26.07.13	Current		£940.00	
	Sub total of Balances	Sub total		£4,744.21
	Receipts			
29.07.13	Donation from Play Group		£25.00	
29.08.13	Yelverton Football Club		£250.00	
	Sub Total of Receipts	Sub total		£275.00
	Payments			
23.08.13	L Gray Salary Standing Order	STO	£200.20	
16.09.13	100 Speeding Stickers	100697	£25.00	
16.09.13	J Taylor Fence	100698	£102.48	
16.09.13	Mazars	100699	£120.00	
23.09.13	L Gray Salary Standing Order	STO	£200.20	
	Sub Total of Payments	Sub total		£647.88
	Balance of Accounts		Balance	£4,371.33

8. Planning

Local Development Framework Sue Thomson reported The District Council is sending out letters to all Parish and Town Councils advising them of the proposed final document for the Local Plan, including the site specifics, with links to the full details on the website. This document will now be considered at the Cabinet Meeting 23 September 2013 and the full Council that evening. Subject to approval at these meetings there will be a six week period from the end of October (dates to be confirmed) on the “**soundness and legal conformity**” of the documents. Representations on these grounds only can be sent to the Council during this period. Following this, the agreed final document will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate where an allocated Inspector will study the document and the proposed sites and arrange a Public Inquiry. This will probably be Spring 2014 and will be open to the public, but only those invited by the Inspector will

be able to speak in answer to his questions. The documents will be available from Friday 13 September 2013 to view on the District Councils website
<http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/democracy/default.aspx>

Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Decision
2013/1047 13/06/13	Boundary Farm, Framingham Earl Road, Yelverton Retrospective application for new livestock building at boundary Farm, building frame already erected	Approved	Approve
Footpath claim	Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Modification application for the addition of a public footpath to the Definitive Map for the Parish of Alington Map of location available at the Parish Council meeting 16 September 2013		
2013/1610 27/08/2013	Barns at Boundary Farm, Framingham Earl Road, Yelverton. Change of use of traditional Barn range from agricultural to 3 residential units with associated car parking and gardens area together with re-location of existing agricultural livestock shelter building.		

a. Footpath Claim – Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Modification application for the addition of a public footpath to the Definitive Map for the Parish of Alington.

Councillors discussed this item at length and decided to comment that when the second part of Church Meadow was built an access road to the field beyond was left between two houses and the public have used the access to walk across the field. There had been no attempt by either land owner to stop the public accessing either field. The first field behind Church Meadow had not been cultivated for some time but the field beyond is cultivated on a regular basis.

Action point – The Clerk to return the Councillors comments.

- b. 2013/1610 Barns at Boundary Farm, Framingham Earl Road, Yelverton** – The Clerk had circulated the response given by the Parish Council for the previous planning application. Councillors added to the response that a regular local bus service was now using Framingham Earl Road and the road was at capacity and could not in principle accept any extra traffic movements.

9. Garrick Field – Monthly Inspection Report

John Lain reported there were no new areas requiring attention. The hedge would need trimming soon and he would contact Mr Gould to undertake this work. Soil had been added to the reseeded areas of the Goal mouths.

- a. Japanese Knotweed** – Still present on the field and had been sprayed.
b. Funding Application for Yelverton Football Club – Remained ongoing and no new information had been received.

10. Mill Road Residents

The Dog bin had been installed in the loker and had been included on the service contract for emptying. The notice board remained on going and Chris Black would contact Andrew Morris. The Clerk gave a supply of the Wheelie Bin speeding stickers to Ivan Green to distribute to the residents in Mill Road.

11. Refurbishment Plans of Alington and Bergh Apton Primary School

This item remained on going and no new information had been received.

12. Play Area and Village Hall Land - Monthly Inspection

Kevin Gotts reported there were no new areas of concern requiring attention and the Play Area since all the maintenance work had been completed was looking very good. There had been some issues with the gate but this had now been sorted.

<http://alington.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

The Springy animal was getting very worn and would need replacement shortly.

Village Hall Land – Car park surface – The Car park surface to the side of the hall had been completed but the material used included crushed glass. Residents and Councillors reported some of the glass was not crushed small enough, shards and large pieces of glass still remained poking through the surface along with some wire. Councillors were very concerned with this surface being close to the Play Area.

13. Emergency Plan

This item would be discussed at the next meeting

14. Village Pond - Monthly Inspection Report

This item would be discussed at the next meeting

15. Police – Speeding and parking issues

The Clerk had purchased several more Wheelie Bin stickers that could be distributed to residents. Ivan Green had taken a supply for the residents of Mill Road. Anyone wanting a Wheelie bin sticker can either make a request to the Parish Clerk or attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Action Point – The Clerk – Speed stickers to be included on the Notice boards.

16. Fuel Oil Bulk Buying Scheme

Kevin Gotts reported there were now 61 schemes in Norfolk and 47 residents of Alington and Yelverton had joined the village scheme. There were new posters available which would be included in the notice boards by the Clerk.

Action Point – The Clerk – include new Bulk Oil Buying poster in notice board

17. Other Matters for consideration for future agendas

5 aside Tournament Jack Taylor report on Football Club 5 aside tournament

Emergency Plan – Generator switch at Village Hall.

18. Next Meeting to be held Monday 4 November 2013

The Clerk highlighted the new meeting dates included on the bottom of the Agenda and Minutes.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

13 January 2014	3 March 2014
24 March 2014 Annual Parish Meeting	
12 May 2014	7 July 2014
15 September 2014	3 November 2014