

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

held on Monday 13 January 2014 at 7.30pm at Alington Village Hall

Present : Jack Taylor (Chairman), Kevin Gotts (Vice Chairman), John Lain, Jeremy McNulty, David Whitehead and Ivan Green

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, Sue Thomson District Councillor and 3 members of the public.

This Meeting was quorate

1. **Apologies of absence** were received and accepted from Chris Black.
2. **Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest**
 Jack Taylor – Item 8 LDF- Pecuniary Interest in relation to Wheel Road only
 Item 8 2013/2267 Springfields – Non Pecuniary Interest – Householder has been employed by the Parish Council for work at the Pond.
 David Whitehead – Item 8 LDF – Non Pecuniary Interest –Nichols Road only
 Jeremy McNulty – Item 9 LDF – Non Pecuniary Interest – Church Meadow only
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2013** item 2 was amended to read Jack Taylor – Item 8b Pecuniary Interest – Local Development Framework – Wheel Road only. The minutes were then agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
Garrick Field – Overhanging Branch – In light of recent storms the clerk wanted confirmation the branch had not fallen down. John Lain confirmed the overhanging branch on the Garrick Field at the end of the loke remained in situ.
Solar Farm Update – Lightsource had been contacted for an update on 10 December 2013. They were in the process of arranging another public consultation event for 17 February 2014. Residents questioned if the Parish would receive funding for a Community Project if the Solar Farm proposals went ahead. At the present time Lightsource had confirmed they could provide solar panels for Community Buildings but the roof of the village hall was not strong enough for this type of structure. The Parish Council would need to provide a quote for any project but at present no Community Project had been identified. The Parish Council had also considered requesting 1% of any profit each year. At present there was a lot of opposition to proposed Solar Farm as it would be installed on a green field site.
5. **Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor**
Adrian Gunson, County Councillor reported
Broad band – Alington and Yelverton were due to receive the updated Broadband between July and December 2014. The majority of properties would receive the super speed of 24MB per second or greater.
Northern Distributor Road – NCC had submitted plans to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in public in early 2014. The Secretary of State would make a decision by Spring 2015. **Postwick Hub** – Permission had been given and work was due to start later in 2014.
Footway rebuild – The work on the Footway between Wheel Road and Church Meadow had been rebuilt
Temporary Speed Sign – The Speed sign would visit the village shortly
Potholes Reports – Outside Garden Farm. Opposite the Church the road dips near the Church the drain cover had sunk. Several verge dips along Church Road. Mill Road between Black Barn and Farm Shop. Junction of Church Meadow and Priory Close the manhole has sunken.

Kevin Gotts congratulated NCC for the work completed on the Footway rebuild between Wheel Road and Church Meadow. There was a drainage problem at the end of the path where it meets another Footpath and the dip is filling with rainwater.

Jack Taylor raised concerns regarding the £25K cost of rebuilding the footway.

Sue Thomson, District Councillor reported;

Budgets for 2014/15 were near in completion and were expected to be set shortly
Precept for South Norfolk had been held at the same amount as last year.
The Christmas event held at Whitlingham had been very popular.

6. Correspondence:

Modification of the Village Definitive Map – There was no further information available at this time and it was reported there may not be a decision for some months while evidence is collected and verified.

7. Finance**a. Budget forecast – Update**

Councillors discussed the figures the Clerk presented and highlighted a concern regarding the Garrick Field costs. The Clerk would provide a breakdown of costs for the Garrick Field for the next meeting and would include the Football Club charge on the next agenda.

b. Precept

The figures relating to the tax base and grants were now available. The Clerk provided an up to date Budget forecast for 2014/15. After a discussion Councillors agreed to increase the precept by 3.6% giving the Parish Council £7,024.36 and each householder charge would increase from £25.88 to £26.81 and increase of 93p on each household.

c. Internal Auditor – Chris Dix was appointed Internal Auditor for 2013/14 accounts.

Balance of accounts, Receipts Received, Payments to be made.

Date	Balances of Accounts	Amount	Totals
14.12.13	Savings	£5,201.09	
14.12.13	Current	£1,000.00	
14.12.13	Total Balances		£6,201.09

Date	Receipts	Amount	Totals
02-Dec	Bank Interest	0.69	
	Total Receipts		0.69

Date	Cheque No	Payable to	Amount	Totals
23.12.13	STO	L Gray Salary Standing Order	£202.20	
13.01.14	100705	K Parfitt - Jubilee Wood	£210.00	
13.01.14	100706	K Parfitt - Jubilee Wood and GField	£530.00	
13.01.14	100707	K Parfitt - Play Area & Bus Stop	£225.00	
13.01.14	100708	L Gray Expenses	£69.30	
13.01.14	100709	W Gould	£100.00	
23.01.14	STO	L Gray Salary Standing Order	£202.20	
		Total Payments		£1,538.70

8. Planning**Local Development Framework**

The Clerk confirmed the response to the last consultation ending on 13 December had been received by South Norfolk Council. There had been no further information from South Norfolk regarding this issue. Residents remained concerned that the boundary of the selected Wheel Road site could be extended in the future to the rear and the side by South Norfolk or the developer. Residents were working with Adam Nichols, Planning Policy Manager to discuss the development of the Wheel Road site.

Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Decision
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	On Going	
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 paring and gardens area together with re-location of existing agricultural livestock shelter building.	Approve in principle	29 Nov 2013 Approved with Conditions
2013/1776 27/09/13	Land North of Avenue Farm Back Road, Yelverton Norfolk - Screening opinion for a proposed solar farm Environmental Impact Assessment- screening option <i>Public consultation undertaken No further information received</i>	Requested Public Consultation	
2013/2267 7 Jan 2014	Springfields, Church Road, Alington - Loft conversion to form 2 Bedrooms and rear Kitchen Extension		
2013/2319 3 Jan 2014	The Old Barn, Mill Road, Alington Enclosure of car port to form playroom to front, side extension to replace existing for form bedroom 5, rear extension to kitchen/dining, new conservatory to replace existing – all single storey		

9. Annual Parish Meeting Planning

Councillors agreed the APM would follow the same format of recent years. It would be decided at the March meeting if flyers were required.

10. Mill Road Residents

Notice Board – The notice board kindly made by Andrew Morris and sign writing by Chris Black had been installed close to the dog bin on the lobe on Mill Road.

With both the dog bin and notice board being installed this agenda item would be removed.

11. Garrick Field – Monthly Inspection Report

John Lain reported there were no new areas identified for attention.

a. Japanese Knotweed – Ongoing – fence had been removed.

b. Funding application for Yelverton Football Club – On going

12. Play Area and Village Hall Land - Monthly Inspection

Kevin Gotts reported the Play area was looking excellent with all the maintenance work complete.

Annual Play Area Inspection

The Clerk reported that Digley Associates were no longer undertaking the Safety Inspections and another provider was required. Kevin Gotts had researched through Gary Howard at South Norfolk who suggested David Brasey from Lowestoft. As the inspection was now overdue Councillors gave Kevin Gotts the delegated authority to instruct a new provider.

13. Refurbishment Plans of Alington and Bergh Apton Primary School

This item was ongoing and no plans had been submitted as yet. It was expected the school would hold a public event to display the plans when available

14. Village Pond Maintenance Work - Monthly Inspection Report

Jack Taylor reported there were no new issues identified at the pond. The duck weed had disappeared

15. Police – Speeding and Parking issues

This item was ongoing but there were no new issues

16. Emergency Plan

The Parish Council held the Emergency Plan for the village. The Village Hall had declined the idea to install a generator connection point in the village hall.

17. Fuel Oil Bulk Buying Scheme

Kevin Gotts confirmed the scheme was going well and everyone who had joined the scheme received regular updates. Recently some resident had received up to a 10% reduction in oil prices.

18. Other Matters for consideration for future agendas**19. Next Meeting to be held 3 March 2014**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

13 January 2014

03 March 2014

24 March 2014 Annual Parish Meeting

12 May 2014

7 July 2014

15 September 2014

03 November 2014