

# ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting

held on Monday 7 July 2014 at 7.30pm at Alpington Village Hall

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

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor, and 10 members of the public.

### This Meeting was quorate

1. **Apologies of absence** were received and accepted from David Whitehead and Sue Thomson
2. **Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest**  
Item 8 – Jack Taylor – Pecuniary Interest – Wheel Road only  
Item 8 – Jeremy McNulty – Non Pecuniary Interest – Church Meadow
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2013** were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

#### 4. Matters Arising

**Footpath on land behind Church Meadow** – Changes to the Definitive Map. No further information had been received from NCC. Jeremy McNulty reported that some householders on Church Meadow had received letters from NCC recently.

**Kissing Gates on Footpath behind the Garrick Field** – The Clerk had highlighted this matter to the Public Rights of Way department at NCC and an investigation would be undertaken but no further information had been received.

**Dog Bin on far corner of Garrick Field** – The Clerk had received confirmation from the Dog Bin servicing team that a new bin in this location could be included in their service schedule. The cost and installation of the bin would be approx £200.00 including VAT and postage, the annual service charge for emptying the bin would be £71.38 including VAT. Jeremy McNulty explained that there was a habit amongst the local Dog Walkers to place Dog Fouling in the litter bins in this location and John Lain had to sort the litter by hand for recyclables. Councillors discussed and agreed the cost and instalment of another Dog Bin in the village was an increased expense for the Parish Council, they agreed to install a sign requesting Dog owners to dispose of their bags in the existing Dog bins rather than the litter bin and to review the situation at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**Football Club Fee** – An email and letter had been sent.

#### 5. Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor Sue Thomson, District Councillor was not present at the meeting.

**Adrian Gunson, County Councillor reported**

**Grass cutting** – Not completed satisfactorily in some villages.

**Resurfacing** – The surface dressing of the A146 had been completed between Highway Nurseries and Chedgrave and from Hales to Stockton. Mill Road Bergh Apton to Thurton.

#### 6. Correspondence: Nothing that was not covered on the following agenda.

#### 7. Finance

- a. **Clerks Salary** – The Salary scale of the clerk increased from SCP 26 to SCP 27 as at the 1 April 2014.
- b. The payment table was agreed by all Councillors

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

Date	Balances of Accounts	Amount	Totals
13.06.14	Savings	£6,065.59	
13.06.14	Current	£1,000.00	
	Total Balances		£7,065.59

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Date	Receipts	Amount	Totals
30.05.14	Community Litter pick	£20.00	
02.06.14	Bank Interest	£0.56	
11.06.14	VAT Return	£364.44	
Total Receipts			385.00

Date	Cheque No	Payable to	Amount	Totals
23.06.14	STO	L Gray Salary Standing Order	£202.20	
07.07.14	100719	Norse Garrick Field	£502.15	
07.07.14	100720	Norfolk Playing fields Assoc	£20.00	
07.07.14	100721	KA Parfitt - Jubilee Wood	£405.00	
07.07.14	100722	KA Parfitt - Bus Stop and Play Area	£280.00	
07.07.14	100723	L Gray - Expenses	£110.55	
23.07.14	STO	L Gray Salary Standing Order	£202.20	
Total Payments				£1,722.10

## 8. Planning

**Local Development Framework** - No further information had been received

Two residents reported they had met with the Developer to discuss the proposed outlining plans and that open negotiations and discussions were underway between the developers and the residents. There were some concerns raised regarding the developer moving away from the single development frontage model. Plans were expected to be submitted later in the year.

### a. Planning subcommittee

Jack Taylor explained that at some points recently a smaller planning committee was required for the consultation of more complex applications and for the effect return of comments to South Norfolk. He proposed in the future a small Planning subcommittee be formed as required.

Councillors unanimously agreed the principle of the proposal.

**Footpath behind Yelverton Garage** – Request for modification of the village Definitive Footpath map. An application to change the footpath map of the village to include the track as an identified right of way had been submitted. A resident explained that originally a footpath and a farm track existed in this area but that through time the footpath across the field had not be reinstated after cropping and people therefore used the farm track as access to the Garage and children living at the garage to catch the school bus in the village. The track was widely accepted as the access track to the Garage and no one present could remember access being denied at any point in the last 50 yrs.

Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	P/Council Decision	S/Norfolk Decision
2014/0411 April 2014  <b>Revised proposal</b>	<b>Solar Farm, Land North East Of Avenue Farm Back Road</b> Yelverton Norfolk. Installation and operation of a solar farm - associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, fence and pole mounted security cameras, for the life of the solar farm.	Refused	Pending Consideration
2014/0791 28.04.14	<b>Broad Oaks Framingham Earl Road Yelverton NR14 7PD</b> - Single Storey pitched roof extension to rear	Approve	Approved
2014/1069 06.06.14	<b>5 Cherrywood, Alington, Norwich, Norfolk</b> Single storey side extension.	Approve	
2014/1018 20.06.14	<b>Garrick Field, Church Road, Yelverton Norfolk</b> Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2012/0939/f – Revision of windows and doors on south and east elevations to comply with Football Association.	Approve	
2014/1090 18.06.14	<b>10 Gilbert Close, Alington, Norwich NR14 7NX</b> Proposed single storey front extension, conversion of garage to living accommodation including raising of roof and	Approve	

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	proposed flue together with associated alterations.		
<b>Footpath claim</b>	<b>Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</b> 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- behind Church Meadow	On Going	
<b>Footpath Claim</b>	<b>Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</b> Modification application for the addition of a public Footpath to the Definitive Map and statement for the parish of Yelverton – Behind Yelverton Garage	On Going	

## 9. Solar Farm Update

The Clerk had received an email from South Norfolk Council reporting that a request for the Solar Farm application to be recovered and determined by the Secretary of State.

Kevin Gotts had attended the Lightsource open day at a Light Source site in Swaffham. He gave a presentation of his visit highlighting the following, cameras, fencing, ecological issues, worker nationalities, construction materials and how many homes electricity generated. After a discussion with residents who also attended the open event it was evident conflicting information had been presented to the two groups. The main areas of concern remain, location, noise, access roads, location of panels to housing, cameras and the location of the connection to the National Grid.

Adrian Gunson reported he had written to Richard Bacon detailing his opposition to the application highlighting the location of the site and more specifically the highways issues.

**He urged residents to continue to write to South Norfolk with their concerns as any reduction in comments being received will be seen as confirmation residents are happy with the Solar Farm application.**

The application is expected to go to planning on 23 July 2014.

Councillors asked the Clerk to instruct Sue Thomson, District Councillor to write to South Norfolk in support of the Parish Council views.

Councillors were concerned if the application went to an appeals process, it would be accepted without much opposition from the District Council.

## 10. Play Area and Village Hall Land - Monthly Inspection

Kevin Gotts highlighted the evidence of Dog Fouling and that more signage had been installed. Sovereign Play equipment had supplied a quote for a replacement springy as £650.00 Excl VAT. Alington School due to the building project of the new hall, was looking to distribute outside play equipment. Councillors agreed the Parish Council would enter into negotiations through Kevin Gotts for any outside play equipment which was surplus to requirement.

## 11. Garrick Field - Monthly Inspection Report

John Lain reported the Goal post needed to be removed. The Clerk had previously contacted the contractor to contact John.

**a. Japanese Knotweed** – Re-growth was evident

**b. Funding application for Yelverton Football Club** – The new application had been considered under the planning section. The Football club were seeking funding from the FA and the building had to conform to their guidelines and required changes and resubmission.

**Dog Fouling and Professional Dog walker** – A resident reported he had been verbally abused by a Professional Dog Walker for playing golf on the Garrick Field.

Councillors confirmed the Professional Dog Walker often had no control over the dogs he was walking and could not conceivably locate all the fouling of the 5 -7 dogs being walked at one time. Jack Taylor proposed sending a letter to the company regarding the terms of business use of the Garrick Field.

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## 12. Village Pond - Monthly Inspection Report

Jack Taylor reported the Duck weed had returned and disappeared again, it was acknowledged by all Councillors the return of the Duck weed was imminent through the summer months. A suggestion of growing water cress to reduce the Duck weed were highlighted with concerns that water cress was also an invasive plant and would merely change the problem.

## 13. Police – Speeding and parking issues

Councillors acknowledged the parking issues at the school remained ongoing and would only change when the Car park had been installed at the new housing development. Speeding continued to be an issue and the roving speed camera had not visited the villages recently.

## 14. Fuel Oil Bulk Buying scheme

Kevin Gotts reported the village scheme now had 50 members and the £20 from the community litter pick had been used to renew the membership fee. The life time membership fee option had been selected on renewal at a cost of £60.00. Ivan Green reported that Bottled Gas (47kg cylinders) were also available under the same scheme.

## 15. Other Matters for consideration for future agendas

A resident requested the Retention of Community Assets under the Localism Bill be investigated and included as an agenda item next time.

## 16. Next Meeting to be held 15 September 2014

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Please note the meeting dates for 2015  
15 September 2014    03 November 2014  
12 January 2015     23 February 2015  
**16 March 2015 APM**  
11 May 2015         6 July 2015