

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

held on Monday 3 March 2014 at 7.30pm at Alington Village Hall

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

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

Minutes

This Meeting was quorate

1. **Apologies of absence** - Sue Thomson District Councillor
2. **Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interest**
Jack Taylor – Item 8 LDF- Pecuniary Interest in relation to Wheel Road only
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 13 January 2013** were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising**
Changes to the Definitive Footpath map – Ongoing and nothing to report
5. **Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor Sue Thomson, District Councillor reported;** was absent but had sent a report
Adrian Gunson, County Councillor reported
Council Tax – No increase this year but the savings to be made by the County Council would affect Services.
Highways – Budget cuts already affected the repairs of roads after the wet winter.
Loddon – Under the Local Plan had been designated 200 houses, after the 87 on Express Plastics site this would increase the population of Loddon by 25% which would impact on the drainage and sewage amenities.
Hobart High School – Results placed it 10th in the County.
Ivan Green reported visibility problems on Burgate Lane close to the entrance to the Aldiss Farm Shop.
6. **Correspondence:** Nothing received that was not already included on the agenda
7. **Finance**

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

Date	Balances of Accounts	Amount	Totals
07.02.14	Savings	£3,662.39	
07.02.14	Current	£1,000.00	
07.02.14	Total Balances		£4,662.39

Date	Receipts	Amount	Totals
	Total Receipts		-

Date	Cheque No	Payable to	Amount	Totals
03.02.14	100710	David Bracey	£120.00	
23.02.14	STO	L Gray Salary Standing Order	£202.20	

23.03.14	STO	L Gray Salary Standing Order	£202.20
Total Payments			£524.40

8. Planning

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	
2013/1776 27/09/13	Land North of Avenue Farm Back Road, Yelverton Norfolk Screening opinion for a proposed solar farm Environmental Impact Assessment- screening option Public consultation undertaken No further information received	Requested Public Consultation On Going	
2013/2267 7 Jan 2014	Springfields, Church Road, Alington Loft conversion to form 2 Bedrooms and rear Kitchen Extension	Approve	Pending Decision
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	Approve with concerns	Approved with Conditions
2014/0218 11.02.14	Hedgerows Mill Road Alington NR14 7PQ Change of use from residential garage area to the construction and operation of a purpose built UPVC cattery to include boarding units and kitchen area. To the front a timber log cabin office/reception. Landscaping of the property frontage to provide customer parking	Pending Consideration	
2014/0166 19.02.14	Alington Cp School, Wheel Road, Alington NR14 7NH New Single Storey hall and extension to the rear of main classroom block	Pending Consideration	

Hedgerows Mill Road Alington – Mr and Mrs Rallison were present at the meeting to discuss concerns with Councillors. 3D plans were available to view to show how the building would look once completed. The concerns raised by councillors included the non specified height of the boundary fence, the future expansion and general look of the completed building. Mr Rallison confirmed to Councillors that the fence would be 2.1mtrs high along the boundary close to the Loke and that he proposed to replant the native hedge. The UPVC building would be covered with timber cladding. Councillors agreed 6 to 1 to approve the plans with conditions regarding the fence height and expansion concerns highlighted on the response to planning.

Local Plan update – Proposals were due to go to the South Norfolk Cabinet on 31 March 2014.

9. Refurbishment Plans of Alington with Bergh Apton Primary School

10. Solar Farm consultation discussion

The consultation event held by Light Source on 17 February 2014 attracted 20 residents. After research it was found that Light Source were owned by Octopus Venture Capital Trust. Light Source had sent details of their Community Benefit scheme which included fitting Solar Panels on one Community Building. The Clerk and Chairman had been contacted by the Eastern Daily Press.

Councillors discussed residents concerns which included

Noise pollution – Noise would be evident in the wider area due to the transformers and during construction

Chediston Hall – existing Solar Farm that Councillors should visit.

Community Benefit one off payment of up to £20k for the whole 25years was unacceptable which equated to less than £1000.00 per year.

Land Owner – What was the land owner getting out of this installation? A figure of £1000.00 per acre for the 40 Acre site was quoted which was a huge amount in relation to the Community Benefit Payment offered.

Planning consent – If once agreed would the planning consent be on an automatic approved basis, if after 25 years it was no longer viable would the equipment be dismantled.

Classification of the Land – At present the field was a green field site with Bio fuel being grown the last few years. Did this change the classification of the site to brown field in order for the installation to go ahead.

Proximity of installation to dwellings – One resident was concerned as when finished the solar panels would be situated within 3 meters of her house.

Jack Taylor reported that no formal planning application had been submitted but after a discussion it was agreed the clerk would request South Norfolk Council to confirm in writing their Renewable Fuel agreements, Policies and targets.

11. Annual Parish Meeting Planning

The Clerk had brought the agenda to be agreed. It was agreed not to invite Light Sources as it was unlikely they would be able to answer questions. The Local Plan update and Solar Farm proposal would be included in the Chairs Report.

Jack Taylor would send a Chairman's report to Kevin Gotts. Linda Gray would complete a Financial report. The Garrick Field, Play Area, Bulk fuel buying scheme would be reported by John Lain and Kevin Gotts respectively.

12. Litter Pick Community Project

Kevin Gotts had joined the project on behalf of the village and would bring details of dates for the community event to take place to the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to add the litter pick to the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda.

13. Garrick Field - Monthly Inspection Report

a. **Japanese Knotweed** - ongoing

b. **Funding Application for Yelverton Football Club**

Mr Bloomfield from the Football Club was present at the meeting to discuss with Councillors the Funding Application. As they were to apply for a Stadia Improvement Grant from the FA they needed assurances from the Parish Council that a lease of a minimum 10yrs could be agreed. At present there was a rolling annual agreement and fee paid to the Parish Council. Councillors raised concerns regarding the ownership of the building once built and the use of the facilities and field by other community groups. Councillors confirmed they wanted to support the Football Clubs application but in the long term had a duty of care to the village and were mindful of the financial burden this building would be on the Parish Council if the Football Club closed.

It was proposed the Parish Council would, subject to the agreement of the heads of terms, agree in principle to enter into a 10yr agreement for the use of the Garrick Field for football purposes. The clerk would write a letter to the Football Club detailing these terms.

It was also agreed for the Football club to invite Jeremy McNulty to subsequent meetings as the Parish Council Representative.

Action Point – The Clerk to write to the Football club

c. **Overhanging branch on Loke** – The branch had been removed and no longer posed a danger

14. Play Area Monthly Inspection

Annual Play Area Inspection – The Annual inspection had been undertaken in January 2014 and did not raise any areas of concern. The bark levels required replenishment. There was an uneven surface close to the new Oil tank instalment which would be repaired shortly. The swing set poles required inspection for strength and then repainted.

15. Village Pond Maintenance Work - Monthly Inspection Report

Jack Taylor had no new areas of concern to report. Two duck nesting tubes had been installed to encourage the duck to lay their eggs for protection.

16. Police- Speeding and Parking Issues

It was uncertain if the SAM machine had visited as no survey had been received and it was therefore expected shortly.

17. Emergency Plan

The Plan was ongoing and confirmation the Village Hall would not install a generator socket was confirmed.

18. Fuel Oil Bulk buying Scheme

Kevin Gotts confirmed the scheme continued to do well and had lots of subscribers from the village.

19. Other Matters for consideration for future agendas**20. Next Meeting to be held – The Annual Parish Meeting 24 March 2014**

The next Parish Council Meeting 12 May 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

13 January 2014	03 March 2014
24 March 2014 Annual Parish Meeting	
12 May 2014	7 July 2014
15 September 2014	03 November 2014