

ALBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Alburgh parish council meeting held on Thursday, 1st February 2024 at 7.30pm in Alburgh Village Hall.

1. Welcome by the chairman; Cllr Thompson welcomed Cllr Croucher, Cllr Newson, Cllr Hall, Cllr Price, Mrs J Loveday; Clerk, Cllr Chris Brown; District Councillor, 2 members of the public

2. To receive apologies from members unable to attend – Cllr Swanston

3. To receive any declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed at this meeting – None

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the last parish council meeting held on Thursday, 4th January 2024. The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Thompson as a correct record.

5. Open Forum for public participation (maximum 10 minutes): an opportunity to hear from members of the public - None

6. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting which are not on the agenda

It was agreed that we would keep an eye on the resident who has been using a hose across the road to drain water away from their property. NCC have confirmed that this is not permitted.

Cllr Croucher has summarised the results of the village questionnaire and circulated to all councillors. It was hard to do this with only 18 responses. It was agreed to organise a meeting with the village hall committee to discuss the results. We will do a summary for the magazine and conduct the questionnaire again later in the year.

The new notice board is now up and looks great.

We have received an email from the Alburgh Pools Allotment Charity about helping residents with the parish magazine. They have said they will talk about it again later this year.

7. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Brown, district councillor report:

- Reviewing structure of the four policy committees
- Council are busy with the budget process, full council meeting in 3 weeks time.
- Earsham pc are doing a review of the speed limit on the A143 and are keen on progressing this.

8. To discuss any correspondence received

We have received an email from NCC to inform us that they have formally submitted the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate. The documents are available to view on line.

9. To receive inspection reports on Playing Field and Homersfield Picnic Site

Cllr Swanston did inspection and was absent tonight so no report received.

10. Village Items

Update on Film Showings

The last film showing was well attended and enjoyed by all. We have a problem with the sound; the amplifier keeps cutting out. Cllr Thompson is looking in to repairing this.

Improvements to Millennium Garden

A meeting has been held with some ladies who volunteer with the garden upkeep. They are keen to tidy up the area around the pond. They would like to do some fund raising for a gazebo and thoughts were to have a Curry or Thai night to raise funds. They are keen on the boules pitch and to make other improvements.

Discussions on fencing around the pond. Our pond is man made and therefore for us to manage it. It was agreed that we should get fencing. Cllr Thompson will discuss with the garden volunteers.

Discussion on Speed Monitors

Cllr Croucher has spoken to Highways about the smiley/sad face monitors and has asked why NCC do not support these. The main reason seems to be that these encourage drivers (with children) to speed up so the sad face appears. Cllr Croucher will wait for the Gateway Signs outcome before addressing this again.

11. Other Parish Council Items

To approve Internal Auditor

All agreed that we would ask Lynda Ling, clerk to Earsham parish council who has conducted our audit in previous years to do this.

Car Parking Contributions for Harleston

We have received a letter from Redenhall with Harleston Town Council asking if we would like to contribute to free car parking in Harleston. After discussions it was unanimously agreed not to contribute. Clerk to write back explaining our decision.

12. To report on planning decisions, applications commented on since last meeting – None received.

13. Finance: To approve payments to be made

Clerk Salary £307.77

Alburgh Village Hall – Hire of village hall for film nights £168.75

The Adnams Community Trust £609.07 – underspend from Homersfield Picnic Site grant

Receipts

Alburgh Village Hall contribution to new Notice board £920.01

14. To receive items for the next Agenda, Thursday,

Wortwell Allotments

Food Vans

Bus Shelter

Set date for Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Thompson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.