

ALBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Alburgh parish council meeting held on Thursday, 7th March 2024 at 7.30pm in Alburgh Village Hall.

1. Welcome by the chairman; Cllr Thompson welcomed Cllr Croucher, Cllr Hall, Cllr Price, Mrs J Loveday; Clerk, Cllr Chris Brown; District Councillor, 4 members of the public

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

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, 1st February 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

The residents of Dove Meadows and Highfields on Station Road spoke about the issues on this road. These being flooding, the banks becoming eroded and grids are now blocking up. There are also pot holes, one major rut 9 inches deep.

It was also reported that Burnt Oak Lane, Coldham Hall road is horrendous with mud and pot holes.

The clerk will contact Gary Overland at Highways to ask if he would come out for a site visit and to also remind him of the rust on existing bus stop post which needs sorting.

Regarding the issue of the hose pipe across the road, we have been to the property on a number of occasions but nobody answers. We will continue to monitor this and hopefully get a reply from NCC.

6. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting which are not on the agenda - None

7. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Brown, district councillor reported:

- Council has agreed budget. This results in a 3% rise on council tax from South Norfolk.
- The Council have received additional funding. With this the Council are going to fund its own household support fund, increase Community Action funds and planning resources. The Flooding officer has had their contract extended another 2 years. Cllr Brown will ask the flooding officer about the issues raised above.
- Village Clusters closed last month.
- Issues with the funding for recycling in 2026. This is being looked in to.
- The election of the Police and Crime commissioner will take place on 2nd May, 2024.

8. To discuss any correspondence received - None

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

The regular inspection report was not able to be carried out due to the wet weather.

Former Cllr Swanston and Cllr Price have done a walk round of playing field to look at the repairs that need to be carried out. The necessary materials have been ordered. We will organise a date for a working party.

10. Village Items

Update on Film Showings

Concerns were voiced over how the takings are down and not covering the costs. This will be monitored over the next few months.

Millennium Garden and Member Ward Grant

We have been awarded a grant of £497.74 from Cllr Brown's Member Ward Grant for development of new fencing around pond area. Cllr Thompson will get quotes for fencing and decking.

Cllr Croucher will continue to liaise with the millennium garden volunteers about updates.

It has been noted that we do not have a life ring for the pond. We will check regulations on this.

South Norfolk Litter Pick

The Big South Norfolk Litter Pick 2024 will commence on 1st March and run until 31st May, 2024. Cllr Newson and Cllr Croucher agreed to organise this.

Village Questionnaire

Cllr Croucher will send a summary to the Village Hall Trustees for their approval before putting this in magazine. It was agreed that we will do the questionnaire again this year.

Bus Shelter

Cllr Price has had a quick look and costs for this are in the region of £15,000. We will discuss further at a later date.

Food Vans

The Fish and Chip van will be coming to the village hall once a month – Friday 29 March, Friday 26 April and Friday 24 May. The village hall and bar will be open.

Wortwell Allotments

No further updates. Clerk to chase.

11. Other Parish Council Items

To advertise vacancy for parish councillors

Cllr Swanston has handed in her resignation. Thanks has been given to her for all she has done. The 2 vacancies we have on the council will be advertised.

To confirm dates for 2024 meetings and set date for Annual Parish Meeting

We need to re arrange some dates due to village hall bookings. These will be Wednesday, 1st May 2024 and Wednesday 5th June and Wednesday 4th September 2024. These will be put in magazine.

The date for APM will be 1st May, 2024 at 7.00pm and annual parish meeting to follow.

12. To report on planning decisions, applications commented on since last meeting

Ref: 2023/1550, Beech Farm, Tunbeck Road, Alburgh. Conversion of stables to one bedroom holiday let.

Ref: 2024/0424, Mill Farm, Mill Road, Alburgh. Extension to existing workshop to provide office accommodation, toilet facilities & storage. Piping of ditches.

Ref: 2023/2644, Land West of Long Bridge House, Burntoak Lane, Alburgh. Appeal against refusal.

All councillors approved these applications.

13. Finance: To approve payments to be made

Clerk Salary £311.37

Moviola, for supply of film Openheimer £72.90

Excite Solutions Ltd for hedge cutting of Allotments at Wortwell £288.00

NPTS Subscription £70.00

Ice Creams for Film Nights £108.00

Robinsons - Posters for Film Nights £36.00

Travis Perkins – Timber for repairs to play equipment £94.83

Receipts – None received

14. To receive items for the next Agenda, Thursday, 4th April 2024

Millennium Garden

Lack of Bus Service through Alburgh

Village Questionnaire

Cllr Thompson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.