

ALBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Alburgh parish council meeting held on Wednesday, 1st May 2024 at 7.45pm in Alburgh Village Hall.

1. To elect the chairman – All councillors voted that Cllr Thompson continue as chairman for the coming year. Cllr Thompson agreed and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2. To elect the vice chairman. Cllr Hall proposed that Cllr Croucher be elected to vice chair, seconded Cllr Price. Cllr Croucher agreed to accept the role of vice chair.

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

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

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

6. Open Forum for public participation (maximum 10 minutes): an opportunity to hear from members of the public -

It was asked if the verge on the edge of the playing field could be cut. This will be arranged.

The replacement battery for the defibrillator has been replaced.

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

8. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Chris Brown; District Councillor reported:

- The Greater Norwich Local Plan has been agreed and will be adopted.
- South Norfolk are celebrating their 50th anniversary next week.
- The new leader of the Council will take office later in May.

9. Approval/Review of council policies and procedures

Council policies were circulated prior to the meeting to all councillors and these were approved at this meeting.

10. To discuss any correspondence received - None

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

Cllr Hall did inspection and all was in good order.

We will get some costs for replacement benches.

The clerk will ask South Norfolk if they can add the bin in the bottle bank area to their list to be emptied. Also to check that the Homersfield Picnic Site bin is being emptied.

Cllr Price will compile a spread sheet of repairs/remedial works to be carried out on the playingfield, including replacing the swing seats, anti bird things on top of swing frame, to be painted and repaired, remedial work to slides. The figure already budgeted was £1,200. Cllr Price will compile spread sheet.

12. Village Items

Update on Film Showings

Voting for the latest film closed yesterday and 20 people voted. We are noticing that the top film is not released in time for voting.

Millennium Garden Update

Cllr Hall has put the stakes in for the fencing. The price for the fencing was approved £600 plus vat.

We have some quotes for the Life ring for the pond. There are 3 options, we will get some more advice on this before proceeding.

The garden volunteers have asked if they could have a shed for tools. Cllr Croucher will speak to them about size.

A Thai evening has been arranged for the 12th July to raise funds for a gazebo.

South Norfolk Litter Pick

This will be carried out 18th May, 2024.

Village Questionnaire

Cllr Croucher will draft a set of questions based on the previous year.

Bus Shelter

Cllr Price has obtained a 2nd quote which was not cheaper. This would be 50% funded by the council. Because of costs we agreed to defer this until next year.

Wortwell Allotments

Lua Leggett, clerk to Wortwell pc has agreed to come to our July meeting to discuss.

Lack of Bus Service through Alburgh

No further update tonight.

13. Other Parish Council Items

Highways issues in village

No update as yet. Clerk to chase.

Village Gateway Signs

As our bid for these has been successful, we need to pay for our 50% amounting to £2,880. Once this has been paid and signed consent/conditions forms has been returned we will be advised when works will be programmed.

Batteries for speed cameras

These need replacement batteries, cost is £200 for 4 batteries. All agreed.

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

Ref: 2024/0742 – this application has now been withdrawn.

15. Finance: To approve payments to be made

Clerk Salary £311.37

Moviola, for supply of film £87.25

Receipts – None

16. To receive items for the next Agenda, Thursday 6th June 2024

Approve the audit forms

Donation to Alburgh Church

Insurance

Cllr Thompson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.