

## ALBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Alburgh parish council meeting held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm in Alburgh Village Hall.

1. Welcome by the Chairman – Due to the chairman not being able to attend Vice Chair Cllr Croucher welcomed Cllr Gibson, Cllr Price, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hackett, Cllr Newson and 7 members of the public to the meeting.

2. **To receive apologies from members unable to attend** – Cllr Thompson and Mrs. Loveday, clerk.

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 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.** The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Croucher as a correct record.

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

Concerns over flooding at the top of Station Road, both drains are blocked and water collects on the field. This is a danger to drivers and could cause damage to properties. It was also noted that the water causes erosion to the roadside bank that protects the ditch. This has been reported to Highways previously. Clerk with chase.

The lack of public transport was also discussed. Further questions will be asked when we finalise the questionnaire.

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

Discussions on vehicles parking at The Dove which is becoming a problem. Vehicles are now parking up Dove Hill past the rear car park entrance. There is a sign fixed to the wall of the Dove stating no parking and double yellow lines were there originally. All councillors supported request to Highways to re instate the yellow lines from the junction, past the Dove rear car park and continue up the hill.

The speed of cars up and down Dove Hill was also discussed.

The Give Way sign on the green outside of the Garage has been knocked down.

Clerk will report these issues to Highways.

Discussions also on anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance coming from The Dove. Cllr Hackett requested the council inform the necessary authorities.

Clerk to ask Highways for an update on Village Gateways.

**7. To receive reports from District and County Councillors - None**

**8. To discuss any correspondence received**

Request from school governors for double yellow lines at school

We have been in touch with Gary Overland from Highways about this and he is looking in to it.

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

The playing field was all in good order. The wiggly post and rail need attention.

No update has been received from the volunteers about the repairs to Picnic Site.

**10. Village Items**

Update on Film Showings

Numbers have been dropping each month this year and it was decided that it is not sustainable at the moment to continue through the autumn and therefore no movies will be shown in October and November.

Millennium Garden Update

Shed – The millennium garden group are happy to share a shed with the village hall although village hall are unsure if they have much to store and unsure whether they wish to help with funding. Thoughts on the quality of a £400 shed and that maybe a steel storage container could be an alternative. The cost for this approx. £800.00.

Discussion on maybe asking people in the village to make a shed. A parishioner offered to get some pricing for wood.

Gazebo – costs for this have been looked in to; approx. £900 - £1,000 depending on size and design.

Village Questionnaire

This will be discussed at the Village Hall meeting next week. To go on next agenda.

Lorries travelling through village

There are increased numbers of lorries using the Street as a short cut. To go on next agenda for further discussions.

**11. Other Parish Council Items**

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

The clerk has spoken with another clerk but she is not willing to take on another parish council at the moment. The position will be advertised again.

Allotment renewals and quotes for cutting Wortwell Allotments

Ian Smith has quoted £150.00 to cut/trim overgrown allotments. It was agreed to accept this quote. Cllr Croucher will confirm to Ian.

We have received an email from Mr. Collier of 91 High Road, Wortwell enquiring whether the allotment he rents could be done on a long-term basis. After discussion it was agreed that at this time, we cannot commit to this. Clerk to reply to Mr. Collier.

**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

SNC – Dog Bin annual Charge £218.40

Black Dog Signs Ltd, for Millennium Garden Signs £150.00

Norfolk Parish Training & Support, Whole Council Training 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 £295.00

Moviola - Film Hire £68.80

**Receipts**

SNC Precept £3,500

**14. To receive items for the next Agenda, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.**

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Finalising of Village Questionnaire

Cllr Croucher thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.