

ALPINGTON WITH YELVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 January 2011 at 7.30pm at Alington Village Hall

Present : Jack Taylor (Chairman), Jerry Davies (Vice Chairman), Chris Black,
John Lain and David Whitehead

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor
and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Kevin Gotts and Sue Thomson.

2. Declaration of Interest

Item 8 Planning and the LDF Public Meeting – Jack Taylor, John Lain, Jerry Davies, Chris Black and David Whitehead.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2010 that had been circulated previously.

An amendment was made to item 5 Play Area – Installation of Play Fort - *Thanks were extended to Carl Wilkins, Barry Hutchins and Andrew Morris for their time and hard work installing the new Play Fort.* The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Dog Bin – The Clerk had contacted the Dog Warden at South Norfolk and the new location of the Dog Bin on Dranes Lanes had been added to the schedule and was now being emptied.

5. Parishioners Questions and Reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor Adrian Gunson, County Councillor reported;

Surface Dressing - There had been problems with the surface dressing applied to Wheel Road and Slade Lane becoming loose. May Gurney had swept the road with a road sweeper but was unable to complete sweeping the whole road due to parked cars at the school and some chippings had ended up on the pavement.

Bergh Apton Recycling Centre – A Planning Application to renew the site had not been received and the Parish Council would write to Norfolk County Council to ask for an up-to-date position and progress report regarding this matter.

Trowse Traffic Lights – Although all the traffic lights and operating boxes had been replaced the sequence of the traffic lights remained a problem.

Speed Camera at Thurton – No formal agreement had been signed between the Police and Norfolk County Council as yet but the issue was ongoing.

Hobart High School – The Swimming Pool refurbishment was underway. John Robson, Headteacher had announced his retirement and the Governors were seeking to appoint a new head for September 2011.

Gritting Route – The gritting route had been changed this year, turning right at the school from Church Road on to Wheel Road as far as Fortune Green. The changed had been a great success and Jack Taylor thanked Adrian Gunson for his involvement in this matter.

6. Correspondence: Tabled Separately

Highway Ranger – Notification had been received the Highway Ranger would be inspecting the Village in January 2011 and the Parish Council requested the overhanging vegetation at the pond be further inspected.

Alington Village Hall Insurance. The Clerk had sent information to the Village Hall Committee regarding a “not for profit” insurance scheme offered by the Parish Council Insurance brokers, Came and Co. The Parish Council confirmed they were happy to proceed with the

present arrangement of a joint policy between the Parish Council and the Village Hall. After the Village Hall Committee investigated the new scheme they decided to remain with the present joint policy arrangement with the Parish Council.

7. Finance

Payment table and forecast balance of accounts

Date	Detail	Cheque No	Amount	Totals
05.12.10	Balances of Accounts			
	Savings		£5,843.61	
14.12.10	Current		£1,000.00	
	Sub total of Balances	Sub total		£6,843.61
06.12.10	<u>Receipts</u>			
	Bank Interest		1.01	
	Sub Total of Receipts	Sub total		£1.01
23.12.10	<u>Payments</u>			
	L Gray Salary Standing Order	STO	£176.80	
17.01.11	Alpington Village Hall	100623	£124.35	
17.01.11	K Parfitt	100624	£225.00	
17.01.11	K Parfitt	100625	£645.00	
17.01.11	L Gray Training	100626	£22.50	
17.01.11	L Gray Expenses	100627	£37.96	
23.01.11	L Gray Salary Standing Order	STO	£176.80	
	Sub Total of Payments	Sub total		£1,408.41
	Balance of Accounts		Balance	£5,436.21

The payment table was proposed by Jack Taylor, seconded by David Whitehead and agreed unanimously.

8. LDF (Local Development Framework)

The Parish Council had sent a response dated 1 October 2010 directly to Tim Horspole, Planning and Housing Policy Manager at South Norfolk Council to reject any further development in Alpington and Yelverton and receipt of the letter had been acknowledged by Tim Horspole.

The Parish Council understands respects and fully supports the resident's views that any further development compromising the rural nature of the Village would not be acceptable and any planning proposals would be met with strong resistance.

Public Meeting – November 2010

The Parish Council were not invited to attend the Public Meeting organised and held by "The Aplington Villagers" organised by Mr Brian Freeman and Mr Patrick Thirkettle to discuss South Norfolk's Local Development Framework Programme in November 2010.

Public Meeting – January 2011

The Parish Council were made aware by a resident of Alpington of another Public Meeting to discuss the LDF had been organised by Mr Brian Freeman and Mr Patrick Thirkettle "The Alpington Villagers" for Monday 24 January 2011. All Councillors present at the meeting confirmed they had not been invited, and the Clerk confirmed that no invitation or notification had been received.

Planning Applications

Application Ref & Date	Address and Proposal	Parish Council Decision	South Norfolk Decision
2010/8097	Land adjacent to Loddon Road, Yelverton, Norwich NR14 7PJ- Unauthorised works to site and standing of static caravans		Appeal in progress
2010/1615 20/09/10	Boundary Farmhouse, Framingham Earl Road, Yelverton Two storey pitched roof extensions to the side and rear	Approve	Approved
2010/1616 20/09/10	Boundary Farmhouse, Framingham Earl Road, Yelverton Change of use from Agricultural to residential land	Approve	Approved

Appeal Land adjacent to Loddon Road, Yelverton remained ongoing.

9. Annual Play Area and Garrick Field Inspections – New Provider

The Clerk had been informed by South Norfolk Council that they intended to no longer provide the Play Inspections carried out by Rospa, and Parish Councils would need to privately source a Play Inspections provider. The insurance broker Came and Co use a company called Digley Associates. The Clerk had brought along the prices and details of both providers to be discussed. After a discussion Councillors agree for the next Play Area and Garrick Field safety inspections to be carried out by Digley Associates using Scheme 3 three year contract costing £54.00, including VAT.

10. Play Area and Village Hall Land – Monthly Inspections Report

A Rospa Report – The Parish Council were aware of the highlighted areas for attention at the Play Area. Remedial work on the fence had been completed.

B Play Area Plans Update – The play for was now fully erected and complete. The fort had remained closed for the past two months to give the grass around it time to grow. Chris Black had been unable to source any astro turf to put underneath the play fort were the grass would not grow. The bark under the swings and surrounding the slide needed replacing. It had been agreed at a previous meeting that the surface in these areas would be turfed in the spring.

11. Affordable Housing Update

South Norfolk and Saffron Housing held a topping out ceremony on Wednesday 12 January when the properties were open for viewing. Saffron Housing confirmed that 4 out of the 5 properties had been offered to people who currently live in the village but no acceptance of offers had been received. The three bedroomed house had not received any bids from residents in the Village and through the cascade system had been offered to a family from the surrounding area.

The residents who accepted the offers made to them were expected to move in by the end of January 2011.

12. Parish Councillor Elections – Change of Annual Parish Meeting date

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting had been changed to 30 March 2011 so the Parish Councillor Elections could be included.

13. Trustees of Parish Charities

Doug Ratcliffe and Sally Morris who volunteered to be re-elected had been re-elected as Trustees of the Parish Charities.

14. Emergency Village Co-ordinator – Vulnerable Residents

Through the bad weather and shortage of heating oil experienced before Christmas, the Parish Council had been asked to consider making an Emergency Village Plan and to appoint an Emergency Village co-ordinator. It was discussed and agreed for a further discussion of this point to be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

15. Parking Issues at the School

Whilst the parking issue at the school had improved there were complications on occasions when one car is left parked for the school day on the opposite side of the road causing a safety hazard.

16. Village Pond - Monthly Inspection Report

Although the Village pond remained frozen over for most of December 2010 there had not been any incident to report. Cedar House had been given 2000 Daffodil bulbs for Christmas and had asked if the Parish Council would like to plant some at the Pond. It was agreed to accept this kind offer and the bulbs would be planted close to the sign. Trees and overhanging hedges remained a problem at the pond.

17. Garrick Field - Monthly Inspection Report

A Rospa Report – The Clerk had written to both the Football Club concerning the Dug Out and the residents whose boundary fence required attention to make the findings of the Rospa report known to them. The hedge would be trimmed once the field surface had improved. The treatment of the Japanese Knotweed was ongoing.

18. Other Matters for consideration for future agendas

None

19. Next Meeting to be held 7 March 2011

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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Local Development Framework Update

28 January 2011

Dear Residents,

Confirmation from Tim Horspole, Planning and Housing Policy Manager at South Norfolk Council regarding the Parish Councils letter dated 1 October 2010 in response to the LDF Consultation.

The Parish Council's representation in the letter dated 1 October 2010 covered the interests of the whole Parish of Alpington with Yelverton.

The Parish Council will continue to represent the whole community of Alpington with Yelverton to oppose any large development in the village.

Regards

Jack Taylor
Chairman