

# Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: G Reid (Chairman), D Reid, M Spiller, E Walker and S Walker  
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), LCCLlr Mike Brookes, BBCllrs James Cantwell and  
David Brown

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public present.

## 39/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Earl Taylor

## 40/24 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

## 41/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual and monthly meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, were presented.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That, the minutes of the Annual and monthly meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, are approved as a true record.**

## 42/24 PLANNING

No matters to discuss

## 43/24. POLICE REPORT

1 crime of anti social behaviour was reported in April in the Eleys Lane area. It was noted that there was one domestic crime reported in May, in the Lee Avenue area, but this has not appeared on the website.

An update from the Boston Policing team had been received as well as the Policing Plan for 2024. Members expressed disappointment that there was no mention of areas south of the town, rural areas seemed to be largely forgotten.

## 44/24. CLERK'S REPORT

- A VAT refund of £428.78 has been received.
- The Clerk had been in touch with the Educational Opportunity Foundation, who operate the Berridge Trust, and they have no records of any grants to organisations in the parish. The Trust has an income of less than £1000 per year and only fund the

training of teachers in cookery or nutrition. They do not produce accounts or annual reports.

- Details of free training for CPR and defibrillator use had been received from the East Midlands Ambulance Service. It was noted that a training session opportunity had been taken up in the last two years, so any members accreditation would still be in date. Cllr D Reid wished to express her appreciation for the swift and professional service she had recently received from the Ambulance Service.
- It was noted that the sign in the Play area was very shabby. Quotes for a new sign will be obtained and discussed at a future meeting.

#### 45/24. BIN SURVEY

The bin audit carried out by BBC Neighbourhood Services was discussed and it was agreed to take up the option to move the bin from outside of the play area and replace the broken wooden bin. The cost will be £102.87 plus VAT.

It was noted that waste bins for the Church area are supplied free of charge and it was agreed to ask for a general waste bin.

**RESOLVED: that, the bin outside the play area will be moved inside, to replace the wooden bin, at a cost of £102.87 plus VAT. A general waste bin will be requested for the Church area. This is free of charge.**

#### 46/24 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY GROUP

The notes from the last group meeting were accepted and the following proposals were considered:

- That Algarkirk PC is the lead PC for the purposes of applying for grant funding
- That Algarkirk PC, in partnership with the Village Hall Committee, purchase items for an emergency grab bag (approx. cost £180)

Both proposals were agreed in principle and it was also agreed to advertise for volunteers.

#### 47/24. REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

a) Village Hall – it was noted that the four-year electrical testing has been completed and it was agreed to ask for a contribution of £210 from the Village Hall Committee towards the total cost of £420.00. The certificate and invoice are awaited.

b) Playing Field – it was noted that Cllr Spiller had taken over as lead for projects for the pay back team. The team had recently cut the playing field grass and a discussion took place on whether they could carry out the grass cutting on a regular basis once the current contract expires. It was agreed to confirm this, along with schedule, ready for the 2025 season.

c) Churchyard – The Church break in was discussed. The Chairman had secured the window and reported the matter to the Police. The Chairman and Cllr Spiller had found evidence of drug taking and graffiti, there was also evidence of a homeless man sleeping at the back of the building. All members agreed that the building needed to be brought back into use to discourage damage and further break ins.

It was agreed to set up a meeting with the Diocese to discuss securing the building and starting the process of taking over control. It was noted that in the past Lincoln

University were interested in part funding a restoration project and contact will be made to see if discussions could begin again.

48/24. FINANCE:

**RESOLVED: that the following invoices are paid:**

- M Warr – salary for May and June (paid by Standing Order) - £431.84
- M Warr – service May meeting – 2 hours £34.32, purchase of: telephone box paint £50 – coronation clock £19.99 – portrait of the late Queen and Duke of Edinburgh - £32.95

49/24. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LCCLr Brookes urged members to complete the Rights of Way consultation which ends on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Church Lane will be resurfaced in the next two weeks, although the program has been delayed due to poor weather conditions. Washdyke Road will also be surfaced dressed and this is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

BBCLr Brown reported on a number of items - BBC have purchased the old B&M building and it will be demolished. At a Outer Dowsing meeting Cllr Brown asked for funds to replace street lighting bulbs to all LED. This received a good response.

BBCLr Cantwell reported that the pylon meeting had been deferred. He also mentioned that he asked for the Outer Dowsing community benefit fund to continue for the next 50 years. A riparian ownership leaflet had been distributed and was available at the Village Hall.

50/24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To be confirmed.

51/24. NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7.20pm at the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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