

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF
ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14th MAY 2024, 7.55pm, FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

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

ANNUAL MEETING

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr George Reid was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected

RESOLVED: that Cllr George Reid was elected as Chairman

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mandy Spiller was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mandy Spiller was elected as Vice Chairman

3. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED: that, Standing Orders and Financial Regulation are adopted for 2024 without amendment.

It was noted that NALC had issued an updated version of Financial Regulations and these will be brought to a future meeting for discussion.

4. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded that any changes must be notified within 28 days.

The Annual Meeting closed at 7.55pm and was directly followed by the monthly meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public attended

28/24 APOLOGIES

None

29/24 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr D Reid declared a pecuniary interest in item 35/24 as she had an expense claim.

Cllrs E and S Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 35/24, as their daughter carried out the internal audit.

30/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2024, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2024, are approved as a true record.

31/24 PLANNING

BBCllr Cantwell reported that application B24/0060, Land off Station Road Sutterton, will be amended and sent out for reconsultation, possibly next month.

32/24. POLICE REPORT

No crimes were reported during March.

33/24. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report included the following:

- The Easter service took place on 30th March, the only 2 attendees were the Chairman and Clerk.
- Information regarding the next stages of the Outer Dousing Offshore Wind project have been received.
- Resilience and Emergency Group – two meetings have taken place and the group has been expanded to include all the five parishes in the ward. Cllr Spiller and the Clerk will report on progress in due course.
- Footway Lighting – to note the response from the leader of BBC regarding the request to reverse the decision to devolve the cost of replacing the footway lighting to the parish councils.

Members were very disappointed with the response from Cllr Dorrian regarding the footway lights and felt the parish should press ahead in joining with other parishes to lobby BBC. It was suggested that a question could be put to a BBC full council meeting and this will be considered too.

34/24. REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

a) Village Hall - Cllr Spiller had met with a representative from Saville's to discuss the village hall lease. It was made clear that a lengthy lease was not viable, as the rent would need to be substantially increased, possibly up to £800 per month. Therefore, the proposal from the Diocese was for a 7-year lease, at the current rent rate, with reviews in year 3 and 6, however there would be no option to renew at the end of the period.

RESOLVED, that the proposal for a 7-year lease at the current rent rate would be accepted.

Kings Coronation Items

RESOLVED, that, a coronation clock and photo of the late Queen and late Duke of Edinburgh would be purchased. The total budget would be a maximum of £85.

b) Playing Field – Cllr Spiller met with a representative from the payback team as they wanted to discuss making the current three projects of the church, the village hall and play park into one project that would be called Algarkirk Village. This was agreed. It was also agreed to ask the team to paint the phone box and repair the damaged panes. The specialised paint will be purchased at a cost of £56.99 for a 2.5lt pot. It was noted that the shed doors and locks need replacing, this will be paid for by the PC.

RESOLVED, that the special red paint for the phone box will be purchased at a cost of £56.99. The new doors and locks for the shed will be paid for from the last two years budget for the Payback Team.

c) Churchyard – no items to report.

35/24. FINANCE:

The end of the year bank reconciliation and statement of accounts was presented and noted.

RESOLVED: that the following invoices are paid:

- M Warr – salary for March and April (paid by Standing Order) - £431.84
- Boston Borough Council – Footway lights - £1381.14
- Zurich Insurance – Annual premium - £217.58 (long term agreement in operation)
- Lincoln Diocese – 6 month playing field rent - £120.00 (paid in April)
- Di Reid – printing expenses - £46.99
- N Winter – internal audit - £75.00
- Village Hall meeting room rental for 2024 - £250

Annual Return 2023/24

It was noted that the internal audit was completed with no recommendations.

RESOLVED: that,

- **The internal audit report is accepted**
- **The Annual Governance Statement is approved and signed**
- **The Annual Governance and Accountability Return Accounting Statements are approved and signed**
- **The Certificate of Exemption for 2023/24 is approved, signed and will be sent to the External Auditor**
- **The Exercise of Public Rights runs from 3rd June to 14th July**

36/24. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LCC Mike Brookes reported on a number of items:

Work programmed for Algarkirk programmed to take place during the summer of 2024 is as follows:

Church Lane, retread of the carriageway from Pinchin’s Farm Shop to the junction with Pitcher Row Lane. Washdyke Road, carriageway surface dressing.

Flooding.

In recent months storms have caused unprecedented flooding incidents which have had a significant impact upon communities. Storm Babet and Henk flooding section 19

investigations are still ongoing. An additional £4 million has been set aside for major flood alleviation schemes. Also, an extra £1 million for design and implementation and £2 million for jetting and clearing drainage with recurring flooding. We now have extra resources funded, four full time jetting crews and four drainage construction gangs.

Devolution.

Proposals for a devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire have been approved by Lincolnshire County, Nort East Lincolnshire, and North Lincolnshire Councils. A recommendation has now been submitted to Central Government requesting statutory legislation to be put in place.

Traffic Management Review.

A review of the county council Traffic Management Policies is being undertaken which includes speed limits speed cameras, school safety Zones, blue badge holders and traffic calming measures. A survey is being conducted asking for feedback on residents views which can be accessed on the following link

<https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshiremoves>. Parish Councils have previously been notified by e mail and in Parish News. The survey closes on the 17th of May. Bus Services Survey. The latest county views survey is requesting views on bus services in the county and can be accessed on the county council website and closes on 27th May.

BBCllr Cantwell reported that the next surgery at Algarkirk would be on 20th July and a poster is available for all the surgeries in the Five Villages. BBC are carrying out a review of the tree protection orders to see if they are still relevant. Several potholes have been reported in Church Lane. Cllr Cantwell also reported that a resident wished to discuss with Algarkirk PC and Sutterton PC issues with the A16. The Clerk will make contact in the near future.

37/24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To be confirmed.

38/24. NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 9th July 2024, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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