

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2024, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: M Spiller (Chairman), D Reid and S Walker
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk) BBCllrs D Brown and J Cantwell

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public present.

66/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Reid, E Taylor and E Walker.
Apologies were also received from LCCllr M Brookes.

67/24 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

68/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2024, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2024, are approved as a true record.

69/24 PLANNING

No updates to report.

70/24. POLICE REPORT

It was noted that no crimes were reported during July, August and September.

71/24. CLERK'S REPORT

HMRC – a letter was received regarding the refund, as a problem had been identified with gaps in the reporting going back to 2020. This has been rectified, but the refund may not be repaid until February 2025.

Broken Handrail – Cllr Brookes has been investigating the ownership of the bridge with the local authority and is hopeful of a positive outcome. He has suggested we put on hold the application to extend the public footpath until the current problem is resolved and this was agreed.

National Pay Award - the national pay award for Clerks has been agreed and an increase of 67p per hour is due, backdated to April 2024. This was noted and agreed.

72/24 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY GROUP

It was noted that letters have been sent to businesses asking for sponsorship for the grab bags and a volunteer event will be arranged in the new year. An offer from Jakemans has been received to sponsor two bags and this will be taken up in the next few weeks. The next meeting will be held on 28th November.

73/24. REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a) Village Hall – it was noted that the remedial work had been completed.
- b) Playing Field – the quotes for replacement signage were discussed and the option of the aluminium composite design with clip rails was agreed from Hutsons.

RESOLVED, that an aluminium composite sign with clip rails would be ordered from Hutsons, at a cost of £49.50 plus VAT.

- c) Churchyard – no items to discuss.

74/24. FINANCE:

The bank reconciliation was received and noted.

The invoices below were accepted and agreed.

RESOLVED: that the following invoices are paid:

M Warr – salary for September and October (paid by Standing Order) - £439.40

M Warr – back pay national award - £48.24

Electrix Celutions – village hall remedial work - £474.10 (£568.92 with VAT)

Sutterton PC – planning expert report contribution - £225.00

CloudNext – renewal of email hosting - £49.99 (£59.98 with VAT)

T A Blackamore – grass cutting - £645.50 (£774.60 with VAT)

Budget 2025/26 - a draft budget was discussed and consideration was given to offering the Community Payback the grass cutting contract for the playing field. However, it was noted that the take up for the Payback service was not consistent, so a regular grass cut may not be available. The Chairman raised concern that if work is not allocated in the Village then the group may be used in another area and Algarkirk could lose the service completely. It was agreed to use the Payback service for edge and hedge cutting and complete the tender process for the grass cutting in the play area.

A new budget item will be included for an interpretation board outlining the details of the medieval shrunken village and an item for replacement chairs in the Village Hall. Consideration was also given to raising the precept slightly, as there hasn't been a rise since 2020/21.

The budget will be discussed in detail and the precept set at the January meeting.

75/24. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LCCLr Brookes was unable to attend and had already updated the Council on the progress with identifying responsibility for the broken handrail. Cllr Cantwell reported that Sutterton PC were happy to support APC if a local repair was needed.

BBCllr Cantwell reported on items from Boston Borough Council meetings including a question he had raised regarding street cleaning for the villages. A rota will be released

soon for each area. Cllrs Brown and Cantwell will be releasing Christmas literature which will include updates and useful phone numbers.

It was noted that the Outer Dowsing were offering funding for events in the area and two defibrillator funds were also available.

76/24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Budget and Precept setting
- Protected Village Status

77/24. NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14th January 2025, 7.20pm at the Village Hall. The schedule for the year was also agreed.

Tuesday 11th March, April - no meeting, Tuesday 13th May – Annual Parish and Annual Meeting, June – no meeting, Tuesday 8th July, August – no meeting, Tuesday 9th September, October – no meeting, Tuesday 11th November, December – no meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

Signed -----

Date. -----