

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2025, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: M Spiller (Chairman), D Reid and S Walker
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), LCCLr M Brookes

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public present.

78/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Reid and E Walker. Apologies were also received from BBCllrs D Brown and J Cantwell. It was noted that Cllr Taylor had breached the 6-month attendance rule and therefore will cease to be a councillor. BBC will be informed of the vacancy.

79/24 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

80/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2024, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2024, are approved as a true record.

81/24 PLANNING

B/24/0060, land off Station Road, Sutterton – it was noted that the application had been refused by BBC. Members expressed appreciation for the work undertaken by the action group. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to David Bradley.

82/24. POLICE REPORT

It was noted that no crimes were reported during October and November.

83/24. CLERK'S REPORT

Bank Charges – from 14th January Lloyds are making a charge to run the community current account. There will be a fee of £4.25 per month with 100 free transaction per month.

Grit Box – a new grit box has been agreed and installed in Church Lane next to the phone box. In addition, a salt delivery will be made to the Village Hall on 24th January.

84/24 JOINT VILLAGES EMERGENCY GROUP

The eighth meeting of the group took place on 7th January, and it was noted that Jakemans had provided funding for two grab bags and Outer Dowsing had granted £1300 to cover first aid training for 6 volunteers and a volunteer event. The event will take place on 15th February between 2 and 4pm at the Thatched Cottage, Sutterton. Speakers will include representatives from Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, BBC Flood and Storms Committee and Outer Dowsing.

Algarkirk have volunteers identified but Sutterton and Fosdyke parishes both need to confirm their volunteers. Algarkirk village hall has been agreed as the base centre.

85/24. REPORT ON OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- a) Village Hall – the payback team are currently painting in the main room of the village hall.
- b) Playing Field – it was noted that the new play area sign had been installed. The payback team are cutting back the winter growth along the edges and hedges.
- c) Churchyard – no items to discuss.

86/24. 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 November and December (paid by Standing Order) - £446.96

Hutsons – play area sign - £64.20 (paid 03/12/24)

LALC – annual subs – £162.04

Budget 2025/26 - the budget was discussed and approved as presented. It was agreed to increase the precept to £9500.

RESOLVED: That, the budget for 2025/26 is agreed and the precept for 2025/26 set at £9500. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

Grass Cutting Contract – it was noted that three inquiries and two quotes were received. Quote B was accepted from T A Blackamore. The cost for the 2025 season will be £806.40 for 16 cuts of the playing field and two cuts of the parish paths. The contract will run for two years.

RESOLVED: That, the grass cutting contract for the 2025 and 2026 is awarded to T A Blackamore.

87/24. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cllr Brookes reported on several items:

Broken Handrail – this matter is still with the legal team of LCC and Cllr Brookes said he is optimistic for the outcome.

Mayoral Elections – there will be mayoral elections for Lincolnshire in May. The new Mayors will have special powers and these will include responsibility for integrated transport systems across the county.

Boston BC and Lincolnshire CC - Due to government reorganisation of local councils, there will be changes to the councils two tier system into a unitary authority.

Budget Consultation – Lincolnshire CC budget proposals are out for consultation with a closing date of 28 January 2025. The preferred option is to increase council tax by 2.99% (option A). Click [here](#) to read the report.

Cllr Cantwell was unable to attend but sent the following report:

‘I am submitting a couple of motions at Full Council on the 20th regarding Supporting Boston Farmers and forming a Boston Town Council. The emergency group got a large donation from Outer Dowsing for First Aid Training and a recruitment event. There are changes to planning meeting procedures where Ward Councillors now only get 5 minutes to speak about applications, members of the public 3, the applicant gets 3 and a Parish Councillor gets 3. Local Government re-organisation from the government means we will be getting a unitary authority in the coming years. This means both Boston Borough Council and LCC will cease to exist being replaced by one distant authority. Arrangements are still to be decided along with boundaries of this.’

88/24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items identified.

89/24. NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 11th March 2025, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56pm

Signed -----

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