

# Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: D Reid (Chairman), S Walker (Vice Chairman), E Walker,  
G Reid, M Spiller  
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk)  
Boston Borough Councillor, Michael Cooper

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No items

### **132.75** CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Clerk, Maxine Warr.

### **132.76** APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Taylor and County Cllr Mike Brookes.

### **132.77** DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations made.

### **132.78** MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were presented.

Matters arising: it was acknowledged that the community day on 4<sup>th</sup> June, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, was a great success, although it was a little disappointing that more residents had not attended. There were a number of coins remaining to distribute to the children of the parish and Cllrs G Reid and M Spiller agreed to deliver these in the near future.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 are approved as a true record.**

**Proposed: Cllr S Walker, Seconded: Cllr G Reid.**

### **132.79** PLANNING MATTERS

No new plans had been lodged and no decisions reported.

Borough Cllr Cooper reported on a complaint regarding caravans at Casabanca on Washdike Road. The Planning Officer had requested more information to enable this to be taken further. However, it was noted that if the caravans are being used as incidental to the dwelling this is covered by permitted development.

### 132.80 POLICE REPORT

No report was available

### 132.81 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Following a successful recruitment campaign, the Chairman proposed to appoint Maxine Warr as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

It was acknowledged that following the resignation of the previous clerk some information was no longer available. Mrs Partridge had kindly offered to help with the situation, and it was proposed to send her a voucher for an afternoon tea, to the value of £40, to express the gratitude of the Parish Council. This was unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED: that, Maxine Warr is appointed as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**That, a voucher for an afternoon tea, to the value of £40, is sent to Mrs Kathy Partridge  
Proposed: Cllr D Reid, Seconded: Cllr S Walker**

### 132.82 REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

*Village Hall:* Cllr Spiller reported that the ceiling had been repaired and all the dove nests and chicks had been moved to the field. The cost of the repair totalled £157 as the labour had been donated free of charge. The cherry picker will be needed again in Sept/Oct to wrap the tower for the winter and three or four layers of wire will be needed to ensure the birds are not able to regain access. The Village Hall balance stands at £9,137.

*Playing Field:* It was noted that the air skier was loose in the ground and it was agreed to tape off this piece of equipment while contact is made with the installer and a repair is facilitated.

**RESOLVED: that, the Clerk will contact Fresh Air Fitness to discuss a repair to the air skier.**

*Churchyard:* The pay back team are still attending the churchyard, although some weeks there are less workers than others. There are no further details from the Friends of Algrkirk Churchyard to report.

### 132.83 FINANCE REPORT

No invoices were presented although the Chairman submitted her expense which will be authorised at the next meeting.

*Online Banking* – it was agreed to submit an application to use online banking and a protocol was discussed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman, who are two of the current bank signatories, will take this forward.

**RESOLVED: that an application for online banking will be submitted**

### 132.84 NOTICE BOARD

It was noted that an additional notice board to service the residents across the main roads would be advantageous. The location as agreed as Andrews Common. After discussion it was agreed to approach Fosdyke PC for advice, as they have recently erected a board. BBCllr Cooper suggested the Bicker Wind Farm Trust may be a possible source of funding.

**RESOLVED: that, a notice board would be erected at Andrews Common. Details of cost and possible funding to be agreed at a future meeting.**

**132.85 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

County Cllr Mike Brookes was unable to attend, and Boston Borough Cllr Michael Cooper had given a report earlier in the meeting.

A complaint had been made that the signage at the end of Pitcher Row Lane had been demolished by a large vehicle. It was agreed that this should be taken forward through 'Fix My Street'

A question was asked about this year's salt allocation, and it was agreed to make investigations to ensure this would be ordered in good time. Although the parish does not have a bin, the large salt bags can be housed in the grounds of the Village Hall.

**132.86 WEBSITE**

It was noted that the new Clerk will be added as a user and the website will be updated as soon as is practicable.

**132.87 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Christmas Dinner

Parish Arrangements for Christmas

**132.88 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.20pm

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW - IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 S1(2) AND STANDING ORDER NO.63

**1. PAY AND CONDITIONS**

**RESOLVED: that, the starting rate for the Clerk would be point SCP 24 within the SCP 24-28 range in scale part LC2 as set out in the National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks in England and Wales.**

**That, £10 per month would be awarded to cover home working and equipment use.**

Signed -----

Date. -----