

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2023, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: D Reid (Chairman), S Walker (Vice Chairman),
G Reid and M Spiller
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk)
Boston Borough Councillor, Mike Coombes, Lincolnshire County
Councillor, Mike Brookes

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No items

1/23 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

2/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Taylor and Cllr E Walker

3/23 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2022 were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 8th November 2022 are approved as a true record.

5/23 PLANNING MATTERS

Approved

It was noted that B/22/0354 2, Graves Farm, Main Road, Algarkirk, Boston PE20 2BE, conversion of barn to residential annexe, associated with 2 Graves Farm, has been approved.

6/23 POLICE REPORT

The police report for the end of November showed 1 incident of burglary at Walnut Lakes.

7/23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated a report ahead of the meeting.

Matters to note included the reply from MP Matt Warman regarding post 16 school transport:

'I note that LCC advise they have a statutory duty under Section 10 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 to promote the effective participation in education or training of persons belonging to their area. LCC subsidise the cost of post 16 travel in the county to support access to education and training opportunities for those of sixth form age. LCC advise this is not something they obliged to do, nor do they have to offer it free of charge. LCC, I note, further advise that the statutory school leaving age has not changed, only the need for young people to participate in some form of learning until the age of 18. LCC, I note, have further advised in their response, how the allocation of budget is made and the cost pressures upon that budget. I do note that LCC advise that students with Special Educational needs and or disabilities have their transport needs assessed on an individual basis. LCC have further advised that all funding is reviewed on an annual basis.'

The PC also received a card of thanks, from Buckingham Palace, for their condolences following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. A copy has been uploaded to the website.

8/23 REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

Village Hall: Cllr Spiller reported that the backroom had been sanded and was ready to be varnished. The holes in the floorboards had been repaired rather than replaced, as the originals needed to be retained. Lime had eaten through the plaster on some of the walls and the plaster has been stripped back to the original brickwork. The wall will be weatherproofed ahead of repainting. The ceiling between the two rooms also needs attention. The Community Payback team are willing to help with the repairs for the next 3 months as they are unable to work outside. The PC granted permission for the works to go ahead. Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Reid.

Playing Field: No items to report

Churchyard: No items to report

9/23 FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk gave a financial report and submitted a bank reconciliation, which was accepted.

The budget for 2023/24 was discussed and agreed, with the precept set at £8837.40. There is no increase in the precept for 2023/24. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED: that, the budget for 2023/24 is agreed and the precept is set at £8837.40

Proposed by Cllr Reid and seconded by Cllr Spiller.

That, the following invoices are approved:

M Warr – salary for November and December (paid by Standing Order) - £407.84

M Warr – additional hours for September and November meetings - £64.64

Donation - one-off donation of £80 to LIVES

10/23 NOTICE BOARD

It was agreed to purchase a 4 x A4 lockable, post mounted, notice board from Cestrian Signs at a cost of £222.00. This will be erected on Andrews Common.

RESOLVED: that, a 4 x A4 lockable, post mounted, notice board will be purchased at a cost of £222.

11/23 FOOTWAY LIGHTS

A lengthy discussion took place regarding changing the footway lights from the old 'orange' lights to LED lights with night controls. Concern was raised over installing night controls, as this could result in difficulties for emergency services to locate properties. It was agreed that as the budget reserves were healthy, it would be cost effective to change all 21 lights and maximise the energy savings. A further discussion would take place on the night controls.

RESOLVED: that, the 21 old 'orange' footway lights would be changed for LED lights. Proposed by Cllr Spiller and seconded by Cllr G Reid.

12/23 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND BOSTON COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Lincolnshire County Cllr Brookes highlighted the budget consultation which runs until 26th January. This can be accessed through the website [Budget and council tax proposal 2023/24 | Let's Talk Lincolnshire](#)

Cllr Brookes also detailed the volunteering days available for parish council projects. He can only submit one project per year from his division. Algarkirk PC does not have any projects to put forward.

Boston Borough Cllr Coombes warned of a large increase in costs from the drainage board. This is around 27%, which is substantially more than the amount allowed as an increase on the council tax. This is due to high diesel and electric costs.

13/23 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Kings Coronation event
- 57 Bus stopping at Algarkirk
- Contribution of £250 towards Village Hall refurbishment

14/23 NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.20pm

The meetings for the year were confirmed as:

Tuesday 14th March

April - no meeting

Tuesday 9th May – Annual Parish and Annual Meeting

June – no meeting

Tuesday 11th July

August – no meeting

Tuesday 12th September

October – no meeting

Tuesday 14th November

December – no meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Signed -----

Date. -----