

# Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF  
ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023, 7.45pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: D Reid, G Reid, M Spiller, E Taylor and S Walker  
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), 1 member of the public and BBCllr James Cantwell

## 31/23 COUNCILLORS

It was noted that the following persons have been elected to serve on the Parish Council for the next four years:

- **Diana Reid**
- **George Reid**
- **Earl Taylor**
- **Mandy Spiller**
- **Elaine Walker**
- **Stephen Walker**

## 32/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr George Reid was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected

**RESOLVED: that Cllr George Reid was elected as Chairman**

## 33/23 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mandy Spiller was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected

**RESOLVED: that Cllr Mandy Spiller was elected as Vice Chairman**

## 34/23 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

The declarations of the councillors, apart from Cllr E Walker, were signed prior to the meeting and accepted. Cllr Elaine Walker was unable to attend and will sign the acceptance at the July meeting.

The LGA Model Code of Conduct was adopted.

## 35/23 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

**RESOLVED: that, Standing Orders and Financial Regulation are adopted for 2023 without amendment.**

## 36/23 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following representatives were agreed:

The Hospital of Sir Thomas Middlecott Algarkirk and Fosydyke - Cherylynn Humpreys  
Sir Thomas Middlecott Exhibition Foundation – Trevor Blackamore

The Annual Meeting closed at 7.45pm and was directly followed by the monthly meeting. Cllr Taylor left due to work commitments.

37/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Taylor, Cllr E Walker and Lincolnshire County Councillor Mike Brookes

38/23 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr S Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item regarding the internal audit, as his daughter acted as the internal auditor.

39/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were presented.  
Matters arising – the notice board at Andrews Common will be erected on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**RESOLVED:**

**That, the minutes of the meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 are approved as a true record.**

40/23 POLICE REPORT

The police report for the end of March 2023 showed one crime of theft in Lee Avenue.

41/23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated a report ahead of the meeting. The main item of note was the cost of the materials and labour to erect the notice board at Andrews Common. The total invoice was £205 and this was approved.

42/23 REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

**Village Hall:** Cllr Spiller reported on progress with refurbishing the Village Hall. The next phase will be the back car park, and the intention is to lay gravel. This will be a winter project for the payback team.

**Playing Field:** The damage to the play equipment was discussed and it was noted that the payback team had agreed to replace the wooden walkway on the climbing frame and relay the tiles. The Council expressed their gratitude to Barn Dried Logs for supplying and cutting a large log for the frame.

As this was not the first act of vandalism in the play area it was agreed to investigate the cost of dummy CCTV cameras to act as a deterrent.

**Churchyard:** Following the report from the Rural Dean Lis Ward for the Annual Parish Meeting, it was agreed to invite her to the next meeting to discuss the possibility of the parish council assisting with the re-opening of the Church. A list of questions will be collated ahead of the meeting to ensure all avenues are pursued.

43/23 FINANCE REPORT

**RESOLVED: that, the following invoices are approved:**

**M Warr – salary for March and April (paid by Standing Order) - £407.84**

**Boston Borough Council – Footway lights - £1381.14**

**Zurich Insurance – Annual premium - £217.58**

**Lincoln Diocese – 6 month playing field rent - £107.50**

**N Winter – internal audit - £75.00**

**Village Hall – room hire for 2023 - £250.00**

**Bruno Figueiredo – erect notice board - £205.00**

### **Annual Return 2022/23**

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 2022/23 is approved, signed and will be sent to the External Auditor**

### 44/23 CORONATION OF THE KING

The mugs to celebrate that Coronation had been presented to the schoolchildren at Sutterton Fourfields and Cllr Spiller attended the assembly. It was agreed to obtain another two mugs to display in the cabinet in the Village Hall. It was also agreed to investigate the cost of a photo of the King and Queen and a commemorative clock.

### 45/23 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL & BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Lincolnshire County Councillor Mike Brookes was unable to attend.

One of the newly elected Boston Borough Councillors, James Cantwell, was welcomed to the parish and he reported that the Borough Council was due to meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> May to elect a mayor and on 25<sup>th</sup> to elect officers.

### 46/23 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Coronation photo and clock
- Invite the Rural Dean to attend and discuss re opening the Church for celebrations.
- Dummy CCTV cameras and signs

### 47/23 NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed -----

Date. -----