

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2023, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

Present: Councillors: D Reid, G Reid, M Spiller and S Walker
Also Present: Mrs M Warr (Clerk), BBCLrs David Brown and James Cantwell

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public in attendance

62/23 APOLOGIES

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

63/23 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

64/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023, are approved as a true record.

65/23 POLICE REPORT

The police report for the end of July 2023 showed two crimes had been reported. It is
understood they were both domestic incidents at the same property.

66/23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated a report ahead of the meeting. It was noted that the litter picking
equipment offered by Lincolnshire CC had been oversubscribed and was no longer
available.

A briefing session is offered on 12th October at Kirton Town Hall for the UK Shared
Prosperity GRASSroots Grant, this covers community spaces, including play areas. It was
agreed that the Clerk could attend.

67/23 ALGARKIRK CHURCH

The Chairman reported on the productive meeting with the Rural Dean regarding
reopening the Church. The Chairman has a set of keys and it was agreed to hold a site
meeting to ascertain which items could be salvaged before the Community Payback team

start the clean-up. It was agreed to hold a small remembrance service on 12th November ahead of a larger celebration of Christmas Carols on 16th December.

A skip will be arranged, which will be part funded by the diocese.

RESOLVED: that, a site visit to the Church will take place to ascertain items to salvage. A skip will be arranged to aid the clean up by the Community Payback team.

68/23 FOOTWAY LIGHTS

An email had been received from Old Leake PC requesting support for their representations to Boston Borough Council regarding converting the old stock of streetlights, across the Borough, over to LED and part-night-lighting where requested. It was unanimously agreed to support Old Leake PC and to hold back on a decision regarding the repairs identified for Pitcher Row Lane and Church Lane.

RESOLVED: that an email of support would be sent to Old Leake Parish Council for their representations to Boston Borough Council regarding converting the old stock of streetlights over to LED and part-night-lighting where requested.

69/23 REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

Village Hall: Cllr Spiller reported on the need to replace the guttering and drain over the porch on the Village Hall at a cost of approx. £300. This was unanimously agreed. It was also proposed to make similar repairs to the tower.

Playing Field: It was agreed that an emergency repair was required for the climbing frame. Therefore, this will be carried out using scaffold boards and bolts, at a cost of approx. £50.

It was agreed to arrange an external inspection from RoSPA for the play equipment and to reinstate the local inspections. A site inspection will take place in the next week.

Churchyard: It was noted that the survey for the Unpaid Work (Community Payback) Stakeholder Consultation had been completed by Cllr Spiller.

70/23 FINANCE REPORT

The bank reconciliation and financial statements were noted.

RESOLVED: that, the following invoices are approved:

M Warr – salary for July and August (paid by Standing Order) - £407.84

M Warr expenses – total £147.27

(additional hours to service the July meeting – 2 hours - £32.32, Microsoft

Onedrive annual renewal - £59.99, Laminator and pouches – £29.98, Header for notice board - £10.98, Printer paper - £8.00, 8 x 2nd class stamps - £6.00)

71/23 POLICIES

RESOLVED: that the following policies are adopted for 2023/24 without amendment.

- **Gifts and Hospitality 2023/4**
- **Complaints 2023/4**
- **Publication Scheme 2023/4**
- **Risk Assessment 2023/4**

72/23 EVENTS

Further to the discussion regarding re opening the Church it was agreed to hold a small remembrance service in the Church on 12th November at 5pm. This will be run by the Parish Council and the Mayor of Boston will be invited to attend.

It was also agreed to provide refreshments for the Christmas Carol service on 16th December.

RESOLVED:

That, a small remembrance service will be held in Algarkirk Church on Sunday 12th November at 5pm.

That, refreshments will be provided for the Christmas Carol Service on 16th December at 5pm.

73/23 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL & BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Lincolnshire County Councillor Mike Brookes was unable to attend.

BBCllrs Cantwell and Brown reported on the recent BB council meeting. Five new family homes, for Afghan refugees who have worked for the government, are being purchased at a cost of £1.1million. BBC will contribute £600,000 with the remaining funds coming from the Government. This will provide housing for four years and will then revert to the Council portfolio. There will be a second round of an additional three houses.

A new returning officer has been appointed.

The recent invasion of travellers was mentioned and it was noted that the Council are not pursuing the cost of the clean-up.

Cllr Cantwell mentioned that problems experienced in Pitcher Row Lane with HGV trucks using the lane while Fosdyke Bridge has been closed. It was agreed that a sign prohibiting HGV's should be installed.

It was suggested that a representative from the PC attend the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind meetings, as there may be an opportunity to access funding. Cllr Spiller offered to be the PC representative.

74/23 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items were identified.

75/23 NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14th November, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed -----

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