

Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2023, 7.20pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ALGARKIRK

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public in attendance

76/23 APOLOGIES

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

Dispensation to remain as a councillor was granted to Cllr E Taylor, as it had been more than 6 months since his last attendance.

Cllr E Walker left the meeting for personal reasons.

77/23 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Boston Borough Councillor Cantwell declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning matters as he is a reserve member of Boston Borough Council Planning Committee.

78/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023, were presented.

RESOLVED:

That, the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023, are approved as a true record.

79/23 PLANNING

It was noted that application B/23/0270, The Chestnuts ,Green Lane, for the siting of 3 static caravans for holiday use, had been approved.

80/23 POLICE REPORT

The police report for the end of September 2023 showed no crimes had been reported.

81/23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated a report ahead of the meeting. The inaccessible footpath in Pitcher Row Lane had been reported and a large pothole in Church Lane repaired. Following correspondence with residents regarding the speed of traffic along the A17, from

Sutterton roundabout towards Fosdyke, the matter has been referred by CClr Brookes to Lincolnshire TRO team for assessment.

The Clerk attended a presentation regarding the UK Shared Prosperity Fund GRASSroots grant and the funders had offered to discuss a possible project around Algarkirk Church.

82/23 ALGARKIRK CHURCH

Thanks was expressed for the cleaning work carried out by the payback team in the Church. It was agreed to arrange for the heaters and other electrical items to be PAT tested.

It was noted that a former resident had offered to supply a water butt to the Church and this generous offer had been passed on to the Rural Dean.

RESOLVED: that, the heaters and other electrical items would be PAT tested.

83/23 REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

Village Hall: No items to report.

Playing Field: it was noted that the climbing frame had been repaired and thanks was given to Cllr Spiller for overseeing this repair.

A discussion took place regarding the slippery matting and it was agreed that this needed to be replaced. New matting would cost approx. £2800 and a proposal was made to use woodchip instead. Contact had been made with a farmer who had agreed to supply and deliver woodchip free of charge. This was gratefully accepted and it was agreed to ask the payback team to remove the matting.

It was agreed to book an inspection through RoSPA and it was noted that Sutterton PC and possibly Fosdyke PC may also need an inspection and if booked at the same time it could help to reduce the price. The Clerk will make some enquiries.

RESOLVED: that, the matting in the play area would be removed and replaced with woodchip.

Churchyard: it was noted that a grave had sunk, and this had been repaired by the family of the deceased.

84/23 FINANCE REPORT

A draft budget for 2024/25 was noted and this will be discussed in detail and the precept set at the January meeting.

The bank reconciliation and financial statements were noted.

RESOLVED: that, the following invoices are approved:

M Warr – salary for September and October (paid by Standing Order) - £407.84

M Warr – back pay following national pay award - £124.32

Lincoln Diocesan Trust – playing field rent - £107.50

T A Blackamore – grass cutting 2023 - £774.60

Sutterton parish Council – Coronation Mugs - £91

D Gittos – Skip Hire - £160.00 (half to be paid by Algarkirk Church)

85/23 POLICIES

RESOLVED: that the following policies are adopted for 2023/24 without amendment.
GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)

- **Document and Retention Policy**
- **Email contact Privacy Notice**
- **Information data Protection Policy**
- **Privacy Notice**
- **Removable Media Policy**

Secure Email system - A discussion took place over the new requirement under Assertion 3 of the Annual Governance Statement to have a secure email system for the Council and Councillors. The report from LALC was considered and it was agreed to approach CloudNext for more details and options for the email name.

RESOLVED: that, a secure email system will be adopted and CloudNext will be the preferred supplier.

86/23 EVENTS

A short Remembrance Service took place during the evening of 10th November, which was led by the Chairman. It was agreed that this had been a suitable and sincere marking of the occasion.

The Carol service was confirmed as Saturday 16th December at 5pm and will comprise of 5 traditional carols, two readings and a closing prayer. There will be soup and mince pies provided. It was agreed to ask Sutterton youth choir if they would be available to perform. The collection will be in aid of the homeless.

87/23 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL & BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Lincolnshire County Councillor Mike Brookes was unable to attend.

BBCllr Cantwell reported on the latest BBC meeting. He had spoken to the portfolio holder for parish councils who had expressed support and was eager to engage with local councils. He also asked the leader about parish councils being able to ask questions at full council.

As a councillor of Sutterton Parish Council, Cllr Cantwell reported on the development of a resilience and emergency plan and suggested a joint committee, comprising of members from both councils, may be advantageous. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

88/23 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Budget
- Resilience and Emergency Plan

89/23 NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 9th January 2024, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting calendar for 2024 was confirmed as:

February – no meeting

Tuesday 12th March

April - no meeting

Tuesday 14th May – Annual Parish and Annual Meeting

June – no meeting

Tuesday 9th July

August – no meeting

Tuesday 10th September

October – no meeting

Tuesday 12th November

December – no meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed -----

Date. -----