

# Algarkirk Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALGARKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024, 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), LCCllr Mike Brookes, BBCllr James Cantwell

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public in attendance.

It was noted that Dr Hughes, from the Sutterton Surgery, will be retiring at the end of January after more than 30 years' service. The Parish Council wished to send grateful thanks for his long service to the community and it was agreed to donate £25 from the Chairman's allowance to his retirement gift.

## 1/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Taylor and BBCllr David Brown  
Dispensation to remain as a councillor was granted to Cllr E Taylor, as it had been more than 6 months since his last attendance. However, a letter will be sent to Cllr Taylor to ascertain his intentions to remain as a councillor.

## 2/24 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

## 3/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, were presented.

### **RESOLVED:**

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

## 4/24 POLICE REPORT

No crimes have been reported during November and no further information is available.  
A police engagement session took place on 12<sup>th</sup> December but no items particular to Algarkirk were discussed. The PowerPoint presentation has been circulated.

## 5/24 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated a report ahead of the meeting. Two coronation mugs have been collected for display in the Village Hall. It was noted that the applications for a portrait of the King are open to some authorities, but town and parish councils are not in the first round.

6/24 PLAY AREA REPORT

The inspection report from RoSPA had been received and it was noted that there were no red (urgent) repairs required. It was agreed that a list of priorities will be collated and a maintenance program discussed at the next meeting.

7/24 REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

*Village Hall:* It was noted that the lease for the Village Hall expired on 01/01/24 but no further correspondence had been received regarding renewal. It was agreed that the parish council as a body should take on the new lease, providing the terms were agreeable. The Clerk will chase.

*Playing Field:* a request had been received to carry out metal detecting on the field. As this is a scheduled monument the request was denied. It was agreed to contact Historic England to enquire if signage is available for the area. BCCllr Cantwell will check if the area is correctly designated in the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan.

*Churchyard:* It was noted that some of the churchyard paths had uneven surfaces and potholes. This will be reported.

Cllr Spiller showed the councillors a painting of the Church, made in 1999, that had been donated by local artist Cecily Machin. The members were delighted to receive this and agreed it should be displayed in the Village Hall.

8/24 FINANCE REPORT

The budget for 2024/25 was discussed and agreed (a copy is attached to these minutes) and the precept set at £8,837.40. There will be no increase for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED: that the budget for 2024/25 is agreed and the precept set at £8,837.40**

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**

**RoSPA – play area inspection - £187.50 (plus £37.50 VAT)**

9/24 EMAIL ADDRESS FORMAT

The options for the domain name were discussed and it was agreed the 'algarkirkparishcouncil.gov.uk' was the preferred address.

**RESOLVED: that, algarkirkparishcouncil.gov.uk is the preferred domain name for the secure email addresses**

10/24 CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Carol service took place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Disappointment was expressed that attendance was low and it was agreed that any future event should be more widely advertised.

Rev Sudharshan will be contacted to ascertain availability for an Easter service and an easter egg hunt was also discussed.

11/24 RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Cantwell reported that Sutterton PC were keen to join with APC to develop a plan and it was unanimously agreed to take this forward. The representatives will be Cllr Spiller and the Clerk.

**RESOLVED: that, Algarkirk PC will join with Sutterton PC to develop a resilience and emergency plan.**

12/24 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL & BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

Lincolnshire County Councillor Mike Brookes reported on the request from residents to reduce the speed limit on the A17 from the Sutterton roundabout towards Fosdyke. He referred it to the Highways Manager and the request was considered, however, the reply received was that the request did not meet the criteria laid down in the County Councils speed limit policy and unfortunately will not progress any further.

Cllr Brookes also updated the meeting on the consultation for Greater Lincolnshire Devolution. There will be a drop-in session at Boston United FC on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January between 3pm and 7pm. More information is available at [www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/devolution)

BBCllr Cantwell told the meeting the next Borough Council surgery will be held at Sutterton Village Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> January between 12 and 1pm. He also mentioned the next outer dowsing offshore wind meeting is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> January at Surfleet.

13/24 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Easter event
- Resilience and Emergency Plan
- Signage for scheduled monument
- Village Hall lease
- Play area maintenance

14/24 NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.20pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed -----

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