



Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes

1st November 2023, 7.30pm

Burgh St Peter Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs A. Godsave, P. Harrison, K. Kennedy-Hill (chair), M. Tansley and T. Wright (vice chair, arrived late).

Also in Attendance: Tina Newby (Clerk),

Members of the public attending: Two.

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Apologies** – apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Watts, County Councillor Stone and District Councillor Evans.
3. **Declarations – Pecuniary and Other:** None.
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of 6th September were confirmed as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Godsave and seconded by Cllr Harrison.
 - a. To receive an update on registering the bus shelter as a war memorial: The Clerk has managed to contact Kit, who has put forward the name of the person that built the Bus Shelter. Cllr Harrison has managed to get his telephone number. The Clerk has contacted the Norfolk Records Office and there are historic minutes involving the bus shelter.
 - b. To receive an update on Common Road Playing Field mole problems, *and now moles on OSPF* – Clerk to contact Cllr Watts for an update on the mole situation in Common Road Playing field, and to ask if he has time to attend to OSPF as well, or if he would prefer the Parish Council to employ the Mole Man Ian.
 - c. The Chairman mentioned the 'Near Miss form' which she has amended, and which will be circulated to Councillors after approval from the Clerk.
 - d. The Chairman mentioned that the 'children playing' warning signs had been purchased, 2 to go on the triangle at Beccles Road, one facing the Church and one facing the Old School, with another on the junction with the to C388. A fourth sign will be located by the entrance to the Common Road playing field closest to the business park.
 - e. The Chairman mentioned the difficulties in engaging with the Police over the road safety issues in Beccles Road largely due to changes in personnel assigned to our area. Cars parked on the road are blocking the view of vehicles approaching down Beccles Road and have effectively created a single-track road. Cllr Harrison will attempt to liaise with PC King before he moves on to new duties regarding the information that was supposed to be discussed at the failed surgery in Loddon.
5. **To consider any Co-Options, for current vacancy.** None have come forward.
6. **Adjournment** – Standing orders will be suspended to allow public participation (Maximum of 10 minutes, (3 minutes per person)), for items to be discussed for information only.
 - The couple raised some concerns that the environmental survey on the property they are purchasing on Common Road had highlighted, namely possible noise pollution from the solar farm, and traffic disruption from developers using Dun Cow Road and Common Road for site access during the construction phase.

- No guarantees regarding noise pollution had been provided by the developers Infinis. It was noted that when the Parish Council held a public meeting to discuss the solar farm application, the majority of Parishioners attending were not against the solar farm in principle but had concerns about the visibility of the panels from the highest point in Norfolk (the top of the tip) and the proximity of the solar farm to an AONB and an SSSI. The developers had subsequently amended the height and orientation of the solar panels to address the visibility issue, but neither of the farmers who own the land over which the Haul Road passes had been approached by Infinis regarding a possible access route to the site. Aldeby Parish Council would be contacting Infinis now that the Haul Road had received planning consent for a 60-year retention period, about which uncertainty had previously been cited.

Resume Standing Orders.

Cllr Wright arrived at 8.15pm.

7. Reports received from County and District Councillors: None received.

8. Planning – No new planning applications at the time of the agenda being published.

- To discuss any other Enforcement issues – no update, although it was noted that the caravan has moved across the road to Common Farm.
- To receive an update if any for the Landfill site. The Haul Road had received planning consent to be retained for a further 60 years, and would be refurbished, narrowed in places and landscaped. This hopefully would mean that Infinis can use the Haul Road and not Dun Cow Road and Common Road.
- Any new applications that have been received in time for discussion at the meeting – None.
- General planning updates and enquiries. DC has contacted the Chairman and discussed Lily Meadow and the need to generate income. There is another organisation that would allow one booking per night, a lower footprint form of camping. Council felt inclined towards a scheme with the fewest vehicle movements with size restrictions on those vehicles but recognised the Caravan & Motorhome organisation would be the most profitable for the landowner. The Chair would relay this information to DC.
- 2023/3108 | Erection of 6 poly tunnels, 2 sheds and new access. | Land South Of Rectory Road Aldeby, Norfolk: was discussed, recommended Objection on the following grounds:

The application form conveys the following:

- There are no arrangements stated for the removal of foul sewage. Presuming that workers on the site will need access to toilet facilities, this needs to be specified.
- There are no arrangements in place for drainage connections. The growing of vegetation in poly-tunnels requires copious amounts of water, and there is a known problem with flooding further down Rectory Road, into which this site drains, so this needs to be specified.
- There are no arrangements in place for the storage and collection of waste, of which there is likely to be a considerable amount in a commercial growing enterprise, so this needs to be specified.
- There are no arrangements in place for the disposal of trade effluent, and again this needs to be specified as there is likely to be a considerable amount arising.
- In addition, APC is deeply concerned about another exit on to a significant bend in the road (Rectory Road) from a road safety perspective. Also, there are no public transport provisions in Aldeby for site workers to access the workplace, so transport sustainability concerns should be considered.

9. Highways – No new issues at the time of the agenda being published.

- Clerk to chase the outstanding issues from our village drive around, with Highways. Some drains are blocked from the recent flooding. For example, Beccles Road by the triangle was flooded completely. **Action Clerk** to send Cllr Tansley the list of outstanding items.

10. Parish Lands – Discuss and agree any actions:

- a. To receive an update on Sole Bay wood project, pond, wildflower seeds and stinging nettles. The stinging nettles will be sprayed in 2024 (Cllr. Wright and DW to deal). Wildflower seeds will be planted in the Spring (Cllr Tansley to deal). There are now yellow Iris and Lilies in the pond and the pond has water! Additional flowers appear to be growing naturally. Perhaps we could budget for a bench at the bottom of the wooded area.
- b. To receive an update from Cllr Wright regarding community engagement. This will be done in Spring 2024.
- c. To discuss the maintenance list and the quote received. This was not discussed as the quote had not been received.
- d. To discuss the tree works in the village and the tree database. DW is busy at the moment with the firework event. It was noted that there are 2 or 3 oaks on the cut looking unhappy and one of them seems to be dying. Cllr Tansley, DW and colleagues to investigate. One poppy and stake are missing from the Walks. Paul Sharman will be making 3 poppies.

11. Finance –

- a. To note balances of all accounts. Noted.
- b. Payments for Approval. The Parish Council discussed and agreed to donate £50 to the First Responders Ambulance service (Mr A Rudd). Proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Tansley.

Aldeby Parish Council Payments for October 2023

Payable too	Description	Cashbook Ref
Between Meeting		
Simmons Property Maintenance	Fence posts	164.44
Payments to be approved		
Tina Newby	Wages for Sept 2023	£301.68
	Mileage	£14.40
	Working from home	£10.00
	HMRC	£2.60
	training food	£3.46
		£332.14

There were two additional payments for Playing Field inspections: Mrs Tansley £54.00, Mr H Tansley £54.00.

Payments were approved for the total of £440.14. Unanimous agreement.

- c. To discuss the additional funding needed for the Parish Partnership, Speed Awareness Machine. There was an agreement to pay the balance of £711.50 from the Trust Account in Barclays. Parish Partnership total cost £3423.00, the council's portion is £1711.50, County Council Stone will pay £1,000, leaving £711.50. **Action Clerk** to speak to Westcotec for a revised quote and invoice. Ask for solar powered SAM machine, if so, reduce the spare battery.

12. Parish Council – Discuss and agree any actions:

- a. To appoint an Internal Auditor for this financial year. Agreed to go with Alastair King again this year.
- b. To discuss the situation with independent email accounts. The Accounts and Accountability for 2024 will have in the statement a need for .gov.uk emails. The

Spanglefish website does not have the facility to have .gov.uk. Wait to see what will happen.

- c. To review and agree the Tree Warden Policy. Ongoing.
- d. To discuss the Incident Report form and statistical information – discussed at 4c
- e. To discuss the issue with Aldeby PC Facebook account. This account is a page and needs to be set up as a Facebook group. **Action Clerk** to look into this.

13. Correspondence – To distribute any relevant correspondence to councillors.

14. Any issues or information from the Councillors: None

Date of next meeting: 3rd January 2024, 7.30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed by Chairman

Date