

# Aldborough and Thurgarton

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30 pm

### UNAPPROVED DRAFT

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
	<p><b>Present:</b> Martin Elliott (Chairman of the Parish Council), Parish Councillors, Tony Baillie, John Hammond and John Padgham, District Councillor Peter Willcox, Tracy Hindry, Jean Wheeler, Robert Wheeler, Jane Maguire, Peter Wedge, Christine Coulson, Ruth Bayes, Steve Barnes, Val Barnes, Patricia Freeman, James Freeman, David Wains, Jeff Argent, Alison Argent, Rachel Mortimer-Massingham, David Robinson, Keith Good and Dr Philip Wood.</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> The Clerk.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Parish Councillors Heather Tamplin, Brian Metcalf and Sue Peters, County Councillor Peter Moore, the Reverend Brian Faulkner and Police Community Support Officer Nathan Jonas.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009</b> The Minutes (copies having been available on the Village website and circulated at the Meeting) were confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had dealt with the matters recorded in the Minutes for action by them. The collection of large waste items was undertaken by North Norfolk District Council but the service was at a cost and not free as suggested last year. The Parish Council had decided not to install any new notices or dog waste bins.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Report from Aldborough County Primary School</b> 5 pupils, accompanied by their Head Teacher, Tina Casburn, presented information about the projected building works at the School expected to cost in the order of £2.3M which are scheduled to commence in July 2009. The plans, which have been developed after consultation with the pupils, include new classrooms, replacement toilets, a new Dining Room and a Learning Street (an area with a glazed roof between the existing School building and the new Classrooms). In addition, the Stepping Stones Nursery will now be accommodated within the main building. Models of the new Classrooms, built by the pupils were shown and described. Ms Casburn responded to a number of questions. The pupils were acclaimed by the Meeting for their excellent presentation.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Chairman of the Parish Council's Report</b> The Parish Council has met every month since the last Parish Meeting and the Meetings have been well attended by the Parish Councillors but public attendance has been erratic. The Local Development Framework has occupied a considerable amount of the Parish Council's time but the current position is disappointing. Jack Rogers resigned from the Parish Council, owing to his Wife's ill-health, and has been replaced by Sue Peters.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Village Appraisal and Plan – 2009 Position Report</b> The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had undertaken a review of progress on the Village Plan and copies of that review had been available on the Village website and copies were available at the Meeting. He went through the summaries of the present position in relation to each 22 Action Points, elaborated on them and responded to particular questions about the Children's Play Area, kerbing around the Green and level of Police service in the Village, which the questioner felt was much improved.</p>	

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7.	<p><b><u>Reports by Parish Councillors' Areas of Responsibility</u></b></p> <p><b>JP – Allotments</b> – The Allotments Society has held its Annual General Meeting, when David Haynes was elected as Chairman. All the plots are currently let, and there is a waiting list.</p> <p><b>JP – Community Bus</b> – Approximately 2500 passengers were carried in the last year. Income received included £1400 for social hires and £4770 refund from Norfolk County Council on behalf of North Norfolk District Council for concessionary fares.</p> <p><b>TB – Community Centre</b> – During the last year, the cooker has been replaced, some carpeting laid, the main hall floor has been sanded and re-polished and lighting has been improved. All of this refurbishment has been paid for out of annual income. £2900 has been raised through various activities for the extension of the building. The Annual General Meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009.</p> <p><b>TB – Village Care</b> – Has been operating for 21 years. Lunch Club regularly provides 60 lunches. The Helping Hand initiative is not used greatly but provides a worthwhile service. 3 projects were the provision of a defibrillator and training on its use, First Aid training and support for Aldborough Cricket Club in its work with 11 to 16 year olds. As a registered charity, Village Care will be making grant applications for the new play area equipment. The Annual general meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.</p> <p><b>The Clerk for BM – Planning</b> – Considerably fewer Planning Applications were referred to the Parish Council for consideration. North Norfolk District Council consulted the Parish Council last year on 32 possible sites for residential development. A public meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 when many took the opportunity to make comments on the suggested sites. The Parish Council then took these comments into consideration in reaching their decision to recommend a number of the sites, with maximum numbers, which were ranked in order of preference. Subsequently, following a site visit, attended by <b>BM</b> and <b>HT</b>, and a meeting of the Working Party, addressed by <b>BM</b>, the District Council decided to proceed with only sites ALD01 and ALD07. There will be a further consultation by the District Council from 15<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. A public consultation on the old Policy 29 (Re-use of rural buildings as dwellings) is expected to commence in September 2009. In response to questions and observations about “comments of the Parish not being listened to”, District Councillor Peter Willcox indicated that 10 properties were now being proposed for the Parish with a replacement garage being included on the two sites. He also indicated that half of the new homes would have to be “affordable”. He also made reference to how the weight placed upon Officer’s recommendations when the Working Party reached their decisions.</p> <p><b>ME for HT - Recycling Banks</b> – They continue to be well used and generated an income of about £770. He urged Parishioners to put materials, especially bottles, into the Bank and not leave them in bags.</p> <p><b>ME – Health and Safety</b> – Not aware of any problems on The Green.</p> <p><b>ME- Footpaths</b> – A post and a sign have been erected at the west end of Footpath No 9 (Orchard to Manor Farm) by a Parishioner to try to prevent its use by horses.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Reports by County and District Councillors</u></b></p> <p>In the absence of <b>PM</b>, there was no County Council report.</p> <p><b>PW</b> reported on issues that arose in respect of the Planning Application for a prison on the former site of RAF Coltishall, which involved the cutting down of 156 trees. This caused problems but these had been overcome. He also referred to the affordable housing sites that have been developed Antingham, Corpusty and Gresham, and described the conditions which apply to them. In response to a question, he confirmed that most of the houses on these sites were occupied, although those in Gresham had proved a little difficult. He also indicated some of the likely outcomes of the current review of Policy 29 by the Local Development Framework Working Party (of which he is a member), which were to be the subject of public consultation later this year (see report of <b>BM</b> in 7 above).</p>	

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9.	<p><b><u>Reports from other organisations</u></b></p> <p>In the absence of PCSO Nathan Jonas, <b>the Clerk</b> presented his report, copies of which had been circulated. There were 8 Crimes reported in the Parish, which are detailed in the report, but no Crimes have been reported since October 2008. In addition, there have been a total of 48 calls to the Police during the year, including 5 hoax calls that were made from the telephone box on The Green. A breakdown of the types of call is included in the report.</p> <p><b>Dr Philip Wood</b> reported that the practice list had remained fairly stable. There is now a late night surgery from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm, but appointments are required for this. There are proposals for the expansion of the Surgery but these are currently at a very early stage of development</p> <p><b>Ruth Bayes for the Reverend Brian Faulkner</b> indicated that average attendances of 18 had been maintained, in spite of the experiments in Service times involving 6 Churches. The Annual Parish Share of funds given to the Diocese was £10,000. She thanked the Parish Council for their grant towards the Churchyard maintenance. Only half of the repair work has been undertaken so far, because the expected grants have not been forthcoming. With regard to the Church Rooms, the repair work has been undertaken and their finances are fairly good.</p> <p><b>Ruth Bayes – In Touch</b> – 780 copies are now circulated but she would welcome further reports.</p> <p><b>David Robinson – Cricket Club</b> – Indebted to Village Care for their financial support. The Club are keen to bring on young people and the arrangements for coaching are based on a two year course.</p> <p><b>Football Club</b> – in the absence of any representative, there was no report.</p> <p><b>Keith Good – History Society</b> – The two books published by the Society have continued to sell and copies are still available. The tapes of interviews with Parishioners in the County Record Office are now available as Compact Discs. The Society is working on a History of Buildings in the Village (Aldborough), and the work has been completed on five so far. There is to be a talk on the history of individual members of the Royal Berkshire Regiment, featured on an old photograph, in the Church Rooms on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009.</p> <p><b>Jane Maguire – Aldborough Players</b> – This year’s Pantomime proved very successful. All of the previous productions have been recorded on DVDs by the History Society. The Summer production of “Arsenic and Old Lace” will be presented on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009.</p> <p><b>Jane Maguire – Twinning</b> – The link remains dormant, although residents of Villiers St Denis will be visiting in May 2009.</p> <p><b>ME – Prince Andrew’s Chapel</b> – There are between 20 and 30 attendees on a Sunday morning and there is now a regular Meeting on Sunday evenings. The monthly Buzz Club for 5-11 year olds has attendances of between 8 and 12. There is a Lunch Club once a month.</p> <p><b>ME for Anne Bettany – John Bacon Charity</b> – The Trustees held their Annual Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009. As the balance in the Charity’s Bank Account was only £38.28, the Trustees had been unable to make any gifts last Christmas to people in the old Parish of Thurgarton.</p> <p><b>Jean Wheeler – Women’s Institute</b> – Celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday during the year, and held an Archive Exhibition.</p> <p><b>Christine Karlson – Garden Club</b> – There have been 10 well-attended meetings. Membership is now about %0, with annual subscriptions of £8. There will be a Flower Show in July 2009.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p>Questions were asked about the Village website and how it might be kept more up to date. Suggestions were made that students (possibly from Paston College) may be able to assist as part of a project, in the absence of a local volunteer.</p> <p>A question was also asked about the boundaries of Thurgarton and whether it would</p>	Parish Council

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11.	The Meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.	