

ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE Monday 6th September 2010 at 7.30 pm

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	Present: John Padgham (Chairman), Heather Tamplin, Sue Peters, Tony Baillie, Martin Elliott and John Hammond	
	In attendance: The Clerk and one member of the public	
1.	Apologies: Brian Metcalf, County Councillor Diana Clarke, District Councillor Peter Willcox and PCSO Nathan Jonas	
2.	Declarations of Interest: None	
3.	<u>Minutes of Meeting of 4th August 2010</u> Subject to the addition of the word "with" after the word "conversation" in line 8 of Minute 4, the Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.	
4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> JP indicated that the replacement Notice Board had now been installed and that he had received a number of complimentary comments. That was endorsed by the Members, some of whom had also received favourable comments. JH agreed to enquire of S W Witham & Sons when they intend to cut the lower part of The Green. ME has obtained some costs for the replacement of the chair on the swing, but the ROSPA Safety Report that has just been received indicates that the chains also need replacement. He will examine the Report in more detail to see whether any additional work is recommended before asking the Clerk to order what is required. The Parish Council agreed that the approximate quotations given by ME were acceptable. The Clerk reported that he had obtained some additional information on the Norfolk County Council Highway and Community Service, which he had included in the Passround.	JH ME, Clerk
	<i>At this point the Meeting was suspended to allow members of the public present to speak. Mr Dennis Bacon indicated that he had alerted Anglian Water to a leaking water main in Thurgarton Road and was informed by JH that they had been in attendance that day. He expressed his concern about the high speed of some tractors passing through the Village and Members asked him to note down the registration numbers so that they could be reported to the Police. He also thanked JH for his work in keeping the footpaths and hedges in such good condition.</i>	
5.	<u>Police Community Support Officer's Report</u> In the absence of PCSO Nathan Jonas, the Clerk reported that, since the last Meeting, no Crimes had been reported and that there have been three calls to the Police, outline details of which were provided. The next Mobile Police Station will be near to the Post Office on Tuesday 28 th September 2010 from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.	
6.	<u>Local referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases</u> The Clerk reported that the Government have issued a Consultation Paper on this proposal, a note on which, prepared by the National Association of Local Councils, had been circulated to Members. Comments on the proposal are required by 10 th September 2010. The Consultation Paper does not indicate what the Secretary of State may decide should constitute an excessive increase and so trigger a local referendum. The Parish Council were supportive of the general principle that large Council Tax increases should have demonstrable community support but felt that to	

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	include Parish Councils within the proposal was not the appropriate means of confirming that support. They asked the Clerk to submit their views, as now expressed, as a response to the Consultation Paper.	Clerk
7.	<p><u>Responses to Consultations on Change of Name</u> The Clerk reported that no responses have been received to the Public Notice of 15th July 2010 inserted in the North Norfolk News and posted on the three Parish Notice Boards. The responses to the direct consultations with Norfolk County Council and District Councillor Peter Willcox are both supportive. The Parish Council agreed with his recommendation to ask North Norfolk District Council to proceed with the proposed change of name of the Parish to "Aldborough and Thurgarton".</p>	Clerk
8.	<p><u>Aldborough Cricket Club</u> JP reported on a discussion with Mr Tim Knight about the Cricket Club's continued membership of the Norfolk Cricket Alliance and the Club's continuing attempts to play first team cricket on The Green. The Club are preparing a dossier to present to the Alliance and have asked for the Parish Council's support in the presentation of that dossier by writing a letter of support for the Club and regretting the loss of the tradition of first team cricket on The Green. He also reported the concerns of a Parishioner about the adverse effects on The Green of the recent treatment of the wicket with loam. The Parish Council decided that JP should arrange an informal meeting with representatives of the Club to discuss the condition of The Green but that, in the meantime, a letter of support should be written to the Alliance.</p>	JP, Clerk
9.	<p><u>Reports by Parish Councillors on their Responsibilities</u> JP – Allotments – Nothing to report. JP – Community Bus – Nothing to report HT – Replacement of Play Areas – It now seems certain that the promised grant of £47,000.00 from the Playbuilder 2 will not be forthcoming, so steps are in hand to make alternative bids for grants. The Clerk reported the steps taken by County Councillor Diana Clarke to enquire about the Playbuilder 2 funding and the responses that she had received from Officers at the County Council HT – Recycling Banks – She expressed her thanks to whoever had tidied up after the last collection. One notice is still in place. ME – Health and Safety – Nothing apart from the broken chair on the swing previously mentioned. TB – Village Care – A meeting on 8th September 2010. TB – Community Centre – The tenders are now in for the changes to the toilet accommodation. The Centre has been given a very good piano and have purchased a cover. It will be located in the Bar. JH – Footpaths – Nothing to report. JP for BM – Planning – Planning Permission has been granted, subject to conditions, for the Erection of a Single-Storey Rear Extension at 44 Margaret Lilly Way, Aldborough No objections were raised to a Planning Application for the demolition of a Greenhouse at Greystones, Thurgarton Road, Aldborough. JP for BM – History Society – Work on the new book is continuing.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p><u>District Council and County Council Reports</u> In the absence of PW, the Clerk reported that PW had been approached by an Officer in the Housing Section of North Norfolk District Council to arrange for a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the possibility of establishing a Rural Exception Housing Scheme in the Parish. The Parish Council indicated that they considered a meeting would be unnecessary as the only site that they felt should be considered is ALD29, which is in private ownership. They suggested that any meeting should be with the owner of that site. In the absence of DC, there was nothing to report in addition to the action she had taken following the previous Meeting, as reported in Minute 9 above.</p>	Clerk

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11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>A letter from Norfolk County Council, indicating that the request to vary the winter gritting schedule had been rejected, was noted by the Parish Council.</p> <p>A letter from the Programme Officer for the Local Development Framework Examination Office confirming that the Inspector expects to submit his report sometime in the late Autumn of this year.</p> <p>The Chairman declined the opportunity to be included in the draw for an invitation to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 2011.</p> <p>Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Norfolk Association of Local Councils to be held at Narborough Village Hall on Saturday 11th September 2010.</p> <p>A letter from North Norfolk District Council listing the areas intended for designation as Dog Control Areas, none of which are in the Parish.</p> <p>Information from Norfolk Association of Local Councils about a number of training courses.</p> <p>A letter from Norfolk County Council about improvements and changes being made to the Council's Planning Service.</p> <p>A letter from Norfolk County Council enclosing a "Manage your Finances" booklet, which has been included in the Passround.</p> <p>An invitation to "Ends of the Spectrum", a meeting organised by Norfolk Rural Community Council and Norfolk Rural Forum in Dereham on 15th September 2010.</p> <p>Information about a North Norfolk Older People's Forum at Holt Community Centre on 14th September 2010.</p> <p>Details of a training programme on "Responding to the Challenges and Opportunities of Personalisation" organized by Voluntary Norfolk.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Financial Matters</u></p> <p>Cheques approved:</p> <p>100776 – Playsafety Limited - £74.03 – Play area annual inspection</p> <p>100777 – T T Jones Electrical Limited - £33.70 – Street lighting maintenance</p> <p>100778 – Second Fix Joinery Limited - £708.59 – Replacement notice board</p> <p>100779 – Stuart Clark - £384.00 – Grass cutting and Green maintenance</p>	
13.	<p><u>Recent and Forthcoming Events</u></p> <p>Recent</p> <p>The Farmers' Market on 5th September 2010 was not well attended.</p> <p>Forthcoming</p> <p>The Chapel Buzz Club for 5 to 11 year olds will be meeting weekly from Thursday 19th September 2010 during school terms.</p> <p>Harvest Supper in Church Room on 1st October 2010.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>ME reported a street nameplate in Tinkers Close was in poor condition and is causing problems for some residents. This will be reported to North Norfolk District Council.</p> <p>JP on behalf of BM reported that the next Meeting of the Holt Area Partnership is on 16th September 2010.</p> <p>JP on behalf of BM enquired whether he should purchase any bulbs for The Green. It was agreed that BM should purchase some small natural daffodil bulbs for planting around the Village Sign.</p> <p>JP reported on the Menu Board that had appeared outside the Red Lion. This has now been removed following an approach by him.</p> <p>JP agreed to contact Fiona Morrison with regard to her appointment as Village Correspondent. The Clerk indicated that the North Norfolk News were no longer making payments for material supplied.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>BM</p> <p>JP</p>
15.	The Meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.	