

# ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30 pm

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
	<p><b>Present:</b> John Padgham (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the Chair, Parish Councillors Tony Baillie, Martin Elliott, John Hammond, Brian Metcalf, Heather Tamplin and Sue Peters, District Councillor Peter Willcox, Margaret Adams, Steve Barnes, Val Barnes, Ruth Bayes, Denise Bedford, Enrica Botwright, Robert Botwright, F Broadbent, Fred Broughton, Pearl Broughton, Thomas Brown, Christine Carlson, Elaine Cook, Raymond Cook, Steve Cooke, Steve Cushing, Janet Davison, David Digby, Amanda Edgington, Karl Edgington, Robert Eke, Ruth Elliott, James Freeman, Patricia Freeman, Julie Geere-Wright, Frances Gilkes, Robin Gilkes, Keith Good, Stuart Gray, Bob Guess, Alison Haynes, Steve Haynes, Andrew Hall, Elaine Hayton, Ron Hayton, Kerry James, Dee Jupp, Val King, Betty Kinghorn, Tim Knight, Marie Leaney, Jane Maguire, Mary-Claire Marriott, Sean Marriott, Louise Matthews, Anne Murat, Jennifer Nicholls, Caroline Seed, Nick Wade, David Waine, Mavis Waite, Dorothy Wedge, Peter Wedge, Emily West, Glynn West, Bob Wheeler, Jean Wheeler, Dr Philip Wood and James Wright.</p>	
	<p><b>In attendance:</b> The Clerk.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> County Councillor Diana Clarke, Dr Mark Fleming, Tina Casburn and Police Community Support Officer Nathan Jonas.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Minutes of Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010</u></b> The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record (copies, having been available on the Village website, were circulated at the Meeting).</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> <b>The Chairman</b> reported that the change of name to "Aldborough and Thurgarton" had been approved by North Norfolk District Council so that the situation had been formalised. He indicated that Aldborough School would not be represented at the Meeting because of the clash with their Easter holidays, which had not been appreciated by the Parish Council when they set the date. He recommended that those present, if they have not already done so, should make a point of visiting the extended and refurbished School. He regretted that, in spite of promises from Victory Housing Trust, the doors on the block of garages in Margaret Lilly Way had still not been re-painted. <b>Jane Maguire – Twinning</b> – The link is still dormant.</p>	Parish Council
4.	<p><b><u>Chairman of the Parish Council's Report</u></b> <b>The Chairman</b>, in recalling his involvement with the Parish Council as Clerk and then a Councillor over the past 8 years, indicated that he had enjoyed his time as Chairman. He reported that, in spite of the representations made by the Parish Council about the Local Development Framework, no notice had been taken of the Parish Council and that was the main reason why he had decided not to stand for re-election this year. He commended Councillors Sue Peters and Heather Tamplin for their hard work in bringing about the installation of the new play equipment, which is proving very popular. He indicated that he had written to Norfolk County Council objecting to the obtrusive sign that the Parish Council had been obliged to erect. He expressed his thanks to all of the Parish Councillors for their commitment and hard work and to the Clerk for his support and thanked District Councillor Peter Willcox and County Councillor Diana Clarke for their help and assistance throughout the year. He indicated that there were two vacancies on the Parish Council and sought volunteers willing to be co-opted.</p>	

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5.	<p><b>Re-instatement of Pond on The Green</b>  <b>Christine Carlson</b> outlined the proposal to establish a wildlife pond on the lower part of The Green with shallow edges but a deeper centre for planting with local plants and encouraging wildlife. She indicated that the proposal came from the Wildlife Group in the Village but had received considerable support locally as well as from Norfolk County Council and North Norfolk District Council. An Environment Officer from the County Council has inspected the proposed site and is currently investigating a number of matters that need to be clarified. A grant of up to 80% of the costs could be available. A trial bore hole has been sunk and the water levels are being monitored. There is no recent record of children drowning in Village Ponds. There were a number of individual expressions of support for the proposal as well as some questions about the effects of a drought, especially on the wildlife, and a comment about safety concerns. However, there was overwhelming support from the Meeting for the proposal.</p>	Parish Council
6.	<p><b>Reports on Parish Councillors' Areas of Responsibility</b></p> <p><b>HT – Recycling Banks</b> – She expressed her concerns about the inability to distinguish between glass, plastic and other materials and the habit of leaving bags around when the bins are full. She indicated that the new contractors engaged by North Norfolk District Council are in the process of replacing the bins and some additional space may be needed.</p> <p><b>TB – Community Centre</b> – The renovation of the toilets, including the provision of disabled toilet facilities, has now been completed. The dishwasher and a refrigerator have been replaced. The Annual General Meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011.</p> <p><b>BM – Planning</b> – The Local Development Framework Site Specific and the proposed Policy for the Re-use of Rural Buildings as Dwellings have now been adopted by North Norfolk District Council following Public Examination by an Independent Inspector. The two adjacent sites in the Parish are the only sites allocated for residential development in spite of the Parish Council's attempts to get other sites included. He referred to the Planning Applications referred to the Parish Council for consideration in the last year and outlined the nature of those Applications and the outcomes.</p> <p><b>JH – Footpaths</b> – They are in good order but will need cutting once the rain arrives.</p> <p><b>ME – Health and Safety</b> – There have been no significant issues this year, although the amount of "paper juggling" has increased. Three children have fractured limbs using the new play equipment.</p> <p><b>SP – Play Areas</b> – The new equipment has been installed and is proving very popular with local children and their parents. There are still some matters to finalise but wishes for her thanks to all of her helpers to be recorded. <b>Steve Cushing</b> indicated that, because cars are being parked across his driveway, he is experiencing access problems and that there is a constant noise nuisance. The Chairman repeated his advice to enlist the support of the Police. <b>ME</b> suggested that the Parish Council might consider whether signs would help to ease those problems. A proposal by <b>Jennifer Nicholls</b> that thanks be expressed to <b>SP</b> was met with immediate and prolonged acclamation.</p>	Parish Council
7.	<p><b>Reports by County and District Councillors</b></p> <p><b>The Clerk for DC</b> read her submitted report which indicates that, in addition to individual pieces of case work, her main involvement has been assisting in resolving highways issues and that she is still pressing for changes to the Gritting Route through the Village. She referred to Norfolk County Council's support of the new play areas through the Playbuilder Scheme and offered her congratulations for the successful outcome, especially as the funding had been threatened. She also offered her congratulations to Tina Casburn and her Team at Aldborough School for the fantastic development and the spectacular opening.</p> <p><b>PW</b> indicated that he was not standing for re-election this year. He thanked the Parish</p>	

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	<p>Council and all the Parishioners for their support over the last eight years and said how much he had enjoyed working for and with the Parish. He outlined some of the highlights of his time as a District Councillor, which included the Sheringham Tesco saga and his disappointment with the outcome of the Local Development Framework but said it may be possible to bring forward an exception site in the Parish. <b>The Chairman</b> thanked <b>DC</b> for his work for the Parish and for his attendance at Meetings of the Parish Council.</p>	DC
8.	<p><b>Reports from other organisations</b></p> <p>In the absence of PCSO Nathan Jonas, there was no report.</p> <p><b>Jane Maguire – Aldborough Players</b> – Last year’s Summer production of “Outside Edge” was a great success, as was the Pantomime “The Lost Prince”. They now have 73 adult Players and 12 junior Players. Since 1993, there have been a total of 229 Players. They have continued their School visits and during the year have made some Theatre Visits and attended some Drama Workshops. This year’s Summer Production is Noel Coward’s “Hay Fever” on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011.</p> <p><b>Keith Good – History Society</b> – Membership of the Society is free. Work on the History of Houses and their Occupants in the Village has continued, and should be published in the next year. An approach was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant towards the publishing costs but declined.</p> <p><b>Tim Knight – Cricket Club</b> – Had a mixed season last year, when the First Team was relegated and the Second Team finished mid-table. First Team matches this year will continue to be played at Holt because the changing, etc., facilities do not meet the League’s requirements. The Club made a tour last year to Stratford-upon-Avon, which was very successful. The Youth Team are joining a League this year. The Club are fund-raising and will be holding a Quiz Night on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011, which will include supper. A request to install a new bench in memory of the late Ron Dobbie has been approved by the Parish Council but they would prefer it to be sited close to the Black Boys Public House, although the Club would prefer to site it opposite John Brown’s House, where the roller used to be stored. The Meeting by a large majority supported the Club’s preferred site and these views will be taken into account by the Parish Council. Finally, a request was made to the Football Club to cease using lime for their pitch markings as it destroys the grass.</p> <p><b>Robin Gilkes – Community Bus</b> – Had a very successful year and Norfolk County Council have promised the same funding for this year. New drivers have been recruited and trained and the services are well used. Thanks were expressed to the drivers and the Villagers for their support.</p> <p><b>Thomas Brown – Football Club</b> – The Club had decided to attend this year and present a report. The First Team are mid-table and the Reserve Team are challenging for promotion to Division 2. The Villagers were thanked for their support over the last year.</p> <p><b>Ruth Bayes – Keeping In Touch</b> – 785 copies are circulated each month as well as a large e-mail circulation. Thanks were expressed to Bob Guest for his work in attracting the advertisers and to the volunteers who helped with distribution.</p> <p><b>Ruth Bayes for the Reverend Brian Faulkner</b> indicated that Church-going was better than the statistics would suggest. She pointed out that Aldborough Church is the only one in the Scarrowbeck Group to hold a Service at some time every Sunday.</p> <p><b>ME – Prince Andrew’s Chapel</b> – The Sunday morning attendance of between 20 and 30 is still being maintained. The Buzz Club has attendances of between 12 and 15 each week. After the success of last year’s “It’s a Knockout” on The Green, the event is to be repeated this year on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011 with a free barbecue afterwards.</p> <p><b>The Chairman</b> pointed out that Mr Nick Geere had made a barbecue, which was stored at John Brown’s House. It is available for use by the community.</p> <p><b>TB – John Bacon Charity</b> – There has been no meeting of the Trustees this year and</p>	Parish Council

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	<p>no distribution has been made. The Reverend Brian Faulkner has suggested that the Trust might be wound up and its capital transferred to another Charity. The Clerk is looking at this suggestion. Ruth Bayes made a strong plea for the Trust to be continued because there was little work involved in its administration and because of its long-standing historical connections with the Thurgarton part of the Parish.</p> <p><b>BM for Sue Metcalf – Allotments Society</b> – At the Annual General Meeting all the Officers had been re-elected en bloc. All the plots (some of which are sub-divided) are currently let. The Society has faced a substantial increase in their insurance premium this year and are struggling to find cheaper alternatives. The Society will be hosting the next Meeting of the County Association shortly.</p> <p><b>Dee Jupp – Village Care</b> – The Lunch Club attracts about 50/60 persons each time, in spite of the meal costs being increased after the Norfolk County Council subsidy was withdrawn. The volunteer drivers continue to provide a good service in aiding attendances at The Surgery and other places. Requests for this service average between 10 and 12 each month. A cheque for £3,000.00 (being the late Dora Leonard's legacy of £1,000.00 and a donation of £2,000.00) has been given to the Parish Council as a contribution towards the costs of the revamped play area. The Annual General Meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011.</p> <p><b>Dr Philip Wood – The Surgery</b> – Dr Fleming joined the Practice in February last year and a teaching medical school for 10/12 students will commence in October 2011. Work on the extension is proceeding well. He described the current funding arrangements under which the Primary Care Trust contributes up to three fifths of the Practice costs and thanked the Villagers for their generous donations. An Open Day is to be held on a date to be announced. A Patient Participation Group will be established and the Practice is seeking potential members.</p> <p><b>Christine Carlson– Garden Club</b> now has over 50 members. The Open Gardens Day on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010 raised £1,000.00 for the Air Ambulance and £500.00 was donated to the Church Room for new curtaining.</p> <p><b>Ruth Bayes – Church Room</b> – The Church Room is well used. Thanks were expressed to the Garden Club for the gift of the new curtains.</p> <p><b>BM - Countrysiders</b> – The numbers attending have reduced to only 1 per meeting so the meetings may well be moved to Aylsham. He commended all parents to encourage their children's attendance.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p><b>Jane Maguire</b> thanked all the Parish Councillors, who are not standing for re-election, for their service to the village</p> <p><b>Ruth Bayes</b> referred to the missing pieces of glass in the telephone box on The Green. The Chairman indicated that these had already been reported to British Telecom by the Clerk. Mention was made that the handset is also damaged.</p> <p><b>Tim Knight</b> informed a questioner that the bench from outside The Red Lion Public House had been removed for renovation and should be replaced shortly.</p> <p><b>Karl Edgington</b> drew attention to the appalling condition of the road surface in Tinkers Close, which results in flooding. The Chairman indicated that the Parish Council would take up the matter with Victory Housing Trust, who are responsible for this unadopted road.</p>	Parish Council
10.	The Meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.	