

ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE Monday, 19th April 2010 at 7.30 pm

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
	Present: Martin Elliott (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the Chair, Parish Councillors Tony Baillie, John Hammond, Brian Metcalf, John Padgham, Heather Tamplin and Sue Peters, County Councillor Diana Clarke, District Councillor Peter Willcox, Steve Barnes, Val Barnes, Ruth Bayes, Christine Carlson, Ruth Elliott, James Freeman, Patricia Freeman, Frances Gilkes, Robin Gilkes, Keith Good, Elaine Hayton, Jane Maguire, Sue Metcalf, Emily West and Glynn West.	
	In attendance: The Clerk.	
1.	Apologies: The Reverend Brian Faulkner, Tim Knight, Glenys Padgham and Police Community Support Officer Nathan Jonas.	
2.	<u>Report from Aldborough County Primary School</u> 4 pupils, accompanied by their Head Teacher, Tina Casburn, presented their impressions about the building works currently being undertaken at the School and the changing effects and situations facing them as they occupy temporary classrooms. Attired in hard hats and luminous jackets, they also referred to the more frequent journeys to and from the Community Centre for activities that cannot take place at the School during the building works. Their presentation was greeted with spontaneous acclamation. Mrs Casburn responded to the greeting on behalf of the pupils and mentioned the benefits that have arisen from the use of the Community Centre and the opportunities provided for a greater community involvement in the School's activities. She also described the results of the recent OFSTED inspection. Before the pupils left the Meeting, they were acclaimed again by the Meeting for their excellent presentation.	
3.	<u>Minutes of Meeting of 20th April 2009</u> After some typographical errors were corrected, the Minutes (copies having been available on the Village website and circulated at the Meeting) were confirmed and signed as a true record.	
4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had dealt with the matters recorded in the Minutes for action by them. Enquiries of Paston College about the Village website maintenance had been unsuccessful but a local volunteer has now been found to keep the website up to date. The suggestion of signs to mark the boundaries of Thurgarton had been considered but the Parish Council had decided not to take the suggestion further. Jane Maguire – Twinning – Although the link remains dormant, there have been visits to Aldborough from residents of Villiers St Denis. The link could be revived if a volunteer organiser could be identified. She has spoken to Mrs Casburn about a possible involvement of the School.	
5.	<u>Chairman of the Parish Council's Report</u> The Parish Council has met every month since the last Parish Meeting and the Meetings have been well attended by the Parish Councillors. He invited questions from the Meeting about the Parish Council's activities but none were forthcoming.	
6.	<u>Name of Parish</u> The Chairman indicated that since the Parishes of Aldborough and Thurgarton were merged many years previously the merged Parish has been known formally as Aldborough Parish even though it has been known informally as Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish. He sought views about a formal change of name. A suggestion that the name might be "Aldborough with Thurgarton" was rejected by the Meeting.	

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	After some discussion, there was overwhelming support for the Parish Council to pursue a change of name to "Aldborough and Thurgarton".	Parish Council
7.	<p><u>Suggestions for Parish Projects</u> The Chairman reported that the Parish Council were aware of numerous grant funding opportunities and were seeking suggestions for possible projects for additional facilities for the Village. There was some slight interest in the provision of a tennis court.</p>	Parish Council
8.	<p><u>Reports on Parish Councillors' Areas of Responsibility</u> HT – Recycling Banks – They continue to be well used but materials, especially bottles, should not be left by the Banks but put inside. The Banks generated an income of over £750 last year. JP – Community Bus – 2311 passengers were carried in the last year on what is now the only Community Bus in Norfolk. Income received included £437 from paying passengers and about £4500 from Norfolk County Council for concessionary fares. New drivers have been appointed but further volunteers are always welcome. SP – Play Areas – An application for funds from Norfolk Playbuilder 2 to replace the existing Play Area was formulated by her and HT with valuable assistance from Dee Jupp and Dorothy Wedge of Village Care and Lara Williamson from the Holt Area Partnership. The outcome of the application will be made known on 21st April 2010 but there have been positive indications that the application is likely to be successful. However, the amount potentially available will need to be topped up with further grants for which applications will now be made. TB – Community Centre – Considerable planning has been required to accommodate the use by the School. The upstairs storage areas have been refurbished and contractors are being sought for the installation of disabled toilet facilities. The Annual General Meeting is on 19th May 2010. BM – Planning – Only 13 Planning Applications have been referred to the Parish Council for consideration in the last year. 3 of these were withdrawn, 7 have been approved and decisions are awaited on the remaining 3. With regard to the Local Development Framework, North Norfolk District Council have now referred the Site Specific Proposals (which include two adjacent sites in Aldborough) and the proposed Policy for the Re-use of Rural Buildings as Dwellings to an Independent Inspector for Public Examination, probably later this year. JH –Footpaths – They are at their best now and in fairly good order. They are well used.</p>	SP, HT
9.	<p><u>Reports by County and District Councillors</u> PW gave his opinion on the experimental workings of merging the District Council's Area Planning Committees, which are due for review this month. He also reported on the provision of the Temporary Gypsies and Travellers Sites at Cromer and Fakenham, which had been funded by Government at a cost of almost £80,000 per pitch. He referred to the recent planning decisions on superstores in Sheringham, both of which he had opposed. He also outlined some key dates in the timetable for the General Election on 6th May 2010. DC made reference to the County Council's campaign for better broadband access, the problems of pot-holes, a new 5 miles circular walk in the Aldborough area and her pride in the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection of the School. She agreed to ask the Highways Department to look at the deteriorating condition of Harmers Lane.</p>	DC
10.	<p><u>Reports from other organisations</u> In the absence of PCSO Nathan Jonas, PC Garry Medler presented his report. There were 8 Crimes reported in the Parish, which is the same as the previous year. However, the numbers of calls to the Police have decreased from 48 to 8 in that year. He made reference to an incident at the Annual Fair in 2009 and hoped that there would be no recurrence this year. He will be passing through the Village at about 2.00 pm on Friday, 7th May 2010 in the final stages of a sponsored cycle ride from Niddar in Germany. He indicated that former PCSO Simon Berrisford, who had serviced the</p>	

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	<p>Village, was now a Police Constable in Taverham and doing very well.</p> <p>Jane Maguire – Aldborough Players – Last year’s Summer production of “Arsenic and Old Lace” was very successful, as was their 17th Pantomime “The Mummy”. This year’s Summer production will be a comedy “Outside Edge”, which will be presented on 11th and 12th June 2010. They now have a formal constitution and, as part of their evolving, not all members are able to participate in each production.</p> <p>Keith Good – History Society – Work on the History of Houses and their Occupants in the Village has continued, and he thanked all of the occupants involved for their co-operation in allowing members of the Society to look through their homes. Membership of the Society is free and Graham Simmons will be speaking to them about “Village Life in Past Centuries” on 21st May 2010.</p> <p>The Clerk for Tim Knight – Cricket Club – Had a very successful season last year, when both Teams were promoted, the First Team now being members of the Norfolk Alliance Cricket League. However, the down side is that the First Team will now have to play their League Cricket at Holt because the changing, etc., facilities do not meet the League’s requirements. They hope to start a Youth Team for 14-18 year olds and will continue the Kwik Kicket and coaching sessions on The Green. The Meeting congratulated the Club on their promotion and discussed two possible options for the provision of facilities, both of which are unacceptable to the League. The Meeting suggested that the Parish Council might write to support the retention of First Team League Cricket on The Green.</p> <p>Football Club – in the absence of any representative, there was no report.</p> <p>Ruth Bayes – In Touch – 785 copies are now circulated as well as a large e-mail circulation. The advertising income is better than ever. The Meeting thanked Ruth for her continuing editorial work.</p> <p>Ruth Bayes for the Reverend Brian Faulkner indicated that average attendances were a little lower, but the Annual Parish Share of funds given to the Diocese was still £10,000. She thanked the Parish Council for their grant towards the Churchyard maintenance, which had been used to purchase machinery. The condition of the Church Room is good, although a major expense will be the replacement of the floor.</p> <p>ME – Prince Andrew’s Chapel – The Sunday morning attendance of between 20 and 30 has been maintained. The monthly Buzz Club for 5-11 year olds has attendances of between 10 and 15, and an increased frequency is being considered. The monthly Lunch Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>TB – John Bacon Charity – He has been appointed as a Trustee by the Parish Council. The balance in the Charity’s Bank Account is £60.47, so the Trustees will be able to make some gifts this year.</p> <p>Christine Carlson– Garden Club – Annual subscriptions are £8 and they have 40 to 45 at each meeting. The Open Gardens Day will be 13th June 2010 and the Flower Show will be on 17th July 2010.</p> <p>Sue Metcalf – Allotment Society – At the Annual General Meeting David Haynes was re-elected as Chairman. 15 plots are currently let, and there is 1 vacant, which could be divided. The Society will be participating in the Open Gardens Day and hosting a national society event in June of this year.</p> <p>ME – Christian Fellowship – Continue to meet monthly at the Chapel in the Winter and the Church Room in the Summer.</p>	Parish Council
11.	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Sue Metcalf pointed out the poor decorative state of the doors on the block of garages in Margaret Lilley Way. The Parish Council were asked to request Victory Housing Trust to undertake re-painting.</p> <p>Dennis Bacon was commended for the “Slow Down in our Village” notices that he had erected but a request was made that they should not be attached to trees or hedges.</p> <p>Glyn West drew attention to dog walkers not picking up their dog’s faeces and felt that the Parish Councillors should set an example.</p>	Parish Council Parish Council

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12.	The Meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.	