

# Minutes of the Alby with Thwaite Parish Council Meeting held on July 15th 2015

## **Present:**

Councillor Steven Wade - Chairman  
Councillor Lesley Hennessy  
Councillor John Mims  
Councillor James Buchan  
Councillor Stephen Jordon  
Councillor Barry Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Will Cutts

Mrs Sheila Vince - Clerk

## **Visitors**

County Councillor John Timewell  
Nine members of the public

### **1. To accept apologies for absence**

Apology received from District Councillor Norman Smith

### **Report from County Councillor John Timewell**

County Councillor John Timewell spoke on how Government cuts to funding means that savings of £160 million need to be made.

The Northern Distributer Route was granted planning permission by the Planning Inspectorate on 2/6/15.

Members of the public may submit any objects during the following six weeks.

Incinerator Project, negotiations are being made for Norfolk's excess waste to be processed in Suffolk until 2020.

### **2. To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **3. To record any declarations of interest from members in any items to be discussed**

None.

### **4. To discuss any matters arising**

Planning application PF/14/ 1688 conversion of agricultural barns to 7 residential dwellings at Thwaite Hill Farm, Thwaite Road, Aldborough, NR11 7NU has been permitted with conditions.

Planning application PF/15/0367 erection of a detached garaged at Ivy Cottages, Gunton Park, Hanworth, supported by Alby with Thwaite Parish Council.  
Pending decision by NNDC.

## **5. To adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation**

Planning reference PF/12/0767 Thwaite Common, Erpingham

Members of the public spoke about their concerns regarding the 'alleged on site construction alterations to the approved planning application'.

These concerns have been reported to the planning enforcement department at NNDC with Deb Struthers who will be doing a site visit.

Planning enforcement ref no ENQ/15/0121.

Action - clerk to contact planning enforcement again in reference to the urgency of the parishioners request for a site visit.

Members of the public spoke about their concerns about the planning application PF/15/0849 conversion and extension of former reading room at Alby Church to a wedding venue.

The applicant was also present at the meeting and answered questions from both the members of the public and Councillors.

## **6.To discuss planning application PF/15/0775 Erection of double garage with storeroom, Woodstock Barn, Middle Hill, Alby, Norwich, NR11 7P**

It was agreed to support this application.

## **7. To discuss planning applications PF/15/0849 conversion and extension former reading room to wedding venue and LA/15/0913 Internal and external alterations and extension to reading room to facilitate the conversion to wedding venue at The Old Rectory, Church Road, Alby, NR11 7HF.**

It was agreed to object to both of the planning applications.

## **8. To discuss the Thwaite Common bridge project.**

Two quotes have been received for the work. It was agreed to contact The Thwaite Common Committee through Norman Smith to authorise the work through the vendor with the lower quote on the agreement that the Parish Council and the Thwaite Common Committee pay 50 % each.

It was also agreed that the work should not commence before the verges and ditch have been cut and cleared by the highways department.

Action- Clerk to contact Norman Smith. Clerk to follow up on Highways reference no 514033 for the verges and ditch to be cleared.

## **9. To discuss the Alby with Thwaite Parish website.**

It was agreed on the format for the home page and Cllr Barry Fitzpatrick and Clerk Sheila Vince will have future training on editing the site when required.

A link will be provided on the website to the new Parish Council email address which will be [albythwaitepc@gmail.com](mailto:albythwaitepc@gmail.com)

## **10. To discuss the list Parish Assets.**

Cllr Mims has drawn up a list of assets to be added to the Parish Council website and the list will also be passed to the District Council for registration.

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**11. To receive the financial officer's report**

Last financial statement 20/0515 total in accounts £2646.50

Payments out

Cheque no 100277 Broker Network Insurance £278.95

Cheque no 100278 Norfolk Parishes Training Program, Word Press training course £40.00

Total in accounts £2327.55

2014-15 audit sent to external auditors awaiting its completion and return.

11a.To discuss the clerks salary.

It was voted to increase the clerks by £1 an hour commencing 18/7/15.

**12. Correspondence.**

Clerks and councils direct magazine.

**13.To discuss any other business**

Date for pond clearance work on Thwaite Common.

Reed and Weed pond clearance date to be arranged in mid September.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Date and time of next meeting 21st October 2015.

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