**ALBY WITH THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 June 2019 at 7.30 pm**

**at Alby Horse Shoes Inn, Cromer Road, Erpingham, NR11 7QE**

**Present:** Chairman Barry Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chairman Will Cutts,

Councillors Stephen Jordan, Clare McNamara, Angus McKenzie

Guest: John Toye – District Councillor for Erpingham Ward

Clerk Rosalyn Dawson

Members of the public were in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence**: Sheila Goodley
2. **Parishioners Questions:** None
3. **Declaration(s) of interest:** None
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 19 March 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.**
5. **Matters arising**:

 Further to Item 7 of the minutes of 19 March installing a Sam2 System to alleviate speeding in the Parish was raised. A misunderstanding existed as to whether this System could be installed without a mandatory speed limit in place. John Toye said he knew of a Parish where the System had been installed and said he would make enquiries.

 Councillor Clare McNamara highlighted an issue which exacerbated the danger of speeding at Town Green and Middle Hill. Rainwater settles on the highway, the drainage is inadequate, causing flooding. The clerk will pursue this with Highways.

**6.** **Introduction and Report by John Toye:**

John Toye outlined details of his Member development training. He advised that he held a Surgery at Aldborough Farmers Market on the first Sunday of every month and local people were welcomed to discuss issues occurring in their locality. An appointment can be booked by contacting linda.mcelligotte@north- norfolk.gov.uk or by telephone on 01263 516242.

 Also reported a current controversial matter of second homes in the District. He advised that Council Tax bills on second homes have increased to 100% if empty for three months and thereafter increased to 150%.

**7. Clerk’s Finance Report:**

The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts at 26 June 2019, in the format of a spreadsheet. This is shown as **Addendum 1** on the Parish Website.

 Community Account Balance b/fwd. 1st April **£3,728.50**

Income for period 1st April to 26 June 2019 £1,500.00)

Payments for period 1 April to 26 June 2019 (£214.94)

**Community Account** **balance c/fwd.** **£5,013.56)**

Premium Account balance b/fwd £ 252.91

Added interest 0.13

**Premium Account balance c/fwd. £ 253.04**

Community Action Suffolk (Parish Project). It was agreed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting that Councillors would give clearance for the Clerk and Chairman to find alternative insurance due to the current high premiums. The Clerk reported that an alternative insurance company has been found and their premiums were significantly less, to the sum of £140 per annum. This news was unanimously welcomed.

The Clerk’s salary of £558.75 for the 1st quarter was approved and a cheque raised. Payment of £77.26 (reimbursement for stationery) was approved and a cheque raised.

A cheque was raised to Community Action Suffolk (CAS) (Parish Project) for payment of the annual Parish Council Insurance.

Notes

The Clerk advised that a cheque to Alby Parochial Church Council has been presented and debited.

The quotation for computer equipment has been presented to Softcraft at an overall cost of £960.00 with 3 exclusions.

It was agreed at our Annual PC meeting that Angus Mackenzie would do a check of balances at each quarterly meeting.

**8. Thwaite Common Grazing Plan:**

 Councillor Will Cutts reported that the latest proposal for grazing on the Common had been refused by Natural England without giving a reason. John Toye offered to pursue this matter on behalf of the Parish Council and it is hoped that further clarification will be available at the next meeting of the TCAC.

**9. Highway matters**

It was agreed to erect fluorescent reflectors on site where the gullies are along the Common. Will Cutts volunteered to undertake the project and asked if the Parish Council would cover any costs incurred. This was agreed.

**10. Co-option of Councillor:**

The Chairman reported that no ‘expression of interest’ had been received and the Parish Council will continue to advertise the vacancy.

**11. Date of next meeting to be arranged.**

**12. Public Participation:**

A parishioner asked if some of the Clerk’s workload

**13. Close of Meeting was 10.30 pm**