

**ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE**  
**COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006 AT 7-30 p.m**

| Item |  | <b><u>Action</u></b> |
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|      | Present- Ms.J.Maguire, Mr.T.Baillie, Miss.H. Birch<br>Mr.R.King,Mr.M.Elliott,Mr.B.Metcalf,Cllr.P.Willcox the Clerk and twenty six members of the public. The Chair gave a welcome to Mrs. Tina Casburn and Cllr. P.Willcox, and also to Mr.T.Baillie on his return after illness.  |                      |
| 1    | <b><u>Apologies</u></b> -Father B.Faulkner,Cllr. P.Moore and Miss.H.Tamplin  |                      |
| 2    | Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2005 were read out by the Clerk. Page 462 centenary of Aldborough school is 2007 not 2006. Signed as a true record. Proposed by Mr T.Baillie and seconded by Mr. B.Metcalf.   | JM                   |
| 3    | <b><u>Matters arising</u></b> - the Chair indicated that some matters arising would be covered in her report. There were no further matters from councillors or the public.  | JM                   |
| 4.   | <p><b><u>Chairman's report.</u></b></p> <p>The Chair reported another successful year with several new initiatives and successes and wished to thank all Councillors and the clerk for their support. Council was well supported by District Councillor Peter Willcox. There is a good spread of age and experience, the work load being shared with different areas of responsibility. An open approach was adopted at the meetings and the public were encouraged to attend and contribute. Minutes were posted in the Aldborough Post Office, on the Aldborough web site and summarised in the North Norfolk News and In Touch.</p> <p>Chair announced that the Clerk had tendered his resignation and the post was currently being advertised locally.</p> <p>With so many successes it seemed right to start with the only negative one and that is the condition of the green. There have been several calls and meetings with Highways and further work is to be undertaken by Highways in Spring/early Summer in front of the Red Lion and along the road near the Spa. The Parish Council have put out tenders for work in further areas including Chapman's Row, the Church Room road and matting outside the Church Room. To date we have had two refusals and await replies from two more contractors.</p> <p>Parking on and around the green remains a problem. The Community Centre have always been happy to offer the use of their car park and suggestions were made about publicising this with the Ramblers Association guide book and on our website.</p> <p>There were many positive things over the last year and they are as follows-</p> <p><b><u>Village Appraisal.</u></b></p> <p>This is a major undertaking and Mr.K.Good and his committee should be thanked for their continuing efforts. We have received a grant from Defra and the Rural Community Council to cover the cost of analysing the results and producing a 'Village Plan'. The Parish Council will host a presentation evening for the launch , hopefully in late Autumn.The results to date have been useful.</p> <p><b><u>Children's Playground.</u></b></p> | Clerk                |

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|   | <p>Thanks to Catherine Wedge-Clarke and her committee for producing a questionnaire on improvements to the above. These are being collected and funding investigated.</p> <p><b><u>Village Sign.</u></b><br/>The Parish Council have decided that this is to be renovated by David Carter, the grandson of the maker. Thanks to Doctor C.Skipper for his offer to help finance this project.</p> <p><b><u>Footpath to school</u></b><br/>A great success which assists the ‘walk to school scheme. The final part of this project should be completed in 2007.</p> <p><b><u>Football.</u></b><br/>The Clerk read out a report from the Secretary Mr.Adam Brown. The club has been very successful in it’s first year and has proved extremely popular with parishioners. The club have the support of the Parish Council and the Council, Aldborough Lions and Aldborough Cricket Club will continue to meet and discuss the best ways to utilise the green for the benefit of all.</p> <p><b><u>National Blood Service.</u></b><br/>The service was withdrawn and then re-instated following public reaction and a very successful session was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March when they returned. Many thanks to Tracy Wright for her efforts.</p> <p><b><u>Village Correspondent</u></b><br/>Thanks to Rochelle Mortimer-Massingham for taking on this task. Please send any reports or items you may think could be of interest to Rochelle.</p> <p><b><u>Fete and Picnic</u></b><br/>Thank you to the committee for another enjoyable event in 2005. It has proved very popular and hopefully will be held again in 2007.<br/>Other regular events and activities included the Annual Funfair, Fruit and Vegetable Show, another successful pantomime with four performances and the Christmas tree with its lights carol singing and of course Father Christmas. Many thanks to all involved.</p> <p><b><u>Twinning.</u></b><br/>This has been suspended but there are some hopeful signs that contacts are to be renewed. Outstanding funds have been transferred to the Parish Council to be used in maintaining the wine press. The Aldborough Lions hope to organise a visit for a football match and Mrs. Tina Casburn said that the school would support any initiative and hoped the the head of the school in Villiers would visit Aldborough this year.<br/>For the future we wish The Aldborough Cricket Club good luck fore the coming season. The funfair will be here from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> June There will be a clean up around the green on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, please come along and help at 9-30am, and the Parish Council A.G.M. is on the 15<sup>th</sup> May.<br/>2007 will be an election year. There has been no election in the village for ten years and Jane Maguire is the only serving councillor who has been voted in. We encourage parishioners to attend meetings, speak to councillors about the job and come forward with ideas.</p> |  |
| 5 | <p><b><u>Other reports.</u></b><br/><b>Planning</b> – Mr.B.Metcalf- External refurbishment of The Chestnuts has been carried out, and the new property to replace the one</p>  |  |

damaged by fire at Orchard End has been completed. Two new properties on Chapel Lane are nearing completion, extension work at the DeGrandis has been carried out and two extensions at Thwaite Hill Cottages have been approved.

**Safety-** Mr.R.King-an extra goal and nets have been provided on the green.

**Footpaths** – Mr.M.Elliott-improvements have been approved by Highways to the top end of Malthouse Lane on the Weavers Way. The Council wish to thank local landowners for the many permissive paths in the area.

**Prince Andrew’s Chapel.-** Mr.M.Elliott reported that the Chapel celebrated 25 years in the ‘new’ Chapel in September. The Luncheon Club is still hosted by the Chapel on the third Tuesday of each month. The ‘Kids Club’ week in the summer holidays attracted over 30 children and will be repeated in the first week of August 2006. Church and Chapel continue to work together, an example being the Crib Festival at Christmas, and a number of joint events are planned in 2006.

**Church.** – Mrs. R.Bayes said that the church was still open during daylight hours and asked all to be vigilante and report anything unusual. There had been events for all including the aforementioned Crib Festival, service on the green and a Trafalgar remembrance service. Family services were centred on Aldborough and initial results indicated that 97% of people returning appraisal forms read ‘In Touch’ .

The Chair thanked Mrs.Bayes for all her work in producing ‘In Touch’ and also to Yvonne at ‘The Black Boys’ for undertaking the printing.

**John Bacon Trust.** – Mrs.Ann Bettany reported that the Trustees held their annual meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2006. The Trust were able to give six gifts at Christmas 2005 to people within the old parish of Thurgarton. The balance in the account at Barclays Bank on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 was £14.09

**Community Bus.** –Mr.J.Padgham-still successful and providing services to surrounding villages, Norwich and Wroxham. It is believed to be the last community bus in Norfolk, the rest having gone over to ‘dial a ride’.The bus is available for social hire. New drivers have come forward as a result of the appraisal- if you are interested please contact any driver or the secretary Mrs.Nita Good.

**Community Centre.-** Mr.T.Baillie- the centre is a very valuable and useful asset to the village used daily for a wide range of activities. Building regs. for the alterations have been approved and the A.G.M. will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Community Centre.

**Cricket Club.-**Mr.C.Lewis –the club is going from strength to strength. Thanks to sponsors Knights Sporting Auctions, The Old Red Lion and Fast Fencing for their support. Two teams in the leagues and playing all over Norfolk. The mid week sides will be playing as before and Mr.Dave Robinson is in charge of Kwik Cricket during the summer holidays.

The cricket club were delighted that the football team had been formed and were to be congratulated on their performance in their first season. There had been no major problems with the green and the weather has been ideal for pitch preparation after the football ended. Discussions and suggestions are still being considered for

changing facilities. The Chair thanked the cricket club for their co-operation with the footballers. There will be a footballers versus cricketers event on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

**Over 60's Club** – Mrs.C.Harmer reported that the club had had two outings in 2005. In July the club enjoyed a trip on the Broads in perfect weather, followed by tea at Bacton and in September had an afternoon outing to Taverham Garden Centre.

A visit to the Christmas Show at the Cromer Pier Pavilion in January 2006 instead of a Christmas lunch proved very popular.

The club would like more members-please contact Mrs.Harmer or any member if you are interested.

**Womens Institute.** – Mrs. Christine Carlson reported that although membership was small the Institute still had many interesting talks and outings and would love to welcome new members.

**Garden Club.** Mr.D.Waine- The Club meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Church Room with talks and garden visits arranged during the year. New members always welcome and a bargain at £5 per year!

**History Society.** – Mr.B.Metcalf-there was now about £800 in the kitty and there will be a talk on local history in the Church Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> May followed by the society's AGM.

**School** – Mr.R.Hembling, School Governor read out his report. Several changes had occurred over the year, and with the arrival of the new Head, Mrs.Casburn and a strong teaching and admin. team the school was well set for the future. A copy of Mr. Hembling's report is attached.

**Surgery** – Dr.Phillip Wood reported that the surgery was very busy with a list of some 2600 patients registered. The surgery had been chosen as one of the first to have the new national computer system installed and after some teething troubles this was now working well.

**Village Care.** Mr. P.Wedge thanked the Parish Council for there donation in 2005. The financial base was strong and Dora Leonard's legacy was still available to be of use in upgrading the play area. The lunch club produced some 1500 meals during the last year and helped many people with transport to and from the surgery and hospitals. Village Care has been nominated for a Queens Award. The A.G.M. will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May in the Church Room.

**Allotment Association-** are having their AGM this evening. All plots are taken and a water supply and standpipe have at last been connected by Anglia Water.

**Aldbrough Players-** there will be a script for 2007. David Attew is the producer and anyone interested in joining the group can speak to any player.

**Village Appraisal** –Mrs Ruth Bayes reported that 77% of forms issued had been returned. Data input had been completed and analysis was under way. Some interesting facts had already become apparent. 45% of participants were not living in the village when the last appraisal took place in 1992.

83% said they used the bottle bank and 43% used the paper bank.

**Finance-** the clerk reported that finances were in a healthy state. An unaudited bank reconciliation as at 31/03 2006 shows a balance of £4818.80. Accounts for 2004/2005 have been passed by the Audit Commission. Parish Council had voted to increase the precept with effect from 1/04/2006 to £2200. There were some potential one off

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|   | <p>expenses in 2006/2007 such as Village Sign refurbishment and repairs around the green.</p> <p>Cheques presented- NCAPTC subs   £113.06<br/> NPTC training   £20.00</p>  |                           |
| 6 | <p><b>District Councillors report.</b></p> <p>The NNDC transfer of housing stock had been completed. Of the total of 36.6 million half went back to central government. 18 million left to settle costs and loans and 1 million has been ring fenced for affordable housing. Cllr. Peter Willcox paid tribute to the work of John Sweeny, who passed away last year.</p> <p>There were several changes being implemented at NNDC to save costs.</p>  |                           |
| 7 | <p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p><b>Village website-</b> good to see this being updated on a regular basis thanks to Martin Elliott, Claire Knight and Dave Robinson.</p> <p>Mr.D.Waine suggested that there should be a sign to indicate when you were entering the village of Thurgarton. This would come under Highways, clerk to contact them</p> <p>Mr.Steve Barnes expressed concern over the number and speed of heavy lorries coming through the village and this was endorsed by several parishioners. Clerk to write letters expressing concern to Aldborough Farms and Alby Farms</p> <p>Discussions for a 20mph speed limit had been held with Highways on previous occasions but have not been progressed.</p> <p>There being no other business the Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9-27 p.m.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

## **ALDBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT 2005/06**

As many of you will be aware Mr Scargill retired at the end of the Summer Term there was a full house for his leaving assembly, and the children and staff provided a fitting farewell incorporating humour and emotion. After 19 years of leadership and challenging young pupils he has moved into hopefully a long and happy semi-retirement, doing things as they take his fancy, most of you will have read about his grape picking experiences. He left the school with a strong legacy and during the Summer holidays his parting improvements were completed with the new outside area directly accessible from Class one, and refurbished toilets in both areas.

The Governors faced the challenge of finding a suitable replacement Head to bring some fresh approaches whilst maintaining the ethos of the school, we found this in Mrs Casburn who has taken up the reigns and reviewed how the school worked before addressing any areas that can be improved in a sensitive manner. The last two years has seen a lot of change at Aldborough but the broad base of the staff now employed should provide a wide diversity of skills for the pupils to draw from. The appointment of Mathew Knight to replace Mrs Lawson provides a Science graduate to further enhance the curriculum.

Last years year six pupils achieved good results in their key stage 2 results and leave the school well prepared for further education.

The school and governors would like to thank thank Sue Mumford for her sterling work over the years as both Chair and Vice Chair her efforts and knowledge will be missed, thanks are also due to Lesley Wilcocks for help at the school as a governor and helper especially for her hand bell ringing. We also welcome our new Governors John Thornberry and Dr Pierre Butikofer and feel sure they can bring new experience to the school.

The school has been working with the UFA/Brain based learning system and Tackle learning was used as a way to reach through to unlock potential in pupils. The investors in people status has been retained following an assessment.

Challenges continue to face the school not least a forth coming Ofsted, but with the Head, Staff and Governors working together alongside the pupils and community the school will continue to provide an excellent start for the young of the Parishes.

Richard Hembling  
23/04/06