

Alburgh Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Thursday, 15th May 2025 at 7.30pm in Alburgh village hall

1. Welcome

The Chairman of Alburgh Parish Council, Mr. Thompson was present and therefore presided. He welcomed 4 parish councillors, Dave Richardson (Clerk) and 21 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Hall

2. Talk

Ruth Walton gave an interesting and informative talk about the history of Parish Meetings and details of the Alburgh Parish Council and its history.

She then went on to give the history of the war memorial in the churchyard. Ruth gave really in-depth information about the people from the village who served in the war, where they lived, where they served and what their occupations were. Mark Thompson thanked Ruth for the excellent and well received talk. The booklet on the war memorial will be scanned so we have a copy.

3. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

16 attendees agreed the minutes with no one against. The minutes were confirmed and signed as a true copy by the chairman, Mr. Thompson.

4. Chairman's report and Financial report

Mr. Thompson gave his report. Jackie Ellis resigned as the Clerk earlier in the year. She has been the Clerk for a number of years. He passed on his grateful thanks for the work that Jackie Ellis has done as the Parish Clerk over the past years.

He then went through the recent activities of the Parish Council including the litter pick, the speed reduction actions, the millennium gardens, the proposed Pétanque court and many other events.

Looking ahead they are largely focusing on trying to improve the speeding situation and other fundraising activities.

Thanks was given to all Councillors and all others who help and support the village. The full report and accounts are available on the website.

5. District and County Councillor reports

Barry Stone, County Councillor emailed his annual report

Chris Brown, District Councillor – No report given

6. Reports from Community Organisations/Groups. All reports submitted have been uploaded to the village website so they are accessible for details.

Pagan Gift Accounts - Accounts presented

Alburgh Parish Lands – Accounts presented.

Churchyard Accounts – Accounts presented.

Parochial Church Council – Report was given.

Alburgh Town Lands Estate – Report and Accounts presented.

Alburgh Poor's Allotments – Accounts provided

Alburgh Village Hall – Report given by Gary Thompson and accounts presented.

Alburgh with Denton VC Primary School – No report

Alburgh pre-school Nursery – No report

Tuesday Group – Report was shared by Ruth Walton

Badminton Club – No report issued

Tennis Club – Report was shared by Deborah Stewart

Parish Magazine – Report and accounts presented by Daphne Gladden Fenn

Parent & Toddler Group – No report

Speedwatch – Report received

Alburgh Bell Ringers – Report received.

Millenium Garden Group – Report received.

7. Public Participation

- A vote of thanks was given to members of the Parish Council - both current members and those who had served in the past. A question was then asked about what proposals the Parish Council have for the future of the village in raising funds to move the village forward into the future. Maybe a group is needed to see what the whole community would like in the village in the future that could bring the whole community together.
- A query was raised over the Sam2 speed monitors. One is not working, and one is not in place.
- The A frame sign outside the village hall needs to be moved as it obscures the sightlines as you exit the hall.
- Merlton flute group are playing at the church in June. Flyers were circulated and attendance encouraged.

Mr. Thompson thanked everyone for coming and there being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30.

Copies of each report are available from the clerk on request.