

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5 March 2013 at 8pm in the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Peter Payne
John Walladge
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Derek Redhead – Borough Councillor
Angela Barnettson – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Invited to the Meeting: Andy Barnettson
Andrew Rabett

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8 JANUARY 2013**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **POLICE REPORT** – no report
5. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - no report
6. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Councillor Redhead reported that there will be no increase in the Borough Council's proportion of the Council Tax. Second homes will have to pay 90% of Council Tax and empty homes will pay 50% for the first year and 100% thereafter.
A dispute over ownership of a road verge has delayed the development of Kelly's Meadow. The proposed partnership of the Apex and the Theatre Royal has been abandoned. Leaflets concerning flooding and drainage are available.
7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**
Mrs Angela Barnettson said there was nothing to report for Depden but two thefts from outbuilding, two burglaries and an attempted van break-in have been reported in nearby villages.
8. **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**
The meeting was temporarily closed so that Andy Barnettson could report that a joint plan for Chedburgh and Depden will be discussed at a meeting on Thursday 8 March. Risks to Depden are considered to be low.
9. **SALC REPORT** – no report
10. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater reported that footpath 3 & 4 had not been marked across the field and there is an overhanging tree along footpath no. 11.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

11.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £245.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Cheques for the following were approved and signed

SALC Course	24.00
Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	171.73
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses)	6.25
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	42.93

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £8.45 will remain.

11.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – £245.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £3812.44.

12. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

There were two applications for the two vacancies, Mr Andy Barnetson and Mr Andrew Rabett. They were asked to leave the room with Mrs Angela Barnetson, so their applications could be discussed. It was agreed to invite Mr Barnetson and Mr Rabett to be become Parish Councillors, to which they agreed.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13.1 Extension to Engelberg, Ashfield Green, Wickhambrook - Granted

13.2 Outline planning application Pope's Farm Bungalow, Depden - Granted

14. LITTER PICK 23 MARCH 2013

The Clerk agreed to ask Mrs Maureen Carr what equipment was required. A poster to be placed on the Notice Board requesting volunteers.

15. SPEED LIMITS ON A143

An email had been received from Mr Tony Gearing requesting support for a reduction in the speed limit along the A143 at Stradishall to 40 mph and Wickham Street from 40mph to 30mph. The meeting agreed not to officially support this request but noted that individual Councillors could sign the on-line petition.

16. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Representatives from the Parochial Church Council and the Poor's Charity to be invited to the meeting to give a Report.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ** not circulated

Rural Services Network Digest x 6
Rural Services Network Bulletin x 2
St Edmundsbury B C S106 Monitoring **
Notts Sport Information x 2 **
Play & Leisure New Products **
SALC re Royal Garden Party **
Rural Services Network – Rural Funding
SALC re Honours System **
SALC Course – Document Management
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine
Clerks & Councils Direct Yearbook **
SALC re Greenest County Awards **

SALC re Use of Red Diesel
 Suffolk ACRE information **
 SALC re LAIS1347 Planning **
 SALC re Precepts
 Anglian Water – Have Your Say
 Glasdon Information **
 Suffolk Age UK Leaflet
 Healthwatch Suffolk Information
 Age UK Suffolk – Clothes Appeal
 SALC re LAIS1348 Planning
 Suffolk ACRE Cheaper Energy **
 St Edmundsbury B C Rural News
 SALC re Crematoria FOI **
 Rural Services Network – Fair funding MP’s demand
 Whitchildirect Ltd Information **
 ROSPA Annual Playground Inspections **
 Suffolk ACRE Lottery Funding **
 Norfolk & Suffolk Composting Seminar
 St Edmundsbury B C – Confirmation of Precept **
 SMP Playgrounds Information **
 Rural Services Network Campaign
 Suffolk ACRE Cheaper Energy – Notice Board
 SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby
 Suffolk C C Warm Homes Scheme – Notice Board
 SALC re Section 137
 SALC Leadership Course
 SPARSE – Call for Evidence **
 Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine
 Online Playgrounds Catalogue **
 Plantscape/Urbscape DVD **

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 18.1 The Clerk reminded the Meeting about the Rural South SNT Police Community Tasking Meeting on Tuesday 12 March 2013 which she is unable to attend. Mr Barnetson agreed to attend the meeting.
- 18.2 The meeting was again temporarily closed so Mrs Angela Barnetson could ask if the Parish Council had any objections to the Poor’s Charity producing a ‘Welcome Pack’ for Depden. The Council had no objection.

19. MEETING DATES FOR 2013

The Clerk stated she had booked the Erskine Centre for the Annual Meeting of Depden Parish Council for the first Tuesday in May in error. The Erskine Centre is not available for the second Tuesday and it was agreed to leave the meeting on 7 May 2013.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held Tuesday 7 May 2013.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman Date