

## DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater  
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold  
Dennis Bibby  
Peter Payne  
John Walladge  
Jane Midwood – County Councillor  
PCSO Wilson arrived 8.40  
Susan Boor (Clerk)  
Angela Barnetson – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Derek Redhead
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 NOVEMBER 2012**  
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**  
Jane Midwood stated the Police Tasking Meeting held at Stanton in December 2012, which she is chaired was poorly attended. There had been burglaries report locally. Councillor Midwood is a member of the Responsible Authority Group 'how safe is your community'. Flooding had taken place in Wickhambrook and West Suffolk Highways Dept is investigating the cause. The Locality Budget will be £12,000.00 per Councillor per year.
5. **BOROUGH CONCILLOR'S REPORT** - no report
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
Angela Barnetson reported that there had been several burglaries in the area.
7. **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN** Attachment 13/1  
The meeting was temporary closed so that Andy Barnetson, Angie Barnetson and Ian Leggett could report on the progress on the Community Resilience Plan. The meeting agreed that Depden would combine with Chedburgh to form an Emergency Plan. Andy and Angie Barnetson agreed to continue representing Depden and a letter would be sent to residents of Depden explaining the plan.  
  
Volunteers who clear snow, if listed, are covered by the Suffolk County Council Insurance. There is no list at present.  
  
There is to be a meeting 22 January 2013 at The Erskine Centre which Andy and Angie agreed to attend.
8. **POLICE REPORT** Attachment 13/2  
PCSO Wilson stated that there had been no crimes reported in Depden since the last Parish Council Meeting and that speeding in Depden had been placed on the priority list at the recent Police Tasking Meeting.

**9. SALC REPORT**

Council Bibby stated that there was nothing to report.

**10. FOOTPATH REPORT**

Councillor Leadbeater reported that a new footbridge had been built on the footpath to the A143 and that footpath 3 & 4 had not been marked across the field of rape. The Clerk agreed to speak to the landowner.

**11. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**11.1 Community Account.**

The Clerk stated £240.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

*Income:*

VAT Refund	39.60
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*Cheques for the following were approved and signed:*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	171.73
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	42.93
Chedburgh Parish Council for Newsletter	63.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £8.36 will remain.

**11.2 Business Day Saver Account** – when £240.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £4057.44.

**12. PRECEPT**

The meeting agreed not to change the Precept of £2745.00 as the clerk had been informed that this would only increase the Parish Rate of Council Tax Band D by 1p. This will be confirmed by St Edmundsbury B C and any difference to be notified to the Parish Council.

**13. LAY-BY RE-FURBISHMENT**

This has been completed.

**14. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

William Brennan and Maureen Carr have resigned from the Parish Council and a notice has been placed on the Notice Board requesting candidates. The Clerk to advertise the vacancies in the next Parish Newsletters stating a deadline of 21 February 2013 for applications. If no election has been requested, the Clerk to ask each candidate for a letter, stating why they wish to become a Parish Councillor. Each candidate to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

**15. PLANNING APPLICATION**

The minutes of the Planning Meeting held 11 December 2012 was taken as read and signed by the Chairman

SE/12/1171/HH – Thatches, The Green. This application has been granted.

**16. LITTER PICK**

Councillor Leadbeater agreed to arrange the annual litter pick for Saturday 23 March 2013 meeting at the Village Sign at 10 am. He also agreed to store the equipment previously held by Maureen Carr.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE** \* not circulated

Rural Services Network Digest x 8  
SMP Playground Information x 4 \*  
SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby  
Monsterplay Information \*  
Whitehilldirect Information \*  
Russell Play Information \*  
SALC Course Annual Meetings  
Suffolk ACRE Mapping \*  
Glasdon Information \*  
SALC Course re CILCA \*  
Rural Services Network re LEADER Programme \*  
West Suffolk Partnership  
SALC re LAIS1345 Precept  
SALC re LAIS1346 \*  
SALC Admin Employment Briefing  
Suffolk ACRE Activity Funding \*  
Sutcliffe Pay Information \*  
Police Tasking Meeting \*  
Rural Services Network Bulletin  
S G Baker – Sandbag Supplier \*  
East Anglian Air Ambulance Appeal \*  
Suffolk Sport re Village Hall Classes \*  
SALC Courses  
Red Cross Appeal \*  
Havebury News & Annual Report  
SALC re Sustainable Communities  
Police Tasking Meeting Minutes  
Rural Services Network Press Release  
SALC Admin re NALC Conference  
West Suffolk Partnership News  
Suffolk ACRE Funding \*  
Christmas Greetings from John Griffiths  
Christmas Greetings from Police Commissioner  
SALC re Local Council Tax Support  
SALC Courses  
The Local Councillor Magazine  
Letter concerning Precept to Mark Leadbeater  
Live Well Suffolk Poster – Notice Board

**17.1.** The Meeting agreed that the Clerk could attend a SALC workshop concerning calculation of Payroll.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk agreed to contact the Highways Dept concerning damage to the road across The Green.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Meeting to be held Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Note change of date.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman ..... Date .....