

## DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 8pm in the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater  
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold  
Andy Barnetson  
John Walladge  
Susan Boor (Clerk)  
Derek Redhead – Borough Councillor (arrived 8.20)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby, Peter Payne, Andrew Rabett and County Councillor Mary Evans.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7 MAY 2013 AND MATTERS ARISING**  
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk was thanked for painting the seat on The Green.
4. **POLICE REPORT** No report
5. **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT** Attachment 13/4  
A report from County Councillor Mary Evans was read by the Chairman.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
Councillor Barnetson read a report on behalf of his wife Angie. No crimes had been reported in Depden and only minor crimes in the surrounding villages. Residents are encouraged to provide their email addresses to Angie and sign-up for Police Direct.
7. **SALC REPORT** No report.
8. **FOOTPATH REPORT** No issues to report.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - 9.1 *Community Account.*  
The Clerk stated £405.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.
  - 9.2 *Cheques for the following were approved and signed:*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	171.66
Clerk's Expenses (including Home Allowance)	188.12
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	43.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £6.51 will remain.
  - 9.3 *Business Day Saver Account* - Interest received of 58p and when £405.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £5,403.54.

## **10. BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT**

Derek Redhead urged the Councillors to read the Rural Vision 2031 report. Depden is still classified as 'countryside' but the report includes plans for the surrounding villages, Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill.

Joint services with Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council should result in a savings of 10 million pounds.

A meeting has been planned to resolve the access problem to Kelly's Meadow.

## **11. VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD**

Various options were discussed including replacing the Notice Board or an additional Board for just the Parish Council but it was decided to ask Angie Barnetson to appraise the refurbishment of the existing Notice Board to provide two doors, where the one for one for the Parish Council notices would be lockable.

## **12. PLANNING**

**12.1** SE/13/0448/HH Gatehouse Farm, Depden. Erection of a single storey rear extension and formation of two dormers to roof at front.  
This application has been granted.

**12.2** SE/13/0446/FUL Land north of 6 Church End, Depden. Construction new access and hardstanding area including a dropped kerb.  
This application has been granted.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE \*\* not circulated**

St Edmundsbury B C Leadership Course  
Rural Network Services Bulletin x 2  
Community Action Suffolk e-newsletter x 6  
The Local Councillor Magazine  
SALC Courses  
Rural Services Network Digest x 9  
SALC re NALC ebulletin  
Rural Services Network Vulnerability Service x 5  
SALC Area Meeting information to Dennis Bibby  
SALC Book Sale \*\*  
St Edmundsbury B C 'Bag It – Bin It' Notice Board  
Petition re National Planning Policy  
Rural Youth Seminar  
St Edmundsbury B C Rural News  
BSEVC Free Events for Carers  
The Suffolk Foundation Newsletter  
NEET Prevention Project Meeting  
SALC re LAIS 1352 Voting age of 16  
SALC re LAIS 1353 Precept Data  
Fields in Trust \*\*  
Safer Neighbourhood Team Meeting  
Wickhambrook Playground Opening  
SALC re Library Services  
Suffolk Foundation Information  
SALC re LAIS 1354 Community Infrastructure Levy  
SALC Good Councillors Guide  
Urban Forestry re Ash Dieback  
SNAP re Parish Conference  
Transport Timetable changes – not Depden

SALC re Local Transport Body  
SALC re LAISU2D130617  
Developing Rural Places Seminar  
Forces Day Bury St Edmunds Poster Notice Board  
West Suffolk re Rural Funding \*\*  
Suffolk C C Most Active Community  
Rural Opportunities Network Bulletin  
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

13.1 Rural Vision 2031 Report was discussed and Mark Leadbeater agreed to view the disk and Andy Barnetson agreed to read the printed reports.

14. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING REPORT**

Councillor Barnetson reported that speed checks thorough The Green will be made. Rural crimes April to June 2013 is up. Anti Social behaviour is down, domestic burglaries are down but vehicle crime is up.

15. **FALLEN TREE ON THE GREEN** Attached 13/5  
The Chairman read a report from Councillor Peter Payne.

16. **MAP OF THE GREEN**  
No problem as it had been a misunderstanding.

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

17.1 Councillor Arnold expressed concern about the overhanging trees on the road opposite 'Pilgrims' and 'Rectory Lodge'. The Clerk agreed to report this to the Highways Department.

17.2 Councillor Arnold asked if the order of Councillors on the Circulation List could be amended and this was agreed.

17.3 Councillor Barnetson reported on the Emergency Plan. A questionnaire is to be drafted asking all residents what equipment they own which could be of use in an emergency. The Clerk to investigate the question of liability insurance.

17.4 Councillor Barnetson expressed concern about the surface of the road thorough The Green and the Clerk agreed to contact the Highways Department.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Meeting to be held Tuesday 3 September 2013.

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

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