

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2014 at 8pm in The Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andy Barnetson
Dennis Bibby
Peter Payne
Andrew Rabett
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Derek Redhead – Borough Councillor (arrived at 8.25)
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived at 8.25)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – John Walladge
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There was none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 JANUARY 2014**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman after the following amendment was made. Item 10 the report was given by Councillor Barnetson not Councillor Bibby.
4. **POLICE REPORT** – There was none.
5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**
Angie Barnetson was attending the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting but had informed the Clerk that no crimes had been reported in Depden since the last meeting.
6. **SPEED WATCH**
The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Parish Clerk of nearby parishes with a mixed response. Lack of volunteers was a problem for parishes which had tried in the past to form a Speed Watch of their own. Some thought that the Vehicle Activation Signs would be more appropriate but needed to discuss this at their next Parish Council meetings. The Clerk said that she had also contacted the Highways Department to request 'slow and 30 mph' to be painted on the road. This item to be deferred to the May Meeting.
7. **SALC REPORT** There was none.
8. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater reported that a tree was down by Beech Hall. Councillor Rabett, the landowner, agreed to remove the tree.
9. **NOTICE BOARD**
The Clerk reported that she would be meeting Angie Barnetson at 9am 12 March to discuss the layout of the board.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

10.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £165.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Receipts:

Cheque to Chedburgh Parish Council returned
In future only one Newsletter will be published and
will be funded by the Church 63.00

Cheques for the following were approved and signed

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	175.32
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	43.80

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £257.24 will remain.

10.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – £165.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £4075.84.

11. LITTER PICK

Councillors were reminded this is to take place Saturday 31 March 2014 meeting at the Bus Shelter at 10am. The Parish already has some equipment but the Clerk agreed to obtain some extra items and the black bags required.

12. PLANNING

12.1 UPDATES:

Gatesbury Farm – no decision yet
Popes Farm Bungalow – no decision yet
Highways Depot – no decision yet

12.2 APPLICATION:

DC/14/0257/FUL
Claremont, The Green, Depden
Erection 1½ storey dwelling and garage following demolition of existing dwelling and garage.

After a discussion it was decided the Councillors supported a replacement dwelling but decided to object to this application. It is an historic site in a prominent position in the centre of The Green and the choice of materials is not in keeping with other dwellings in Depden.

13. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Redhead reported that whether planning applications go to the Planning Committee will be decided by a joint St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath, and Officers will decide if a site visit is necessary.

Suffolk County Council has decided not to pursue the ownership issue concerning the verge adjacent to Kelly's Meadow, therefore the new entrance to the site can not be constructed. No enforcement action to date has been taken by St Edmundsbury Council concerning the excess the number of caravans on the site. Councillor Redhead has proposed the withdrawal of the caravans from the top field and to work with the Goody family to regularise the existing situation by obtaining planning consent.

14. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Evans reported that the Speed Signs package was still being discussed at a cost of approx. £3000.00. A new system of repairing pot holes is to be introduced whereby all the pot holes in a road would be repaired and not just those marked from repair. This should make a better balance between temporary and permanent repairs. The 0845 phone no. to be replaced by area phone nos. The Council is investing in apprenticeships and introducing an A-Z of Recycling website.

15. FALLEN TREE REPORT Attachment 14/2

16. BENCH ON THE GREEN

It was agreed to allow a plaque in memory of Andrew Beaumont to be placed on the bench on The Green

17. CORRESPONDENCE ** not circulated

SALC re Planning Event – Neighbourhood Development Plan **

Rural Service Network Digest x 7

Suffolk County Council Climate Change Partnership **

Rural South Update

Magpas Information

Glasdon Leaflet **

Rural Vulnerability Service x 2

Community Action Suffolk x 3

The Local Councillor Magazine

Suffolk Community Grants Team **

Rural Services Network Seminar

SALC Public Transport Seminar

SALC e-bulletin

Rural Services Network Spotlight

SALC re LAIS 1362 Allotment Disposal **

SALC re LAIS 1363 Audit & Accounts **

Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 2

SALC Public Transport Seminar

Wickhambrook Parish Council Thank You Letter

SALC re NALC Precept

Suffolk Community Foundation Awards **

SALC re LAIS1364 and LAISU2D140206 re VAT **

Community Action Suffolk Funding **

SALC Courses

SALC re Protecting Playing Fields **

SALC re Area Meeting to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson

RSN Seminar

SALC re NALC e-bulletin

Suffolk Community Foundation Grants x 2 **

Sports Relief Community Fund **

SALC re The Big Allotment Challenge

RSN – Spotlight on Heart of the Village

SALC Annual Training Programme

Safer Neighbourhood Team Information to Andy Barnetson

'Can Do' Guide **

SALC re LAIS1365 Access to Documents **

Village of the Year Competition

West Suffolk Statement of Community Involvement

Clerks & Council Direct Magazine

- 17.1 An email had been received offering to write a new website for Depden at a cost of £65 per year but as we do not pay for the current website it was decided not to accept this offer.

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was decided not to enter the 'Village of the Year' competition.

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 8 April 2014. Clerk to invite all other organisations in the village to send a representative or a report to the meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Chairman Date