

## DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 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)  
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.25pm)  
Derek Redhead – Borough Councillor (arrived 8.20pm)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – John Walladge
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9 SEPTEMBER 2014**  
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
  - 3.1 Invitation to The Mayor, Councillor Robert Everitt, to attend a meeting had been acknowledged but no date has been arranged.
4. **POLICE REPORT** Attachment 14/8  
The report was read by Councillor Leadbeater.
5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
Councillor Barnetson reported that the police were appealing for witnesses to a fire of straw bales. Councillors were urged to register to Police Connect.
6. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING**  
Councillor Barnetson stated the report had been circulated.
7. **FOOTPATH REPORT**  
The Clerk reported that the Borough Footpath Dept stated as you could walk round the brambles on Footpath 1 no action would be taken.  
  
Councillor Rabett stated he has a meeting planned with Patrick Scrivens, the Footpath Officer, who has requested that horses be allowed on the bridal way from the Green to Chevington. Councillor Rabett is against this request because it would mean the path would be widened and this could allow vehicles to pass.
8. **SALC REPORT**  
Councillor Bibby stated that the SALC AGM will take place on 12 November 2014.

## **9. TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **9.1** *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £310.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed*

CCDRCC (Hire of The Erskine Centre)	75.00
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	43.80
Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	175.32
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses)	15.23

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £9.69 will remain.

### **9.2** *Business Day Saver Account* – when £310.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £4943.79.

## **10. INTERNAL AUDIT 9 OCTOBER 2014**

No issues to report by Pearl Sugden.

## **11. BUDGET FOR 2015/16** Attachment 14/9

After a short discussion the Budget was agreed.

## **12. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Derek Redhead reported that six management posts at the Borough Council had been removed which should result in a saving of approx. £360K. Central government is still reducing the grant Councillor Redhead said that there is still money available from his locality budget for local groups.

## **13. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mary Evans reported that the schools in the county were improving. Patching machines for mending pot holes had been purchased which can work when the road is wet. Grit bins should soon be filled. Councillors were reminded of the meeting to discuss broadband speeds to be held at Stansfield Village Monday 17 November at 7.30pm. A presentation by the Fire Service concerning the danger of fire in thatch is being planned.

Councillor Arnold raised the issue that diversions due to road works are not being correctly signed.

## **14. SPEEDWATCH**

The rules and costs for installing VAS signs were discussed and it was decided to request a site inspection before deciding to purchase a VAS sign with surrounding villages. The Clerk to contact the Highways Dept. to arrange this inspection. The Clerk to also request again for '30 mph' to be painted on the road.

## **15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

Councillor Barnetson reported he had attend the Annual Meeting of the Community Council where the main concern of the meeting was the maintenance of The Erskine Centre.

**16. BEHAVIOUR OF DOGS AND DOG FOULING ON THE GREEN**

Councillor Rabett agreed to contact the owner of the dogs.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE \*\* filed**

SALC Courses x 2  
Smarter Choices Newsletter  
Rural Services Network Digest x 9  
Came & Co Newsletter  
Community Action Suffolk Newsletter x 3  
West Suffolk Network \*\*  
Suffolk Community Foundation News  
St Edmundsbury South SNT Priorities  
Age UK International Day – Notice Broad  
News from Suffolk Community Foundation  
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 2  
Community Emergency Planning Newsletter \*\*  
Suffolk Community Foundation Grants \*\*  
SALC Councillors Course  
SALC AGM Information to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson  
SALC ebulletin  
SALC Awards \*\*  
SALC re Police & Crime Commissioner letter concerning Speed Watch  
St Edmundsbury B C Vision 2031 Letter  
St Edmundsbury B C Rural News pilot issue  
SALC re Suffolk County Council Powering Up Suffolk  
Rural Services Network Opportunities Bulletin x 2  
SALC re Transparency Code LAIS1368  
Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight  
SALC re Filming at Meetings \*\*  
Community Council AGM Invitation  
The Local Councillor Magazine  
St Edmundsbury BC Precept Notes \*\*  
SALC re LAIS1369 Housing Assessment \*\*  
SALC re LAIS1370 Development Benefits Pilot \*\*  
Broadband Meeting  
SALC Pay Proposals \*\*  
Came & Co Firework Display Advice \*\*  
SALC re LAISUZD \*\*  
SALC re Most Active County Competition \*\*  
St Edmundsbury B C Rural News  
SALC re ‘Police Officer’ scam to Newsletter  
SALC Planning Essentials  
Suffolk View Magazine  
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine  
SALC re NALC Committee Elections

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**18.1** Councillor Arnold informed the meeting that Robert Arnold will only be able to cut the grass for one more year as he hoped to go to University in Autumn 2015.

- 18.2 Councillor Barnetson reported that a telephone cable is hanging down on the Green low enough to cause injury to a horse rider or cyclist. He had reported this to BT Openreach but not action has been taken. The Clerk was requested to write a letter to BT Openreach giving details that will be provided by Councillor Barnetson.
- 18.3 The Poor's Charity Committee has arranged a free bus to the Christmas Fayre in Bury St Edmunds on Saturday 29 November 2014. The Christmas meal for residents will be held in Hargrave Village Hall 1 December 2014 at 7pm.
- 18.4 It was agreed the Clerk could attend a training session at SALC in January 2015 concerning the Parish Council elections to be held 7 May 2015.

**19. PLANNING APPLICATION**

DC/14/2108/FUL Coblands Farm. Depden  
Change of use from Antique Showroom to Dwelling

After a discussion it was decided not to object to this application.. The Clerk to notify the Borough Council.

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 13 January 2015.

It was agreed to keep the meetings on Tuesday evenings for 2015.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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