

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 8pm in The Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andy Barnetson
Dennis Bibby
Andrew Rabett
John Walladge
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Angie Barnetson – Neighbourhood Watch
Derek Redhead – Borough Councillor (arrived at 8.20)
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived at 8.20)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Peter Payne.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** –
Councillor Barnetson declared an interest in Item 12.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER 2013**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
- 3.1 Angie Barnetson had agreed to represent Depden on the Community Council.
4. **POLICE REPORT** – Attachment 14/1
5. **SPEED WATCH**
The meeting was temporarily closed so Rod Gardiner from the Speed Watch Team could give a short presentation and that Mr & Mrs Golding could take part in the meeting.

Speed Watch is a partnership between Parish Councils, the Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk County Council Road Safety. The scheme requires 6 volunteers who monitor the speed of vehicles from fixed sites and report on survey sheets.

If a vehicle is recorded exceeding the speed limit the owner is sent a letter stating that their vehicle has been recorded exceeding the speed limit. If further speeding is recorded then a second letter is sent stating that the details of the vehicle have been passed to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. If the vehicle is recorded speeding a third time then the details are passed to the Police who may take action. These letters stay on record a year. Mr Gardiner emphasised that Speed Watch is speed awareness not enforcement, only the Police can do that.

VAS signs are available and the Clerk agreed to discuss with Highways Department the possibility of 30 mph being painted on the road thorough The Green.

Angie Barnetson agreed to include an appeal for volunteers in her Neighbourhood Watch leaflet which is distributed to all the homes in Depden, The Clerk agreed to contact the Parish Clerk of the surrounding villages to ask if they would be interested in joining Depden in a Speed Watch scheme so that the cost can be shared.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Redhead stated that the Inspector was on site at the Council to access Vision 2031 which includes the building of 1000 houses at Fornham All Saints. Shared services with Forest Heath District Council is causing concern. Still no news on the proposed enlargement, and the number of caravans at present, on Kelly's Meadow.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Evans reported that representatives of Suffolk Council had recently had a meeting with the Government Minister to improve Broadband Speed and Mobile Phone coverage in Suffolk. There has been an increase in Chimney fires and households are recommended to look at 'checkatrade.com' website to find a reputable tradesman.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Angie Barnetson stated that people had been trying to sale gravel in Depden. Residents should phone 101 if they see suspicious behaviour and also phone her so she can report it to other residents.

9. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORT

Councillor Barnetson reported that only 7 persons attend the meeting held on 3 December 2013. Priorities are speeding along the B1061 corridor and throughout Kedington, also parking problems in Kedington and burglaries throughout the rural south area. Next meeting Tuesday 11 March 2014.

10. SALC REPORT

Councillor Bidy reported that at the last meeting there had been a presentation of Council budgets. The next meeting will include a presentation about Solar Panels.

11. FOOTPATH REPORT

Councillor Leadbeater reported that the trees had been cleared.

12. NOTICE BOARD

The refurbishment of the Notice Board has been delayed, due to illness, and work should start in February.

13. TREASURER'S REPORT

13.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £270.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Receipts:

HMRC – VAT Refund	14.34
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Cheques for the following were approved and signed

Chedburgh PC for Community Newsletters	63.00
Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	175.32
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	43.80

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £256.45 will remain.

13.2 *Business Day Saver Account – £270.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £4240.84.*

14. LITTER PICK

It was decided to hold this on Saturday 29 March 2014 to meet at the Village Sign at 10 am. The Clerk to include this in the newsletters.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/13/0921/RM Popes Farm Bungalow
Details of design, appearance and layout, scale and landscaping for replacement dwelling.

After a discussion it was decided not to object to this application and the Clerk agreed to inform St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

16. CORRESPONDENCE ** not circulated

Rural Services Network Digest x 7
Rural Vulnerability Service x 4
Suffolk Family Carers Keeping Warm – Notice Board
SALC re Suffolk County Council Home Care and Meals Consultation
St Edmundsbury Newstalk Information
SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
Rural Services Network Seminars
'Close it – Lock it – Check it' to newsletters
SALC re NALC bulletin DCLG Sustainable Communities
SALC re NALC LTN 86 The Disclosure & Barring Service **
SALC re Suffolk Preservation Society
Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service Risk Management
Community Action Suffolk Funding **
MMS Group Winter Essentials **
Community Action Suffolk Newsletter
SALC & LAIS update
Rural Services Network Conference
Rural Services Network Opportunities Bulletin
West Suffolk Working Together Letter
The Local Councillor magazine
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Rural Health
SALC re NALC ebulletin
Community Action Suffolk enewsletter
Havebury News
St Edmundsbury B C Planning Workshop
Suffolk Community Foundation News
SALC Courses
Neighbourhood Planning Event
Came & Co Newsletter
Buckingham Palace Garden Parties **
SALC re Ministerial Statement concerning Finance
SALC re NALC concerning Local Authority Finance
SALC new password 'One Suffolk'
Community Action Suffolk Funding **
Passenger Transport Newsletter **
St Edmundsbury B C Parish Council Grant Information
Clerks & Council Direct magazine

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 17.1** A tree had come down on the edge of The Green. Councillor Rabett said that he had arranged for it to be cleared.
- 17.2** The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting concerning the new procedure for Planning Application decisions. A handout to be distributed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 March 2014.

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

Chairman Date