

## DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2014 at 8pm in the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater  
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold  
Peter Payne  
Andrew Rabett  
John Walladge  
Susan Boor (Clerk)  
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.20pm)  
Angela Barnetson – Neighbourhood Watch Co-Coordinator

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Andy Barnetson, Dennis Bibby and Derek Redhead
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 MAY 2014**  
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **POLICE REPORT** Attachment 14/6  
The Chairman read a report from PCSO Claire Fuller
5. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**  
The Clerk reported a conversation she had had with Derek Redhead concerning Kelly's Meadow. A new entrance has been opened at the site but is not to be used. The Clerk's understanding is that this work has been done to enable the planning application for enlargement, which ends in December 2014, to remain open and not expire.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
Angela Barnetson reported that a burglary had taken place in Depden after the owner's keys and car were stolen in Bury St Edmunds. Burglaries had also been reported in Ousden and Hargrave. Scams involving Credit/Debit Cards are still being reported. Other alerts include a VW car, a man selling garden furniture and an appeal for witnesses to an accident on the B1063 at Lidgate..
7. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING** – Report as Police Report
8. **SALC REPORT**  
The Clerk read from a presentation at a recent meeting concerning commendations of World War One. Everyone is being invited to take part in "Lights Out" whereby lights are turned off on 4 August 2014 between 10pm to 11pm leaving a single light or candle for a shared moment of reflection.
9. **FOOTPATH REPORT**  
Councillor Leadbeater stated there were no issues to report.

## **10. TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **10.1** *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £415.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	175.32
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses including Home Use)	178.86
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	43.80
SALC Course	18.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £4.66 will remain.

**10.2** *Business Day Saver Account* – receipt of the Precept of £2766.00 and 61p interest and when £415.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £5723.00.

**10.3** It was decided not to purchase a copy of the new 'The Practitioner's Guide' but download the information when necessary.

## **11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**11.1** Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 17 June 2014 were signed

**11.2** Claremont – revised – granted

**11.3** Rainbow Cottage – awaiting decision but the Clerk had been advised by the Planning Officer that she recommends refusal because the site is over developed.

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

Mary Evans reported on the meeting concerning VAS signs which can be purchased by Parish Councils for approximately £3000 but it is hoped that the Suffolk County Council will help with the cost. The Parish Councils of Ousden and Hargrave are interested in being part of a group to purchase a VAS sign. Further information will be forwarded to the Clerk. The planned meeting to discuss Better Broadband had to be cancelled now Better Broadband for the area is out to tender. An Assistant Director of Education has been appointment.

**13. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE** - as above

## **14. VISION 2031**

Councillor Payne reported there are no issues concerning Depden in the report as Depden is classified as 'countryside'. There followed a discussion about changing the classification which would involve a Neighbourhood Plan.

## **15. DIRTY ROAD SIGNS**

Councillor Barnetson had received an email concerning the condition of the road signs in Depden. The signs are dirty and the bend sign on The Green is bleached out. The Clerk agreed to report these concerns to the Highways Department.

## **16. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was agreed the adopt the amended Code of Conduct issued by SALC

## **17. MAP OF THE GREEN**

Following the burglary on The Green a resident had asked whether a house name could be removed if a resident requested. In the absence of a formal application it was agreed to make no changes to the sign.

**18. REGISTRATION WITH THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE (ICO)**  
The Clerk had been advised by SALC that all Parish Councils should be registered with ICO at the cost of £35.00 per year because the Parish Council holds confidential information. Councillor Leadbeater agreed to look at ICO's website.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE** \*\* filed  
Suffolk Preservation Society View  
Rural Services Network Digest x 7  
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 2  
SALC re NALC Openness Guide  
SALC Courses x 2  
SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson  
Rural Services Network Sustainable Tourism \*\*  
Rural Services Network Vulnerability Service x 3  
Community Action News  
Suffolk Community Foundations Grants \*\*  
West Suffolk Budget Focus Group  
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Small Businesses  
Community Action Suffolk VCS Group Meeting  
Rural Sounding Board \*\*  
RTPI Planning Conference  
Community Action Suffolk News  
Rural Opportunities Bulletin  
Town & Parish Liaison Group Feedback  
St Edmundsbury SNT Priority Meeting to Andy Barnetson  
SALC Area Meeting Presentation  
West Suffolk Annual Report  
Community Action Suffolk re Oil Buying \*\*  
Local Resilience 2014 Meeting in London \*\*  
SALC re Training Policy \*\*  
The Local Councillor Magazine  
Community Action Suffolk ebulletin  
St Edmundsbury Review of Support Grant  
Suffolk County Council Parking Consultation  
Rural Services Network on Rural Housing  
Suffolk Energy Action  
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Young People  
Havebury Events  
Rural Services Network Localism in Practice Seminar  
SALC Insurance Briefing \*\*  
Suffolk Community Foundation  
Community Action Suffolk News  
Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight  
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

**20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – There were none.

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 9 September 2014.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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