

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 8pm in the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andy Barnetson
Dennis Bibby
Peter Payne
Andrew Rabett
John Walladge
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.30pm)
Derek Redhead – Borough Councillor

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – There were none.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8 JULY 2014**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **POLICE REPORT** Attachment 14/7
Report to be circulated.
5. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Derek Redhead reported that the new gateway at Kelly's Meadow has been made in a place for which there is no approval. Vision 2031 has been approved.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**
Councillor Barnetson stated that no crimes in Depden had been reported. There is an alert after theft of diesel.
7. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING**
Councillor Barnetson reported that a meeting was taking place this evening.
8. **SALC REPORT**
Councillor Bidy stated there had been no meeting to report.
9. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater reported that Footpath no. 1 is overgrown. The Clerk agreed to contact the Footpath Officer. Holes in the Bridleway had been filled.
10. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
10.1 *Community Account.*
The Clerk stated £470.00 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
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	43.80
Robert Arnold – Grass Cutting	87.50
Broker Network - Insurance	159.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £9.04 will remain.

10.2 The Clerk reported that she had increased the insurance cover for the Bus Shelter to £5000 at no extra cost.

10.3 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £470.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £5253.00.

11. EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk stated that the external audit had been completed and no issues were reported. Notices to be displaced.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Rainbow Cottage – planning application for an extension has been withdrawn.

13. MAP OF GREEN

The map has been defaced with an arrow and words ‘You Are Here’ which Councillor Barnetson had cleaned off. After a discussion about renewing the sign, because of two house name changes, it was decided to take no action.

14. REGISTRATION WITH THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE (ICO)

Councillor Leadbeater had followed the questionnaire on the ICO website which stated there is no need to register.

15. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Mary Evans reported that the worst mobile phone reception in the country is along the A143. Better broadband for Depden is scheduled in the second tranche of additional funding which will mean the speed should rise to 15Mb.

Funding for three VAS signs should be available for villages to share but proof of need may be required. There are Health and Safety issues with installation of the signs because of the use of ladders which has to be overcome.

Councillor Evans reminded that residents to get their chimneys sweep.

16. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE - as above

17. CORRESPONDENCE ** filed

Rural Services Network Digest x 8

Rural Services Network Vulnerability Service x 4

Rural Services Network Seminar Dates

Vision 2031 Inspector’s Report Publication

Community Action Suffolk News

SALC re LAIS 1367 **

West Suffolk Polling Station Review

Rural Services Network Spotlight on Rural Health

SALC re NALC ebulletin

SALC re Letter and Consultation re Suffolk County Council Children’s Service

Rural Services Network Funding **

Community Action Suffolk News

SALC re Openness of Local Government

Havebury News

Suffolk Community Foundation Grants **

St Edmundsbury BC Emergency Planning **

Community Action Suffolk Training **

Right of parish Councils to sell electricity

SALC re Pension Enrolment
SALC re Devolution of Services
Suffolk Mental Health Mindfulness Bus (mobile library) – notice board
SALC re Short Stay Traveller Sites Meeting (cancelled)
SALC Area Meeting
SALC re Filming of Council Meetings
SALC re Suffolk County Council Highways Scrutiny
The Local Councillor magazine
Age UK Life
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Older People
Community Action Suffolk Newsletter
Suffolk Community Foundation Grants **
SALC re Suffolk Wildlife Talks **
Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

17.1 LETTER FROM MAYOR OF STEDMUNDSBURY

It was decided to invite Councillor Robert Everitt to a Meeting of Depden Parish Council.

17.2 PARISH CONFERENCE

Reminder to Councillors of Parish Conference to be held on Tuesday 14 October 2014 from 5.30pm at The Apex.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There were none.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 11 November 2014.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Chairman Date