

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 8pm in the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andy Barnetson
Peter Payne
Andrew Rabett
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.30)
Clive Pollington – Borough Councillor

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby and Andrew Rabett
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8 SEPTEMBER 2015.**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **SALC REPORT** No report
5. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater reported that the footpath sign on The Green has fallen over and the sign at the junction of footpath 4 and 1 is missing. The Clerk agreed to report this to Suffolk County Council. Also there is no sign on the verge of footpath nos. 4 and 3 which the Clerk agreed to discuss with Suffolk County Council. The Bridleway leading to Depden Lane, Chevington has been cleared.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**
Councillor Barnetson stated that no crimes had been reported in Depden.
7. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORT**
As above.
8. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Clive Pollington reported that representatives of St Edmundsbury Borough Council had meet with Government officers to discuss devolution. Devolution may enable the Council to develop land they own for profit, to pay for long term plans for transport and care in the community. Councillor Pollington reminded the meeting that he still has £500 from his locality budget to spend on community projects.
- 8.1 **KELLYS MEADOW**
Clive Pollington, with Mary Evans attended a meeting with Ian Gallin, John Griffiths, Ian Willis (owner), MP Mathew Hancock and Ian Parker (Advisor) to discuss Kellys Meadow. It appeared that the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council did not know that the enlargement was to go ahead and that they now agree that the land required, to solve the line of sight problem. is owed by Ian Willis. It is believed that at present there is 17 building on the site. Not clear what and when, enforcement to contain the number of vans, will be actioned.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

9.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £605 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Cheques for the following were approved and signed

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	179.14
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	44.80
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses)	179.02
SALC Courses	174.00
Came & Co Insurance for VAS Signs	25.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £6.73 will remain.

9.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £605.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £5141.51.

10. BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORY

The Clerk reported confirmation of new signing mandate had been received.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk reported the Internal Audit had taken place 27 October 2015 – no issues to report.

12. BUDGET 2016/17 Attachment 15/12

After a discussion this was agreed.

13. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mary Evans reported the work on speed reduction measures at the Elm Farm bend on the A143 should start Christmas/New Year. A sign for the lay-by has been ordered but Councillor Evans heard that overnight parking in all lay-bys is not permitted which she will confirm at a future meeting. The surface of the lay-by is being investigated. Suffolk Roadsafe Board has purchased a police speed caravan for use on rural roads and she will ask for it to be deployed in this area as soon as possible.

Councillor Evans to decide buddy-up schedule for VAS Signs.

Reduction in the number of Fire Engines is planned but more Rapid Resource vehicles to be deployed. Theft of lead from churches is to be discussed at a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

14. POLICE REPORT Attachment 15/13

Councillor Leadbeater read the report and it was decided that the Clerk should reply expressing concern that the new crime reporting system cannot identify crimes committed in a specific area.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/15/0848/HH Little Vendas Farm, Depden - approved

16. VAS SIGNS

The Clerk reported that the poles are in place. Awaiting buddy-up confirmation from Councillor Evans.

- 17. SPEEDING/SIGNAGE ON A143**
As County Councillor's report.
- 18. KELLYS MEADOW**
As Borough Councillor's report.
- 19. PARKING AT CHURCH END**
The Clerk agreed to contact Havebury Housing Society expressing concern about cars parked on the grass verge in Church End.
- 20. NEWSLETTER ITEMS**
Reminder of £500 locality fund, speed reduction measures at Elm Farm turning and VAS Signs.
- 21. CORRESPONDENCE** ** filed
Rural Services Network Digest x 9
SALC Newsletter of the Year Competition **
Community Action Suffolk News x 4
Emergency Planning Workshop **
Emergency Planning AGM **
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 3
Community Action Suffolk Survey – completed
British Red Cross Refugee Crisis Appeal Poster – Notice Board
St Edmunds BC Short Stay Gypsy Sites **
Letter from Suffolk Constabulary
SALC AGM Information to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
Winter Gritting Workshop **
VAS Signs Presentation
Rural Services Network Rural Economy Spotlight
Parish Conference Details
SALC Website and Council of the Year **
West Suffolk Planning Enforcement Consultation
Local Enforcement Consultation Survey
Suffolk Community Foundation Grant **
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin
SALC Chairman's Course to Mark Leadbeater
SALC re HM Queen's 90th Birthday
Suffolk CC Emergency Planning Conference **
Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight
Parish Conference Information
SALC re Suffolk Age UK
SALC re LAIS2D151015
SALC re Devolution Bill LAIS1383
SALC re Petition Right to Appeal for Parish Councils
Invite to meeting with Police
West Suffolk Volunteering Survey
Rural Services Network Opportunities Bulletin
Suffolk Preservation Society Suffolk View Winter Edition
Community Action Suffolk News
- 21.1** Correspondence concerning Hargave Neighbourhood Plan.
- 22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – There were none.
- 23. NEXT YEAR MEETING DATES**
A list of meeting dates for 2016 was distributed.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 12 January 2016.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Chairman Date