

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 8pm in The Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andy Barnetson
Mark Leadbeater
Peter Payne
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Clive Pollington arrived 8.55 pm

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mark Leader was proposed by Andy Barnetson and seconded by Geraldine Arnold. Councillor Leadbeater signed the Declaration of Office.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Dennis Bibby, Andrew Rabett and Mary Evans.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – There were none.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10 MARCH 2015

The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.1 Councillor Payne stated that he had observed only one HGV lorry going the wrong way across The Green.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 14 APRIL 2015

The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS AGREED Attachment 15/6.

6.1 Councillor Barnetson was proposed as Vice Chairman by Geraldine Arnold and seconded by Peter Payne.

6.2 Councillor Barnetson agreed to become a signatory of the Parish Council bank account.

7. POLICE REPORT Attachment 15/7.

The report was read by Councillor Leadbeater.

8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Attachments 15/8.

The report was read by Councillor Leadbeater.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Councillor Barnetson stated the only crime reported in Depden as per Police Report and asked that any suspicious activity to be reported to 101.

10. SALC REPORT - no report

11. FOOTPATH REPORT

Councillor Leadbeater reported that footpath no. 4 had been marked, but in the wrong location. He agreed to report this to Mr Rabett, the landowner.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

12.1 The Internal Audit had taken place on 13 March 2015. There was nothing to report.

12.2 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £570.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

12.3 *Cheques for the following were approved and signed:*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	179.34
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	44.60
Robert Arnold – Grass Cutting	87.50
SALC Membership	123.00
Depden PCC	135.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £6.52 will remain.

12.4 *Business Day Saver Account* – the precept of £2700.00 has been received and when £570.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of 6484.99.

13. EXTERNAL AUDIT

13.1 The Chairman signed the Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ending 31 March 2015 Attachment 15/9.

13.2 The Governance Statement for the External Audit for year ending 31 March 2015 was completed and signed by the Chairman.

14. SPEED WATCH/VAS SIGNS UPDATE

The Clerk stated she is chasing Hen Abbott to complete the survey for the site of the VAS Signs.

15. VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The Clerk reported that 20 bags of rubbish, a car grille, a traffic sign and a tube of electronics was collected.

16. PLANNING UPDATE

16.1 Minutes of Planning Meeting held 21 April 2015 were signed

16.2 DC/15/0710/LB Little Vendas Farm – no decision to date

17. SPEEDING/SIGNAGE ON A143

Refer to County Councillor Report.

18. RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCILLOR

This was discussed and Councillors agreed to approach any resident they think may be interested in being a Parish Councillor.

19. NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Items for the newsletter to include renewed appeal for information about accidents on the A143, recruitment of Parish Councillor, and disappointment of lack of volunteers for the Litter Pick.

20. COFFEE CARAVAN VISIT 6 August 2015 2-4pm

21. CORRESPONDENCE ** not circulated

SALC Area meeting change of venue – to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
SALC Information **
Rural Services Network Digest x 9
Community Action Suffolk News x 5
Spring Parish Conference information
Rural Services Network Spotlight
Suffolk County Council Social Media Workshops
RSN Rural Vulnerability Service x 3
St Edmundsbury Rural News
Came & Co Magazine
SALC re LAIS1376
SALC Courses x 2
Suffolk Community Foundation Grants x 2 **
West Suffolk Network News
SALC re LAIS1374 & LAIS1377 **
SALC re LAIS1378 & LAIS1379 **
SALC re Suffolk Police Commissioner Public Meetings
West Suffolk Annual Report
SALC re NALC Transparency Code **
Suffolk Firefighters Charity Ride **
Suffolk Community Emergency Planning Newsletter
SALC re LAIS1380 Ombudsman Consultation
Rural Services Network Spotlight x 2
SALC re LAISU2D1528
SALC Cemetery Workshop **
SALC Tailored Training **
West Suffolk Sports Pitches **
Community Action Suffolk Survey **
RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

21.1 Councillor Barnetson asked if the information received by email could be prioritized if action by Councillors needed to be taken.

22. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Clive Pollington was welcomed to the meeting and he said he was looking forward to working with the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to circulate his contact details.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23.1 The Clerk said she had been asked by a resident if Dog Waste Bins could be provided in the village. The cost of each bin is approx £213 and £2.80 per week to empty payable by the Parish Council. It was decided that the cost was too high as there had been no reports of dog waste being a problem.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 14 July 2015..

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

Chairman Date