

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015 at 8pm in the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andrew Rabett
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Mary Evans – County Councillor
Derek Redhead – Borough Councillor

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Andy Barnetson, Dennis Bibby, Peter Payne and John Walladge.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 November 2014.**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Mary Evans reported that the Police Station at Clare may close as the lease is to expire. A meeting to discuss plans, which include sharing with the Fire Station, is planned for 20 January 2015 at Clare Town Hall at 7pm. Diversion signing problems are mainly caused by utility companies, which maybe resolved by introducing a permit system. The County Council will lose a third of its budget from the Government by 2017. Suffolk libraries were praised on the BBC Radio Today programme.
5. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Derek Redhead reported that the budget for the Borough Council has been agreed and there is no change to the Council Tax for the Borough Council. Cuts have meant more pressure on staff. Councillor Arnold asked about the situation regarding Kelly Meadow. Councillor Redhead said his understanding is that they will need to apply for planning permission for the number of vans on the site at present.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** Attachment 15/1
Councillor Leadbeater read the report from Angie Barnetson
7. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORT**
As above.
8. **SALC REPORT** No report
9. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater had no issues to report. Councillor Rabett reported that the path from The Green to Chevington would be cut back to allow horse riders easier access.
10. **POLICE REPORT** Attachment 15/2
No crimes in Depden to report

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that there had been a National Salary Award which means that she should receive a one-off payment of £8.11 in December 2014. Also an increase from £8.428 to £8.613 per hour with effect 1 January 2015 effective to 31 March 2016 at least.

11.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £225 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Income

VAT Refund	3.00
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Cheques for the following were approved and signed

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	45.40
Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	181.83

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £10.46 will remain.

11.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £225.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, and £1.44 (79p and 65p) interest added it will leave a balance of £4719.44.

12. BUDGET 2015/16

Councillor Leadbeater signed the Precept Form requesting £2700.00 as agreed being a reduction of £66.00.

13. SPEEDWATCH

The Clerk stated that she had requested a survey for the VAS signs.

14. DOG BEHAVIOUR AND FOULING ON GREEN

Councillor Rabett reported that he had requested the owner of the dogs to keep the dogs in their garden.

15. LOW HANGING BT CABLE

The Clerk reported that the problem has been resolved.

16. BROADBAND SPEEDS

Councillor Leadbeater reported on a meeting he had attended held at Stansfield Village Hall on Monday 17 November. It is planned that fibre optic broadband should be available to 95% of Suffolk by 2018. The schedule for the work should be available by the end of 2015.

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17.1 The minutes of the Planning Meeting held 25 November 2014, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

17.2 DC/14/2108/FUL Coblands Farm, Depden - no decision to date

17.3 DC/14/2169/HH Beech Hall, Depden – no decision to date

- 17.4** DC/14/2461/TPO Popes Farm, Depden
No. 2 Chestnut – Reduce crown by 20% and crown thin by 10% and remove deadwood
No. 1 Ash – Reduce crown by 30% and re-balance heavy lean towards the house.

According to the records of the Parish Council these trees are not subject to a Tree Preservation Order. If they are, it was agreed the Parish Council has no objection to the work being carried out.

The Clerk to inform St Edmundsbury BC of this decision.

18. LITTER PICK

It was agreed to hold this on Saturday 4 April 2015.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ** filed

Rural Services Network Digest x 8
Rural Services Network Vulnerability Services x 4
West Suffolk Council new website
Community Action Suffolk News x 3
SALC Filming Seminar
SALC Area Meeting date change to Denis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
Streetlife Information
West Suffolk Design Guide
Thatch and Chimney Road Show to interested properties
Rural Services Network Spotlight
Rural Services Network Opportunities Bulletin
SALC re Rising the Bar Fund
Rural Services Network Manifesto for 2015
Suffolk Community Foundation News
The Local Councillor Magazine
St Edmundsbury B C Precept Confirmation
SALC re LAIS 1371 Parish Polls **
SALC re Royal Garden Party Invite **
National Practice Guidance **
SALC re NALC Precept Referendums
West Suffolk Homelessness Consultation Strategy
SALC Christmas Greetings
Came & Co re Snow Clearing **
Rural Services Network Spotlight
Rural Services Network Sounding Board
SALC re Peterborough to Ipswich Rail Line
Rural Services Network Learning from Good Practice **
West Suffolk Council Neighbourhood Planning Master Class **
SALC Courses
Suffolk Family Carers Information to Newsletter
Rural Services Network e-petition concerning removal of DEFRA funding of ACRE
Glasdon Catalogue **
New Anglia Growthhub

19.1 Transparency code for Parish Council with an annual turnover of not exceeding £25,000. The Clerk reported that it is proposed by the Government that these Parish Councils will no longer need an external audit but must publish on a website all expenditure of over £100 and other financial information. Also draft minutes of a council meetings no later than one month after the meeting and the Agenda of any meeting within 3 clear days.

19.2 Reminder of the meeting to discuss policing in and around Clare.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There were none.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 10 March 2015.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman Date