

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 8pm in The Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andy Barnetson
Peter Payne
Andrew Rabett
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Angie Barnetson (Neighbourhood Watch)
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.25)
Clive Pollington – Borough Councillor (arrived 8.25)
PC Darren Marshall (arrived 8.25)
PSO Anthony Welford (arrived 8.25)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – none
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12 MAY 2015**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
 - 3.1 Item 21.1 'prioritized' should read 'action required' regarding emails.
4. **POLICE REPORT** Attachment 15/10
Councillor Leadbeater read the report.
5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**
Angie Barnetson stated that burglaries have been reported in the surrounding area. A list of forthcoming events had been circulated. St Edmundsbury South Safer Neighbourhood Team has moved from Clare to Haverhill Police Station but will have a drop-in session at Clare Fire Station every Tuesday from 10am to midday.
6. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORT** As above
7. **SALC REPORT** No report
8. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater reports that the footpath no. 4 had been marked in the wrong place. The landowner Councillor Rabett said the field crop would soon be cut.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - 9.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £270.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Cheques for the following were approved and signed

HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	44.80
Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	179.14
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses)	31.01
SALC – Clerk's Networking	18.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £4.13 will remain.

9.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £270.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £6215.72.

10. FURTHER POLICE REPORT

PC Marshall asked all victims of crimes to report them as all crimes should be recorded. Ex-prisoners selling household goods known as ‘Nottingham Knockers’ have been active in the area. Request to report inappropriate sales pitch to phone no. 0845 4040506. At present there is no change in the number of police personnel in the South Suffolk area. PC Marshall left leaflets about Police Connect.

11. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Councillor Evans reported that she had had a meeting with Tom Nunn of Suffolk Highways and a Traffic Consultant regarding the speeding problem on the A143. (No one else was invited to the meeting to save time and cost of the Consultant). The Highways are assessing placing Chevron Signs on the bends near the Elm Farm turning but are against gateway signs for villages feeling they do not slow traffic down. Extra brackets for the VAS Signs have been requested, by villages taking part in the scheme, at a cost of £70.

Anglian Water are responsible for the hole in the road from Depden to Hargrave. There is to be a consultation by the Fire Service regarding retained Firemen. The County Council is considering passing the cost of the Brown Bins to District Councils which may result in a cost to householders.

12. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Councillor Pollington stated that central government is planning to pass down more powers to local councils. Crimes figures in the area are down. Locality grants are available again this year for local projects.

No change at Kelly’s Meadow as the highway problem has not yet been resolved. Councillors Evans and Pollington agreed to discuss with the Borough Council enforcement of current planning consent.

Councillor Arnold reported that the chipping on the lay-by on the A143 create a lot of dust when the weather is dry also the lay-by is being used for overnight parking.

13. BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORY

The forms were signed so that Councillor Barnetson could become a signatory of the bank account of the parish council in place of former Councillor John Walladge.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.1 The minutes of the Planning Meeting held 30 June 2015 were approved and signed.

14.2 DC/15/0848/HH Coblands Farm, Depden – awaiting decision

14.3 DC/15/0848/HH Little Vendas Farm, Depden – awaiting decision

15. VAS SIGNS

The Clerk had met with Hen Abbott of Suffolk County Council Highways Department to assess the location of VAS Signs for Depden. Her report was discussed and it was decided to ask that the sign from the Hargrave/Wickhambrook Road to be located closer to ‘Hillside’ and the sign from the A143 to be located closer to Church End. As the suggested location of the signs were to be placed on existing poles the new locations may result in a cost of £150 per pole plus £70 per bracket which in principle the meeting agreed to. The Clerk agreed to contact Hen Abbott.

16. SPEEDING/SIGNAGE ON A143

As County Councillor’s Report

- 17. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**
It was agreed to co-opt Graham Moyse.
- 18. COFFEE CARAVAN**
Reminder of visit 6 August 2-4 pm
- 19. WEBSITE re TRANSPARENCY CODE**
The Clerk reported that the website should now comply with the Transparency code for Parish Councils with an income of less than £25,000.
- 20. NEWSLETTER ITEMS**
The next Newsletter to include Police Connect, VAS Signs and recruitment for grass cutting.
- 21. CORRESPONDENCE ** filed**
Rural Services Network Digest x 9
SALC Councillor Briefings Meetings
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 2
SALC General Information
Community Action Suffolk News x 4
Suffolk Community Foundation Grants **
Rural Services Network Rural Conference Information
Rural Services Network Spotlight
Rural Services Network Crime Survey
Dr Jonathan Huck re accidents A143
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin
SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
West Suffolk Smarter Funding Conference
Rural Services Network Vulnerability x 2
SALC Meeting re Speaker to Dennis Bibby
Parish Election Survey completed **
SALC Courses
SALC re Suffolk Policing Review Meetings
SALC re LAIS1381 Fly-Grazing **
SALC re Short Stay Travellers Sites
Suffolk Community Foundation News
Rural Services Network Rural Economy Spotlight
Community Action Suffolk Conference
SALC re NALC Fly a Flag
Letter from Havebury re Solar Panels
Letter from Havebury re Scrutiny Panel
SALC Training List
The Local Councillor Magazine
Clerks & Councillor Direct Magazine
Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight
- 21.1** SALC Better Broadband for Suffolk Questionnaire completed.
- 21.2** SALC Policy Proposals to Government Questionnaire completed.
- 22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
A letter from the Poores Charity proposing that Anne Nicolson and Ruth Moyse be appointed nominative trustees of the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to write a letter to the Poores Charity confirming this proposal.
- 23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 8 September 2015.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Chairman Date