

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Andy Barnettson
Dennis Bibby
Graham Moyse
Peter Payne
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.20)
Clive Pollington – Borough Councillor (arrived 8.20)
Dr Jonathan Huck - Resident

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Andrew Rabett
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – none
3. **THE CHAIRMAN WELCOMED GRAHAM MOYSE TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**
4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 JULY 2015**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
 - 4.1 Councillor Payne stated that the Coffee Caravan had only 3 visitors.
5. **POLICE REPORT** Attachment 15/11
Councillor Leadbeater read the report.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - as Police Report
7. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORT** - as Police Report
8. **SALC REPORT** No report
9. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater reported that the crop on footpath no. 4 had been cut. He agreed to contact Mr Andrew Rabett concerning a overhanging branch on the Bridleway from The Green to Chevington.
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)	179.14
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	44.80
Robert Arnold – Grass Cutting	87.50
Came & Co – Insurance	159.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £3.69 will remain.

10.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £470.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £5,745.72.

11. **EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT** had been completed - no issues to report

12. **BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORY** – awaiting confirmation from Barclays Bank

13. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Mary Evans distributed copies of the proposed plan for Chevron Signs on the A143 bend at the Elm Farm turning. Also 'SLOW' will be written on the road and white line painted both sides of the bend which is hoped will slow the traffic, therefore, reduce the accidents at this location. This is the recommendation of a Traffic Consultant. To change the speed limit is a long process.

The meeting was temporarily closed so Dr Huck could take part in the discussion. He asked if the Clerk would keep a log of all accidents (includes those with no injuries) which she agreed to do.

The County Council have agreed to put a 'No Overnight Parking' sign in the Lay-by near the Plant Nursery. This should reduce the noise from refrigerated lorries.

School GCE results for the County have improved. A meeting concerning the broadband speed is soon to take place to discuss the date for better broadband speed for the area. Councillor Evans asked if Depden had experienced any flooding problems.

Following the road closures in Clare, due to installation of new gas pipes, they are holding an Open Day Saturday 12 September with shops offering discounts.

Councillor Bibby asked if the large pot holes in the lay-by opposite his home could be repaired.

14. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Pollington reported that devolution is being discussed which should save money as the loss of government funding is 1.9m but a saving of only 1.4m has been made. The provision of Brown Bins may cost residents £35 per year.

There followed a discussion about Kelly Meadow with Councillor Evans and Councillor Pollington because the Borough Council had proposed that work starts on 9 September even though the issue of the highway 'line of sight' on the A143 has not been resolved. The Councillors have managed to delay the work until a meeting to be held 30 September to discuss the whole issue including size of the development and management.

Councillor Pollington reminded the meeting of the Locality Fund for £500.

The meeting agreed to write a letter to the Borough Council expressing concerns about the highways and management issues regarding Kellys Meadow.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15.1 DC/15/0848/HH Coblands Farm, Depden (Tractor Shed) – approved

15.2 DC/15/0848/HH Little Vendas Farm, Depden – approved

15.3 DC/14/2108/FUL or DC/15/0991/CLP Coblands Farm (Dwelling) – now approved

16. VAS SIGNS

Revised locations have been agreed and the Clerk is in communications with Hen Abbott, of Suffolk County Council, concerning the new poles.

17. SPEEDING/SIGNAGE ON A143

As County Councillor's Report

18. COMMUNITY BUS

A proposal to run a Community Bus in the area was discussed but it was decided this would cost too much money and require too many volunteers.

19. NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The next Newsletter to include accidents on A143 and the availability of Locality Fund money.

21. CORRESPONDENCE ** filed

Rural Services Network Digest x 8
Rural Services Network Vulnerability Service x 3
St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Joint Development Policies
Community Action Suffolk News x 3
SALC Summer Briefings
Suffolk Community Foundation Grants **
SALC re Precept Data
SALC re Police Survey
Rural Spotlight on Rural Health
SALC re Heritage Lottery Fund **
St Edmundsbury Registration Voter Poster – Notice Board
Community Bus Meeting
West Suffolk Community News
West Suffolk Council – Gambling Policy Consultation
Community Action Suffolk Conference
Police & Crime Commissioner Survey
Community Emergency Planning Workshop
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin
Neighbourhood Development Plans
SALC Area Meeting to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
Suffolk Community Foundation News
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Young People
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin
Community Emergency Planning Conference
Rural Services Network Special Alert Rural Policing
SALC Courses

21.1 Parish Conference to be held at Samuel Ward Academy, Haverhill on 12 October 2015 at 6.00pm. Details to be available shortly.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Barnetson said he would like to attend the Councillors Course in October to be held at the SALC Offices. The Clerk agreed to book this.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Chairman Date