

## DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 8pm in the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh.

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Graham Moyse and Andrew Rabett
- 1.1 The reason for the absence of Councillor Rabett from this and two previous Parish Council meetings was through other work commitments. This was unanimously accepted.
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**
- 5.1 Confirmation that the damaged and missing posts will be replaced by Suffolk County Council in due course.
- 5.2 Work is being undertaken on the Byway from The Green to Chevington to alleviate the flooding.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT**  
Councillor Barnetson stated that no crimes had been reported in Depden.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 7.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £270 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Receipts	
VAT Refund	36.00

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	179.14
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	44.80
CCDRCC – Hire of The Erskine Centre	60.00
ARO Election Expenses	21.34

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £7.45 will remain.

7.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £270. has been transferred to the Community Account, and 70p interest added, it will leave a balance of £4,872.21.

**8. PRECEPT FORM**

The Precept Form for 2016/2017 was signed by the Chairman and Clerk. This to be forwarded to St Edmundsbury Borough Council by the Clerk.

**9. EXTERNAL AUDIT**

New arrangements for the external audit of Councils are being arranged by NALC. It is possible for Councils to arrange their own Auditor, the deadline for opting-out being 31 January 2016. It was decided to stay within the new arrangement to be called 'Smaller Authority Appointment Authority Limited'.

**10. POLICE REPORT** – no report has been received

**11. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mary Evans reported that no date had been fixed the traffic calming work to start on the Elms Farm turning on the A143. We will share the VAS signs with Hargrave and the Clerk agreed to order the brackets and a 30mph or 'Bike Aware' sign for the posts. Councillor Evans recommended that the Parish Council look for patterns of speeding and vehicle numbers.

There has been a review of the Fire Service in Suffolk. Clare and Wickhambrook stations to remain. There are less fires due to the installation of fire alarms and less accidents, where people have to be cut from their vehicle, because of the deployment of air bags. Councillor Evans asked if Depden was planning any event to celebrate the HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Councillors were not aware of any event planned.

Free satellites dishes are available for receiving broadband if your speed is below 2 mb/s. Councillor Evans said she would provide the information to the Newsletter.

**12. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Clive Pollington reported that there is no change to the situation concerning Kellys Meadow. The consultation concerning the new proposed Waste Hub has begun. Confirmation that a charge of £40 for the use of a Brown Bin will be introduced when the technology has been resolved.

Councillor Arnold asked when the Railway Bridge in Newmarket Road Bury St Edmunds will be repaired. Councillor Evans replied that the Highways are awaiting British Rail because power cables run under the bridge.

**13. VAS SIGNS and POLE SIGNAGE**

As County Councillor's Report

**14. SPEEDING/SIGNAGE ON A143**

As County Councillor's Report

**15. CAR PARKING IN CHURCH END**

A representative Havebury Housing have started that it is a problem for the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council and passed on photos of the problem. The Clerk stated that she had made a report to the Highways Department concerning the mud on the road and is awaiting a reply.

**16. SALC NEW WEBSITE**

The Clerk reported that SALC has a new website which, in order to use the 'members area a new log on password will be required using an individual email address. The Clerk has received a password for her use. It was decided that a password should be obtained for the Chairman to be used by all the Parish Councillors.

**17. LITTER PICK**

The date of Saturday 2 April was decided meeting at 10am at the Bus Shelter.

**18. KELLYS MEADOW**

As Borough Councillor's report.

**19. NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Newsletter to include speeding on the A143, Broadband speed, £40 charge for the Brown Bins and replacement Footpath posts have been ordered.

**20. CORRESPONDENCE \*\* filed**

Rural Services Network Digest x 8  
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 4  
Community Action Suffolk News x 3  
SALC re Fire Service Consultation  
SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby & Andy Barnetson  
Suffolk Community Foundation High Sheriff's Award \*\*  
Headway Recruiting Poster – Notice Board  
SALC CEO Report  
SALC re LAIS1384 Housing and Spending Review  
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 2  
Rural Services Network Health Conference 2016  
Suffolk Police Local Review  
Suffolk Community Foundation Grants \*\*  
Rural Services Network Affordable Housing Seminar \*\*  
SALC Courses  
SALC re Parish Council Referendum  
Emergency Planning Training Course \*\*  
Emergency Planning Newsletter \*\*  
Suffolk Police Change Team Letter  
West Suffolk Support for Vulnerable People Christmas Period  
Shaping the future of Suffolk Fire Service Meeting  
Rural Services Network Rural Economy Spotlight  
Suffolk Community Foundation Newsletter x 2  
Suffolk CC Community Emergency Planning Newsletter \*\*  
Suffolk CC Letter re Fire & Rescue Service  
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine  
SALC re Audit Appointments  
SALC Buckingham Palace Garden Party  
email from Jonathan Huck re accident  
Suffolk CC First Aid Courses \*\*

**21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**21.1** The Millennium Farm Trust had applied for the job of cutting the grass and the meeting agreed that the Clerk should contact the Trust to offer them the job.

**21.2** Graham Moyse has resigned as a Parish Councillor, due to work commitments. When written confirmation has been received the vacancy will be included in the Newsletter.

**21.3** As the new Chedburgh Choir also meets on Tuesday evenings, the only evening available to the Choir Leader, the noise level proved difficult to hear the Councillors speaking. It was suggested that the Parish Council move its meetings to the second Thursday in the months that it meets. The Clerk agreed to contact the Booking Clerk to The Erskine Centre about availability and then contact the County and Borough Councillors if they had a problem with the change of day..

**23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Chairman ..... Date .....