

## DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Chevington

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

Peter Ebbens - Resident

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Andrew Rabett
2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**  
Following the resignation of Andy Barnetson it was decided to appoint a temporary Vice Chairman when required for a meeting.  
  
*(Since the meeting an email has been send to Andy thanking him for his contribution to the Parish Council and his care of Depden).*
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
4. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD 10 MAY 2016**  
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
5. **SALC REPORT** No report
6. **FOOTPATH REPORT**  
The damaged or missing sign posts already reported have still not been repaired or replaced.
7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - no report
8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - 8.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £435.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	179.34
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	44.60
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses)	58.35
SALC Subscription	127.03
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	25.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £7.24 will remain.

8.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £435.00. has been transferred to the Community Account, and .67p interest added, it will leave a balance of £5978.50

8.3 Councillor Arnold agreed to become a signature in place of Andy Barnetson.

8.4 It was agreed that the Clerk should receive the pay increase as agreed with the NALC of 10.16p per hour bringing her pay to £8.717 per hour for 3 hours per week.

## 9. **REPAIRS TO VILLAGE SIGN**

The meeting agreed to obtain quotes for repainting to the rear and side of the Village Sign.

## 10. **POLICE REPORT** – no report

## 11. **PLANNING**

11.1 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 21 June 2016 having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

11.2 DC/16/1041/FUL Extension to existing Grain Store at Gatesbury Farm, Depden

11.3 DC/16/0722/HH Cedar Lodge amended plans. Two storey side and rear extension and first floor extension over existing garage.

## 12. **VAS SIGNS**

12.1 Councillor Leadbeater reported on the speed results from the VAS Sign. Attachment 16/3.

12.2 The Sign has been damaged, by what is believed to be stones being thrown at it. Other Signs in the area have also been damaged by spray paint.

## 13. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mary Evans reported that Community Transport has been re-arranged under one phone number. The scheme is available 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday. 81% of the schools in Suffolk have been rated 'good'. The Childrens Department of the County Council has also been rated as 'good'. A consultation concerning the planned devolution, which funded by the EC, is to take place.

The meeting was temporary closed so Peter Ebbens could raise his concerns about the Elm Farm turning on to the A143. The white lines and Chevron signs he believes have not reduced the speed of the traffic especially between 7 and 9am and 5 and 6pm. The vision at the junction is poor because the overgrown verge which is not cut back far enough. Councillor Evans agreed to contact the Highways Dept. and ask Dr Huck if he is aware of any accidents since the speed reduction measures have been in place.

## 14. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Clive Pollington reported that the Borough Council has agreed that the Waste Hub will be at Hollow Road, Bury St Edmunds but it is still to be passed by the Planning Dept.

Regarding Kellys Meadow he asked if the Parish Council would agree to write a letter to Ian Gallin concerning the Council's behaviour towards Mr & Mrs Harding at Coblands Farm as they will not sale a strip of land to improve the 'line of sight' at the entrance. Also express the Parish Council's concerning about lack of enforcement reference the number of caravans on Kellys meadow. Councillor Leadbeater and the Clerk agreed to look again at the letter sent September 2015.

Locality money is available for community group again this year.

Councillor Evans stated as Depden has no Emergency Plan we might consider a simplified version.

**15. RECRUITMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Peter Ebbens agreed to become a Parish Councillor.

**16. NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Newsletter to include recruitment of Parish Councillor, VAS Sign results, new community transport arrangements.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE**

Hargrave Parish Council Silent Auction  
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine x 2  
Rural Services Network Digest x 8  
SALC re opening hours of Recycling Units  
Suffolk County Council re Fire Service Consultation  
Suffolk Observatory Questionnaire \*\*  
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 4  
SALC re Fostering Posters \*\*  
Rural Services Network Conference \*\*  
Clive Pollington information  
Suffolk Police Letter  
Rural Services Network Seminar  
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Rural Health  
SALC re Compost Workshops  
Community Action Suffolk News x 3  
SALC First Aid in the Workplace \*\*  
Suffolk Flood and Coastal News \*\*  
SALC re Cathedral HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert  
Suffolk County Council Fostering and Grass Cutting  
Suffolk County Council Flood Risk Management  
SALC Area Meeting to Dennis Bibby  
Rural Services Network Opportunities Bulletin x 2  
Matthew Hancock MP Report x 2  
St Edmunds Borough Council Parish Forum  
SALC re Network Rail Consultation  
West Suffolk Network Events  
Matthew Hancock re Keith Joseph Lecture  
ROWIP – Countryside Access Consultation to Mark Leadbeater  
SALC Employment Seminar \*\*  
Rural Services Network Economy Spotlight  
SALC Courses  
West Suffolk Planning Plan \*\*  
SALC re Road Investment Strategy  
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Older People  
Emergency Planning Newsletter \*\*  
West Suffolk Planning Services Upgrade  
Matthew Hancock MP message  
SALC re Upper Orwell Crossing  
Big Lottery Funding Grants \*\*  
Mary Evans concerning devolution

**17.1** Revised Vision 2031 which Councillor Payne agreed to read.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Arnold stated that the trees on The Green near the entrance to Tanglewood, etc are causing a sight problem. The Clerk agreed to speak to Andrew Rabett.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 13 September 2016 and it was agreed it should be held at The Village Hall, Chevington.

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

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