

## DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Chevington

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater  
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold  
Peter Ebbens  
Peter Payne  
Andrew Rabett  
Susan Boor (Clerk)  
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.45 pm)  
Clive Pollington – Borough Councillor (arrived 8.20 pm)

Mr & Mrs Rolfe, Mr Freathy - Residents

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby
  2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** –  
Councillor Leadbeater declared an interest in item 14.
  3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 JULY 2016**  
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**  
The missing and damaged signposts have been replaced plus an additional sign on the Green near Pound House. Councillor Rabett reported that the Bridal Way to Chevington will be tidied up.
  6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - no report
  7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 7.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £605.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	184.69
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	46.00
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	10.00
Millennium Farm Trust	87.50
Came & Co	275.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £9.05 will remain.

- 7.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £605.00. has been transferred to the Community Account it will leave a balance of 5373.50
- 7.3 The new Signature Mandate was signed and Councillor Arnold took the papers to complete her personal details and have them approved by Barclays Bank.

## **8. VAS SIGN**

### **8.1 INSURANCE**

Hargrave Parish Council have proposed that they put the VAS Sign, we share with themselves and Ousden, on their Asset Register at £1 and pay the insurance for the VAS Sign for all three villages. They would not pass on any of the cost but Depden and Ousden must agree they would pay the £100 excess if the any claim is made when the sign is displayed in those villages. The Councillors agreed to this arrangement and Councillor Leadbeater signed the form from Hargrave Parish Council.

### **8.2 DAMAGE**

It was reported that paint had been sprayed on the Sign when installed at Church End and that Councillor Leadbeater and the Clerk spent nearly 2 hours cleaning it.

### **8.2 REPORT Attachment 16/4**

Councillor Leadbeater reported on the results.

## **9. EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed and there were no issues identified.

## **10. POLICE REPORT – no report**

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

Clive Pollington reported that the Hub had not yet been approved by the Planning Dept. and devolution is still in progress. He has had a meeting with Ian Gallin concerning Kellys Meadow where the management plan and enforcement of the number of vans were discussed. Councillor Pollington is awaiting written confirmation of the matters discussed at this meeting.

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

Mary Evans reported that 'onesuffolk' website for local Councils, which is free, is to be moved to Community Action Suffolk where a charge of £50 per year per parish will be made. This move has come about because Suffolk County Council has withdrawn its grant.

There has been a change of protocol concerning speed limit changes. Councillor Ebbens agreed to obtain details from the Highways Department.

Suffolk students achieved good GCSE results including those seeking asylum and 82% of schools are good or outstanding. Children in care who took GCSE's have received a voucher for cinema etc. as a 'well done' present.

## **13. SPEEDING**

### **13.1 ELM FARM TURNING**

Councillor Ebbens reported that there has been near misses and an accident at the Farm Shop. The grass has been cut back at the junction.

### **13.2 HALL CLOSE JUNCTION WITH THE GREEN**

The meeting was closed to allow Mr & Mrs Rolfe to discuss their concern about the junction at Hall Close and vehicles driving over their grass verge.

Problems have been due to speed and more lorries using the Green. Concern was also expressed about where the School Bus turns and it was agreed that the Clerk will write to Neals Transport expressing the concerns of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk also write a letter to 'Grey Tops' expressing concern about their hedge which obscures the 'line of sight' at the bend.

Councillor Evans agreed to contact the Highways Department to discuss road markings and signs.

### **14. MILLENNIUM FARM TRUST**

The meeting concluded so that Tim Freathy could give a presentation of the Millennium Farm Trust, a charity care farm which provides occupation for people with learning difficulties and disabilities. Councillor Leadbeater took no part in the following discussion.

The Farm Trust has been at Rookery Farm, Depden for 2 years and is open 3 days a week. Many of the people have mobility issues and the Trust are making a bid for lottery funding for access paths and a poly tunnel. Mr Freathy is requesting support from community organisations and it was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of support to include that the Trust cuts the grass for the Parish Council.

### **15. PLANNING.**

**15.1** DC/16/1041/FUL Extension to existing Grain Store at Gatesbury Farm - approved

**15.2** DC/16/0722/HH Cedar Lodge extension amended plans – approved

**15.3** DC/16/1187/PMBPA Elm Farm Barn, Bury Road – change of use from agricultural to dwelling approved under permitted development.

### **16. VILLAGE SIGN REPAIRS**

The Clerk is still obtaining quotes for the repairs.

### **17. REPAIRS TO THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD**

The Clerk reported that Angie Barnettson had repaired the Notice Board free of charge. The Clerk had thanked her.

### **18. NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Newsletter to include recruitment of Parish Councillor, VAS Sign damage and results and Broadband speed.

### **19. BROADBAND SPEED**

It is possible to increase your broadband speed via a mobile provider. It was agreed to ask Paul Shoemith to write an article for the Newsletter.

### **20. VISION 2031 Attachment 16/5**

Councillor Payne presented a summary of the Vision 2031.

### **21. WEBSITE**

It was agreed to register an interest on moving the website to Community Action Suffolk.

**22. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Rural Services Network Digest x 9
- Matthew Hancock MP re Vodafone
- Community Action Suffolk News x 2
- Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 4
- John Griffiths Devolution Consultation
- West Suffolk A14/A11 Consultation
- Dr Huck re Traffic Calming
- SALC re B&Q free Rock Salt \*\*
- Rural Services Digest Housing Spotlight
- SALC re Norfolk & Suffolk Devolution Presentations
- SALC re Highways Matters
- Derek Harrington re hay mess on road
- Chief Constable and Crime Commissioner Tour
- Community Action Suffolk Awards \*\*
- Rural Services Network Spotlight on Young People
- Community Action Suffolk News x 3
- Rural Services Network Conference \*\*
- Matthew Hancock MP Newsletter x 2
- Rural Services Network Opportunities Bulletin x 2
- SALC re more dates to meet the Chief Constable and the Crime Commissioner
- Fit Villages of Suffolk Funding \*\*
- Suffolk Year of Walking
- West Suffolk Planning Department notices information
- SALC Courses
- Rural Services Digest Spotlight on Heart of the Village
- Redfield Parish Meeting re Devolution
- Clare Town Council re Devolution
- Tesco Grants \*\*
- Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine
- SALC re LAIS13923 Neighbourhood Planning
- SALC ipad training

**22.1** Parish Conference Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

**23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were none.

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 8 November 2016 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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