

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Andy Barnetson
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12 JANUARY 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**
 - 5.1 A temporary notice stating ‘no motorbikes’ to use the bridleway from The Green to Chevington. Work on this bridleway to start in the Spring.
 - 5.2 Councillor Rabett reported that the track across The Green has been repaired.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - no report
7. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
 - 7.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £380 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)	30.51
Westcotec – Brackets for VAS Signs	120.00
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	10.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £3.00 will remain.
 - 7.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £380. has been transferred to the Community Account, and 70p interest added, it will leave a balance of £4,492.21.
8. **POLICE REPORT** – no report
Councillor Leadbeater reported that there had been a burglary in Depden.

9. VAS SIGNS

Clerk to contact Chairman of Hargrave Parish Council to arrange exchange of the VAS sign.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mary Evans reported that a new 'speedvan' is going round the area. White line have been painted on the A143. A new contract for Suffolk Highways have been signed which should mean less paperwork. Road closures of only 15 minutes to repair potholes are planned.

Better Broadband has been delayed but Councillor Evans will put a notice in Newsletter. New contract has been awarded to BT.

The Children's and Young Peoples Service of Suffolk County Council has been rated Good. The Foster Service has been under pressure due to young immigrants arriving with no guardian and 11 years plus boys being troubled with home circumstances.

Councillor Arnold reported that HGV drivers are still sleeping overnight in the layby.

11. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Clive Pollington reported that the survey concerning 'The Hub' is ongoing. The Relief Road to the A14 has been confirmed. At present 2500 households have paid to continue with the Brown Bin collection.

The Council Tax has been increased by 2%. No developments regarding Kellys Meadow.

12. SPEEDING/SIGNAGE ON A143

The white lines have been painted but still awaiting Chevron Signs.

13. LITTER PICK

Reminder Saturday 2 April 2016 at 10am at the Bus Shelter. Clerk agreed to order the equipment from the Borough Council.

14. RECRUITMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Councillor Leadbeater suggested a notice in the Farm Shop.

15. NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Newsletter to include recruitment of Parish Councillor and reminder of new venue.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Services Network Digest x 6
SALC Area Meeting dates 2016 to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
Community Action Suffolk News
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 3
Suffolk Community Foundation Grants **
SALC re LAIS1385 Public Service Ombudsman
Suffolk Police re PCSOs
Community Action Suffolk Conference
Rural Services Network Digest Special x 2
Rural Services Network Housing Spotlight
Community Action Suffolk Newsletter x 2
SALC re Highways Survey
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 2
SALC re Audit Appointment

SALC Financial Information
St Edmundsbury BC re short stay Gypsy Sites
Mellis PC re Green Lanes to Andrew Rabett
SALC Area Meeting information to Dennis Bibby and Andy Barnetson
Rural Services Network Rural Spotlight
Community Action Suffolk News
St Edmundsbury BC survey re planning online – completed
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine
The Local Councillor Magazine
SALC Training Programme
Matthew Hancock MP Report

16.1 Parish Conference Monday 11 April 2016 at Stanton Village Hall to start at 5.30pm.

17. GRASS CUTTING

Confirmation that the Millennium Farm Trust had agreed to cut the grass near the Bus Shelter and the Village Notice Board.

18. WEBSITE

The Clerk agreed to contact Reverend Collins to ask if her contact details can be included on the website.

19. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING to be held Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 8pm in The Erskine Centre, Chedburgh. The Clerk agreed to contact Village organisations.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Leadbeater informed the meeting that a party is to be held on the green at Hall Close to celebrate H M The Queen's 90th Birthday.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Meeting to be held Tuesday 10 May 2016 at The Village Hall, Chevington.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman Date