

# DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby, Andrew Rabett and Clive Pollington, Borough Councillor
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13 SEPTEMBER 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** – no matters to report.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - no report
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 7.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £400.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	181.44
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses)	161.52
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	45.20
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	7.50

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £13.39 will remain.

- 7.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £400.00 has been transferred to the Community Account and 77p interest added it will leave a balance of 4974.27.
- 7.3 **MANDATE FORM**  
Councillor Leadbeather's signature has been queried by Barclays Bank so the form had to be amended. The Clerk agreed to resubmit the forms.

8. **BUDGET**  
The for 2017/18 was presented by the Clerk. The grants Parish Councils received are no longer available so all money required by the Parish Council will now have to be raised from the Council Tax. This will mean an increase of approx. £3 per property but being a very small parish there is very little means of saving money. The Budget was agreed by the Councillors.

**9. POLICE REPORT** – no report

**10. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – no report

**11. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Mary Evans reported that she had complained about the way the funding of ‘onesuffolk’ website was withdrawn by the Council. She has received no reply from Suffolk Highway Department regarding the problems at the Elm Farm turning and the speeds issues on the A43.

Councillor Evans is in dialogue with BT regarding the speed of Broadband in remote areas. This work is being done in phases by BT.

The Highways Department has appointed a new drainage contract which is hoped to prevent flooding. The Core Centre staff are to be moved closer to the Department which should improve communication. Free nursery care for 3-4 year olds is to be increased to 30 hours per week. 91% of nurseries are rated as good. A plea that all burglaries should be reported.

**12. WEBSITE**

It was agreed to stay with ‘onesuffolk’ website for at least one year but to monitor the cost, etc. Councillor Evans agreed to fund the cost for one year from her locality fund.

**13. SPEEDING PROBLEMS**

**13.1 ELM FARM TURNING**

There has been an accident at the turning but has not been reported to the Clerk.

**13.2 HALL CLOSE TURNING**

In response to a letter to Neals Transport from the Clerk requesting that the school bus reverses in to the turning to Hall Close and not pick up the pupils on the road thorough The Green. The Senior Network Planner at Suffolk County Council stated in an email that school buses should not reverse with pupils on board.

**13.3 GREY TOPS**

In response to a letter from the clerk the owner of Grey Tops has phoned to say he had no plans to cut back his hedge to improve the ‘line of sight’ on the road through The Green.

**14. PLANNING**

DC/16/2308/LB Pound House – open front entrance porch  
DC/16/2188/HH Pound House – detached garage/storage shed

After a discussion was agreed to support these applications. The Clerk agreed to inform West Suffolk Council of the decisions.

**15. REPAIRS TO VILLAGE SIGN**

The Clerk reported she is still trying to get a quote for the work.

**18. NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Newsletter to include recruitment of Parish Councillor and appeal for information concerning accidents on the A143.

**22. CORRESPONDENCE \*\* File**

Mathew Hancock MP Speech  
SALC Survey  
SALC LAIS 1393 Precept Consultation  
SALC re Neighbourhood Watch  
Rural Services Network Digest x 7  
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Older People  
Rural Services Network Economy Spotlight  
SALC re Local Council Award Scheme \*\*  
Clive Pollington re Local Council Referendums  
Rural Services Network Conference \*\*  
SALC AGM Invitation to Dennis Bibby  
Mathew Hancock MP Newsletter x 2  
Rural Services Rural Vulnerability Service x 3  
Boundary Commission Public Headings  
Emergency Planning Newsletter \*\*  
SALC re Newsletter of the Year  
Rural Services Network Opportunities Bulletin  
Community Action Suffolk Funding Event \*\*  
email from Mary Evans re VAS Sign  
Community Action Suffolk Social Impact Measurements  
CCDRCC AGM Invitation  
Rural Services Network Housing Spotlight  
Community Action Suffolk News x 2  
West Suffolk Parish Conference  
SALC Annual Report to Dennis Bibby  
Community Action Suffolk Volunteering Service Officer \*\*  
Community Action Suffolk Annual Review  
SALC re Highways Matters  
SALC re Local Finance Settlement  
SALC re Health Check  
Suffolk View Newsletter Autumn 2016  
RIGS Funding Scheme \*\*  
Rural Service Newsletter Opportunities Bulletin  
Rural Services Network Grants \*\*  
Suffolk Highways A143 work  
Clerks & Councils Magazine

**23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed the Clerk could attend a Clerk Networking Day at SALC on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at a cost of £16 plus VAT

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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