

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Chevington

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Dennis Bibby (arrived 8.35 pm)
Peter Ebbens
Andrew Rabett
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Mary Evans – County Councillor (arrived 8.20 pm)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Peter Payne and Clive Pollington, Borough Councillor.
 2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
 3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8 NOVEMBER 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. Footpath 3 has been sprayed.
 6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - no report
 7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 7.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £215.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Cheque already approved:
Community Action Suffolk - £60.00. A transfer had already been made to cover this payment

Receipt of £30 for VAT Refund has been received.

Cheques for the following were approved and signed

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	181.44
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	45.20
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	7.50
SALC – Clerk's Networking	19.20

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £5.05 will remain.

- 7.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £215.00 has been transferred to the Community Account and 77p interest added it will leave a balance of £4699.94.
- 7.3 **MANDATE FORM**
The new mandate has been approved by Barclays Bank.

- 8. BUDGET** Attachment 16/6
The Budget was approved and the Clerk to submit the Precept form to St Edmundsbury Council.
- 9. POLICE REPORT** – no report
- 10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Mary Evans reported that the battery for the VAS Sign used by Great Bradley has failed and the Sign will have to be returned to the manufacturer Westcotec for the battery type to be changed. Parents are being consulted on School transport item to be included in the next Parish Newsletter. She had attended a meeting of Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE) in Wickhambrook. Other issues include safer social media and schools' involvement in young persons' medical health care. A survey is being undertaken to assess the needs of businesses in rural areas. Devolution decision to be made soon.
- A discussion took place concerning the Elm Farm turning on the A143. Another accident had been reported by Dr Jonathan Huck. The line of site verge needs to be cut back further.
- The School bus has damaged The Green. The Clerk agreed to report this to Neals Transport.
- Councillor Arnold reported that a lorry was parked in the lay-by overnight of New Year's Day in spite a notice stating 'no overnight parking'.
- 11. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater read a report that stated there was very little to report concerning Kellys Meadow and that he had managed to help The Millennium Farm Trust obtain a grant of £10,000.
- 12. VAS SIGN REPORT** Attachment 16/7
- 13. PLANNING**
DC/16/2308/LB Pound House – open front entrance porch - approved
DC/16/2188/HH Pound House – detached garage/storage shed – no decision yet.
- 14. REPAIRS TO VILLAGE SIGN**
The Clerk still has this in hand.
- 15. WEBSITE**
The fee of £50 plus VAT has been paid to the Community Action Suffolk and Councillor Evans has approved a grant of £50 from her locality fund to cover the cost.
- 16. LITTER PICK**
Agreed date Saturday 25 March 2017 at 10am to meet at the Village Sign. Clerk to arrange extra equipment.
- 17. NEWSLETTER ITEMS**
Newsletter to include Schools Transport consultation, recruitment of Parish Councillor, appeal for information concerning accidents on the A143 and the Litter Pick.

- 18. CORRESPONDENCE** ** File
 Mathew Hancock MP Speech
 SALC Survey
 SALC re LAIS1393 Precept Consultation
 SALC re Neighbourhood Watch
 Rural Services Network Digest x 7
 Rural Services 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 Information to Dennis Bibby
 Matthew Hancock MP Newsletter x 2
 Rural Services Rural Vulnerability Service x 3
 Boundary Commission Public Hearings
 Emergency Planning Newsletter **
 SALC re Newsletter of the Year
 Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 2
 Community Action Suffolk Funding Event **
 Email from Mary Evans re VAS Signs
 Community Action Suffolk Social Impact Measurements
 CCDRCC AGM Invite
 Rural Services Network Housing Spotlight
 Community Action Suffolk News x 2
 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 Autumn 2016
 RIGS Funding Scheme
 Rural Services Network Grants **
 Suffolk Highways A143 work
 Clerks & Councils Magazine

18.1 St Edmundsbury Parish and Town Forum Tuesday 31 January at Barrow Village Hall at 6pm. The Clerk agreed to attend.

19. VENUE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
 It was agreed for this to be held at The Village Hall, Chevington The Clerk to book the Hall.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There were none

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
 The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 14 March 2017 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

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

Chairman Date