

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 July 2017 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
Clive Pollington- Borough Councillor

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Peter Ebbens and Andrew Rabett.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9 MAY 2017**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **POLICE REPORT** – no report
5. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Councillor Evans report that the engine parts near the Elm Farm turning on the A143 had been cleared from the ditch. The meeting agreed to write to Guy Smith of the Highways Department asking for the hedge on the north side of the A143 near the Elm Farm turning to be cut back to improve visibility. New personnel in the Highways Department to be in place by September, this being part of a large reorganisation at the County Council.

A review of services for children and young people with special needs was not good but the service is improving. Councillor Evans hoped to arrange a meeting with the Police and Highways to discuss current highway problems. CAB at Clare are offering advice on switching energy provider.

A review of high rise buildings by the Fire Service had taken place following the fire in London. There are 19 buildings in the county over 8 floors. It has been decided if there is a fire in a high building 5 engines will attend. Checks are continuing in other buildings such as accommodation above shops.
6. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Councillor Pollington reported there has been two bomb warnings at West Suffolk House. He had received a letter from resident Liz Brennan requesting a crossing at the Bus Stop on the A143. A meeting with Liz Brennan to be arranged. No news about Kelly's Meadow.
7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - no report
8. **SALC REPORT** – no report
9. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater stated no further problems to report.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

10.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £285.00 has already been transferred to pay for the repairs to the Village Sign and a further £240.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Cheque already signed:

A J Barnetson (Repairs to Village Sign)	285.00
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Cheques for the following were approved and signed

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	181.44
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	45.20
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses	5.92
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	7.50

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £8.32 will remain.

10.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £240.00 has been transferred to the Community Account it will leave a balance of £6074.94.

11. REPAIRS TO VILLAGE SIGN

Handy Angie had completed the repairs and had also re-stained the post and the Notice Board. Thanks to Angie were expressed. The Clerk offered to re-stain the seat near the Sign.

12.. SPEEDING ON A143.

No discussion on this matter.

13. VAS SIGN – ADDITIONAL REPORT

The Clerk reported that she has received an email from Ray Brotherton from Highways that this matter is in hand.

14. VAS SIGN REPORT Attachment 17/5

15. NEWSLETTER ITEMS

VAS Sign new post.

16. RUT ON GREEN

The Clerk had received an email stating the situation is being monitored.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ** File

SALC Bulletin

Letter from Matthew Hancock MP

SALC re charging Parkrun **

Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 3

West Suffolk Council Notes from the Parish Forum

Community Action Suffolk News x 3

Good Councillor Guide **

Rural Services Network Digest x 9

Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 4

SALC re LAIS1399 Neighbourhood Planning **

Suffolk Community Foundation Fund **

Community Action Suffolk News
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Young People
SALC re LAIS1400
SALC re Data Protection
Anglian Water re Private Pumping Stations **
Rural Services Network Conference
SALC Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby
Tree Warden Scheme to Peter Payne
Community Action Suffolk Awards
Rural Services Network Economic Spotlight
Community Action Suffolk re Village Halls **
Rural Services Network Rural Area Survey
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Rural Health
Suffolk County Council re roadworks.org
Havebury Housing letter
Suffolk Preservation Society Suffolk View
Clerks & Councils Direct
Matthew Hancock MP Newsletter
West Suffolk Single Council Proposals
Suffolk Community Foundation Honours **

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There were none

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 12 September 2017 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chairman Date