

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 September at 8pm in The Village Hall, Chevington

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Dennis Bibby
Peter Ebbens
Peter Payne
Andrew Rabett
Susan Boor (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mary Evans and Clive Pollington
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 JULY 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** Attachment 17/6
The report was read by Councillor Leadbeater. The Clerk stated that she and Councillor Evans had meet with resident Liz Brenan to discuss the problems of the bus service but no solution was readily available. Attendance at the meeting with Police Inspector Danny Cooper to be decided when the date is confirmed.
6. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – no report
7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** – no report
8. **SALC REPORT** – no report
9. **FOOTPATH REPORT**
Councillor Leadbeater stated that repairs to the posts had still not been carried out by Suffolk County Council. Councillor Rabett reported that he has asked the Church authorities to remove the bridge at the rear of the Church, which needs repair. The bridge is not part of an official footpath.
10. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - 10.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated that £600.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account to the current account.

Cheques for the following were approved and signed

Millenium Farm Trust (Grass Cutting	87.50
Came & Co (Insurance)	280.00
Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	181.44
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	45.20
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	7.50

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £6.68 will remain.

10.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £600.00 has been transferred to the Community Account it will leave a balance of £5474.94.

11. EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been completed and there were no issues to report. The statutory notice had been placed on the Notice Board.

12.. SPEEDING ON A143

12.1 The meeting discussed the response from West Suffolk Highways Department to the request to cut back the hedge by Rookery Farm to increase the 'line of sight' from the Elm Farm turning.. The response being that to cut the hedge back would increase the speed of the traffic.

12.2 The report written by Councillor Ebbens was discussed but to await further action until Councillor Evans had met with the Highways department.

12.3 The Clerk agreed to report the pot holes near Woodside Cottage to the Highways Department.

13. VAS SIGN Attachment 17/7
Copy of the report to be sent to Councillor Evans.

15. NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Recruitment of a Parish Councillor, Website link for consultation concerning free school transport, request for hedge to be cut back and VAS Sign report.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ** File

Rural Services Network Digest x 9
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 4
Community Action Suffolk News x 6
Suffolk Community Foundation Sports Fund **
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Older People
SALC Admin Bulletin re Social Media **
West Suffolk Council Notes from Parish Forum
Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight
Clive Pollington email re Kellys Meadow x 2
Rural Services Network Rural Conference **
Matthew Hancock MP Newsletter x 2
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 2
Community Action Suffolk Funding **
SALC re Website and Newsletter of the Year **
email from Wethingsett-cum-Brockford re VAS Sign data to Mark Leadbeather
Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner Stay Safe Online Fund **
Liz Brennan email re accident on The Green
Rural Services Network Digital Opportunities Survey completed
SALC Information Bulletin x 2
Suffolk County Council re Spread Eagle Junction
SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby
SALC Litter Strategy LAIS1401
Rural Services Network Spotlight on Rural Health
The Local Councillor Magazine
Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

17.1 It was agreed the Clerk could attend a course concerning Data Protection Reform.

17.2 email concerning road works by BT in the village

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – There were none

22. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 14 November 2017 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman Date