

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Chevington

PRESENT: Chairman: Mark Leadbeater
Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Peter Ebbens
Andrew Rabett
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Clive Pollington- Borough Councillor (arrived 8.10 pm)
Residents: Nicki and Steve Golding

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby, Peter Payne and County Councillor Mary Evans.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10 JANUARY 2017**
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**
A tree is down at the junction of footpaths 3 and 5 and the sign is broken. Another tree is down across footpath 1 which Councillor Rabett will remove. The sign at Beech Hall drive needs replacing also the sign on the A143. The Clerk agreed to contact the Footpath Dept. at the County Council.
6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** - no report
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - 7.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £200.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account.

Receipt of £50 from Suffolk County Council had been received from the locality fund of Councillor Evans for the website.

Cheques for the following were approved and signed

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	181.44
Susan Boor (Clerk's Expenses)	17.31
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	45.20
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	7.50

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £3.60 will remain.

- 7.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when £200.00 has been transferred to the Community Account it will leave a balance of £4,499.94.
- 7.3 **EXTERNAL AUDIT**
The Clerk reported that the Auditors for 2016/2017 would be BDO but for a five year period from 2017/18 PKF Littlejohn LLP have been appointed.

8. **POLICE REPORT** – no report
9. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Pollington stated that there had been nothing further to report concerning Kelly's Meadow. He has a new locality fund to distribute to community projects. The government continues to decrease the grant to the Borough Council and by 2020 the Council will have to borrow money to meet their commitments. The Borough Councillors had rejected a proposed increase in their expenses.
10. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** Attachment 16/8
11. **SPEEDING ISSUES**
 - 11.1 **VAS SIGN REPORT** Attachment 16/9
Councillor Leadbeater agreed to report the findings to Councillor Evans.
 - 11.2 The meeting was temporarily closed so residents Nicki and Steve Golding could join the discussion concerning speeding through The Green. It was decided to discuss with the Highways Dept. the possibility of another post for the VAS Sign in the centre of The Green which could be turned both ways. The Clerk to check cost of post and bracket and contact the Highways Dept.
 - 11.3 Two accidents on the A143 had been reported and it was agreed to ask Councillor Evans for an update on the Elm Farm turning.
 - 11.4 Councillor Leadbeater agreed to investigate the cause of the water on the A143 near his property.
12. **PLANNING**

DC/16/2188/HH Pound House – detached garage/storage shed – approved.
13. **REPAIRS TO VILLAGE SIGN**

An estimate of £285.00 had been received from Handy Angie and it was agreed to accept this.
14. **BROADBAND MEETING**

Councillor Leadbeater had attended a meeting arranged by Matthew Hancock MP to discuss better broadband for the area. He said the meeting was disappointing and agree to write a letter to Matthew Hancock expressing concerns about the lack of broadband speed and the time scale for it to be improved.
15. **PAPERLESS PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk had attended a Town and Parish Forum where there was a proposal to not post paper planning applications to Parish Councils but they are requested to use the internet. The Clerk also attended a meeting of Chevington Village Hall Committee and asked if the Committee would reinstate the WiFi in the Village Hall but they said they would not be prepared to do so.
16. **LETTER FROM MILLENNIUM FARM TRUST**

A letter from the MFT had been received thanking the Parish Council for the support given for their Lottery Bid which had been successful.
17. **LITTER PICK**

Saturday 25 March 2017 at 10am to meet at the Village Sign. Clerk has arranged extra equipment.

- 18. CORRESPONDENCE ** File**
 Fair Share for Suffolk
 WWI Beacon **
 Suffolk Community Foundation Funding **
 Community Action Suffolk message re NHS
 Rural Services Network Digest x 7
 SALC re Transparency Code Support **
 Letter from Mayor of St Edmundsbury to Mark Leadbeather
 Community Action Suffolk Newsletter x 3
 Rural Services Network Vulnerability Services x 3
 SALC re SPS event **
 Suffolk Community Foundation News
 Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight
 CEP AGM **
 Rural Services Network Health Conference **
 Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin x 2
 Mathew Hancock MP Newsletter x 2
 Rural Services Network Seminar **
 Rural Services Network Heart of the Village
 SALC Area Meeting dates to Dennis Bibby
 SALC Composting Training
 SALC Planning Conference
 SALC new email address
 SALC re Highways Matters Newsletter
 SALC re Grants for War Memorials **
 SALC re Pub is the Hub **
 SALC re Skateboarding Park Training **
 2018 Parliamentary Boundary Review
 Bury St Edmunds Master Plan
 SALC Area Meeting Information to Dennis Bibby
 SALC re Section 137 Expenditure
 SALC re LAIS 1396 Housing White Paper
 Rural Services Network Spotlight on Rural Health
 Wickhambrook Surgery Newsletter – Notice Board

19. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017
 It was agreed to invite representatives of the Church and the Poor’s Charity to give a report at this meeting.

20. NEWSLETTER ITEMS
 Newsletter to include recruitment of Parish Councillor, appeal for information concerning accidents on the A143 and the Locality Fund.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There were none

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
 The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 9 May 2017 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairman Date