

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Chevington.

PRESENT: Councillors: Geraldine Arnold
Dennis Bibby
Peter Ebbens
Mark Leadbeater
Peter Payne
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Clive Pottington – Borough Councillor (arrived 8.25pm)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mark Leader was proposed by Geraldine Arnold and seconded by Peter Payne. Councillor Leadbeater signed the Declaration of Office.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Andrew Rabett and Mary Evans, County Councillor. Councillor Leadbeater wished to congratulate Mary for being re-elected.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – There were none.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 MARCH 2017.

The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 11 APRIL 2017.

The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS AGREED Attachment 17/1

7. POLICE REPORT Attachment 17/2

Councillor Leadbeater read a report from PC Marshall - Safer Neighbourhood Team.

8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Attachment 17/3

Councillor Leadbeater read a report from Mary Evans.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – no report

10. SALC REPORT - no report

11. FOOTPATH REPORT

All damaged sign posts had been reported to the County Council and Councillor Leadbeater stated there no further matters to report.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

12.1 The Internal Audit had taken place on 4 May 2017. There was nothing to report.

12.2 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated £600.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account to cover the following cheques;

12.3 *Cheques for the following were approved and signed:*

Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	181.44
HMRC (Clerks' PAYE)	45.20
Millennium Farm Trust – Grass Cutting	87.50
Depden PCC	135.00
Chevington Village Hall (hire of hall)	15.00
SALC Subscription	131.08

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £8.38 will remain.

12.4 *Business Day Saver Account* – the precept of £2700.00 had been received and when £600.00 has been transferred to the Community Account, it will leave a balance of £6599.94..

12.5 Pension Regulation Compliance

The Clerk reported that she had completed the Pension Regulation Compliance on line and the submission has been acknowledged.

13. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Pollington reported on the day's news that St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council are to become one authority. Sharing services such as one Chief Executive has resulted in a saving of £4 million. No news concerning Kellys Meadow the 'line of sight' is still an issue. Confirmed planning consent was granted for 10 stands and 6 amenity building in two blocks.

The locality Budget is £2300 which will be available after the General Election. A new Locality Officer had been appointed.

14. EXTERNAL AUDIT Attachment 17/4

14.1 The Chairman signed the Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ending 31 March 2017.

14.2 The Governance Statement for the External Audit for year ending 31 March 2017 was completed and signed by the Chairman.

15. REPAIRS TO VILLAGE SIGN

The Village Sign has been taken down and is being repaired by Handy Angie.

16. VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The Clerk reported that 12 bags of litter were collected and a portable loo.

17. SPEEDING ON A143 – no further news to report

18. VAS SIGNS

A request for an additional post in the centre of The Green had been sent to the Highways Department.

19. NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Items to included recruitment of Parish Councillor.

20. CORRESPONDENCE ** not circulated

New Monitoring Officer
SLAC re LAIS 13987 National Living Wage
Rural Services Network Rural Vulnerability Service x 4
CSE Awareness Day – Child Sexual Exploitation – Notice Board
SALC Courses
Mary Evans email re Broadband
Rural Services Network Digest x 7
Rural Services Network Economy Spotlight
Community Action Suffolk News x 3
Contract of Employment review for Clerks **
SALC information re Parish Council Annual Meeting
Matthew Hancock MP Newsletter x 2
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin
SALC information Bulletin x 3
Suffolk Walking Festival
Came & Co Newsletter
Message from Matthew Hancock MP
Rural Services Network Rural Housing Spotlight
Suffolk Community Foundation Fund **
Community Action Suffolk Conference
Community Action Suffolk Network Event **
Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin
West Suffolk Council notes from Parish Forum
The Local Councillor Magazine
Clerks & Councils Direct
SALC Annual Training Programme

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 21.1 The water leak on the A143 has been repaired.
- 21.2 A deep rut on The Green to be reported by the Clerk.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 11 July 2017 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

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

Chairman Date