

Appointment of Officers/Responsibilities for 2017/18

Vice Chairman

Internal Auditor – Pearl Sudgen

Tree Warden – Peter Payne

SALC Representative – Dennis Bibby

Footpath Member – Mark Leadbeater

Village Grass Cutting – Millennium Farm Trust

Bus Shelter Bin – Susan Boor

Notice Board – Peter Payne

Planning Committee – all Councillors

Poor Estate Charity – nominated Trustees – Ann Nicolson and Ruth Moyse

Cheque Signatories – Geraldine Arnold– Mark Leadbeater – Peter Payne (any 2)

HVERHILL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Report to Depden Annual Parish Council Meeting – 09/05/17

This report covers the period from 01/04/2016 through to and inclusive of 01/05/2017 (so 13 months altogether). During this period there have been 5 reported crimes compared to 4 in the 2015-2016 period.

As shared this time last year, all Safer Neighbourhood Teams have now moved over to producing a generic "Area" Newsletter which are provided monthly and are published on our "all new" external website. Suffolk Constabulary has recently carried a review of its local Policing. Following both a reduction in funding and a change in the nature of crime, we have had to reassess what our priorities will be. It was decided that our focus should be on protecting vulnerable people from crimes against them including on-line offences, drugs, offences against children, domestic violence and serious sexual offences. This has meant less time to focus on some of the traditional complaints which is often led by parking matters.

Final figures in these fields for the parish of Depden are as follows.....

BURGLARY DWELLING – 0

ROBBERY – 0

VIOLENCE WITH INJURY – 0

SERIOUS SEXUAL ASSAULT – 0

DRUG TRAFFICKING - 0

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – 0

A summary of the other reported matters are as follows....

...on 11/04/16 a parishioner complained that he'd been subjected to a poke in the chest (no injury) from his neighbour. The request was merely to report the matter in case the situation escalates. The reporting party declined to make a formal statement and wanted no formal action taken. Common Assault recorded

...on 05/06/16 a partner agency reported to police their suspicions that a vulnerable resident in the village had been assaulted (non-injury) by a person who has care/supervision responsibility to the other. Nothing more can or will be info shared here, Suffolk Social Services led on this matter in consultation with Police.

...on 08/07/16 a disturbance occurred within a private dwelling as one party was in the process of moving out and removing their belongings. It's alleged that said "leaving" party damaged the victims TV. The suspect was formally interviewed regarding this allegation of

Criminal Damage which was vehemently denied. With no independent witnesses and other complications of evidence, no formal charging occurred.

...on or shortly prior to 02/12/16 an outbuilding to a dwelling in The Green was forced open and two vehicles therein were likewise forced open. Items eventually found missing were Power and Hand Tools, M/Cycle Helmet and Leather Jacket.

... during daylight hours on 07/04/17, several "for sale" potted plants were taken without payment from a dwelling located close to The Green.

CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

West Suffolk has recently suffered an increase in Dwelling Burglaries. The trademark M.O. tends to be framework forced via jemmy use at the rear of properties. Thorough "tidy" searches area made lulling returning homeowners to not initially realising that they've been targeted. Gloves are always worn and a pillow case is typically taken to transport jewellery and cash. Some burglaries have involved high value vehicles stolen from driveways too.

The group suspected of being involved are certainly cross border criminals thought to be active in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambs. In recent weeks we've had properties targetted in Cavendish, Hundon, Hargrave and Hawstead and more further afield.

Should any parishioner see what they believe to be furtive activity on their or neighbouring addresses, this is a definite 999 call and **we will** promptly attend.

We make no apologies for recommending again that all home owners remain vigilant and regularly review their home security. Great advice can always be sought from our newly revised Suffolk Constabulary Web Site.

Secondly

Since early March'17, the Sudbury and Haverhill areas have suffered x 17 Theft From Motor Vehicles. In the main, Ford Transits and Connect style vans are tending to be targeted, invariably via an entry method that leaves no damage. As usual, the proceeds of these crimes are almost always high value branded power tools but cash and some hand tools have also been removed at some scenes.

We always advise that valuables are removed from work vans when unattended and certainly overnight. Please consider installing additional alarms even a classic shed style alarm or sensor padlock. As ever, should you see anything of a suspicious nature close to home or whilst on your travels please call it in as matter of urgency and I can assure you that we'll check it out quick-time.

Thanks for your continued support.....

PC 270 Marshall and all on your Safer Neighbourhood Team

May 2017

Susan Boor

From: Mary Evans (Councillor) <Mary.Evans@suffolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 May 2017 15:36
To: Susan Boor; Mark Leadbeater
Subject: Depden

Hello Susan and Mark

I wont probably get to Depden PC tonight as I have Ousden APM and another meeting
Here is a quick report:

I met Dr Huck a couple of weeks ago and took photos of the car crash debris which I have submitted to Guy Smith in highways.

It is foster fortnight and SCC is looking for new families to come forward and act as foster carers. We have 750 Suffolk children needing to be cared for away from their families and fostering is the best option giving children the benefit and security of living in a family environment. There is a great need for foster carers in Suffolk and we are urging Suffolk residents to come forward and see if they could make a positive difference to a child's life. During the fortnight there will be a specific focus on the need to find foster carers for siblings and children aged 10+.

To find out more, text: FOSTER to 60060, phone: 01473 264800, email: fosterandadopt@suffolk.gov.uk or visit www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk.

Best wishes
Mary

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DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017

LAST YEAR		CURRENT
y/e 31.3.16	RECEIPTS	y/e 31.3.17
2,700.00	Precept	2700.00
2.84	Bank Interest	2.11
36.00	VAT Refund	30.00
0.00	Suffolk County Council Grant	50.00
<u>£2,738.84</u>		<u>£2,782.11</u>
	PAYMENTS	
184.00	Insurance	275.00
90.54	Clerk's Expenses	87.18
1,075.24	Clerk's Salary - net	1087.69
268.40	Clerk's Income Tax	270.80
150.00	Clerk's Home Facilities	150.00
192.00	Clerk/Councillor Courses	19.20
175.00	Grass Cutting	175.00
135.00	Graveyard Maintenance	135.00
123.00	Subscriptions	127.03
85.00	Hall Hire	72.50
21.34	Parish Council Election Expenses	0.00
120.00	Brackets for VAS Signs	0.00
300.00	Posts for VAS Signs	0.00
0.00	Parish Council Website	60.00
<u>£2,919.52</u>		<u>£2,459.40</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

£4,361.51	Balance b/f 1 April 2016	£4,180.83
£2,738.84	ADD Total Receipts	£2,782.11
<u>£7,100.35</u>		<u>£6,962.94</u>
£2,919.52	LESS Total Payments	£2,459.40
<u>£4,180.83</u>		<u>£4,503.54</u>

THESE CUMULATIVE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY

COMMUNITY A/C Barclays Bank PLC B.S.E.

EVERYDAY SAVER A/C Barclays Bank PLC B.S.E

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Parish Council at
31 March 2017 and reflects it's receipts and payments during the year

Signed:
Parish Clerk
Chairman
Date