

# DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 8pm in The Village Hall, Chevington

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Clive Pollington
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** –  
There were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
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 reported that the Highways Dept. had been granted £9.6m of new money for repairs etc. 15 bridges in the county had been hit by vehicles. The Council is offering help to family carers. A scheme in Barrow has started where nurses are carers which is hoped will save doctor's time and less hospitalisation because they can spot problems earlier. The Police is to be asked what their speeding policy is. Pot holes and poor signage for road closures is an ongoing problem.  
  
In response to a question from Councillor Rabett concerning snow clearance that in association with the NFU a new list of farmers prepared to clear snow is being drawn up. There will be more gritting lorries and more training of personal.  
  
The hardstanding for the new bus stop has been ordered.
6. **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** Attachment 18/10  
The Clerk agreed to email Anne Nicolson of the Pools Charity regarding the £200 still available from the Locality Fund.
7. **NEIGHBOUHOOD REPORT** – no report
8. **SALC REPORT** – no report
9. **FOOTPATH REPORT**  
Councillor Ebbens confirmed that the metal post is no longer a trip hazard.

## 10. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 10.1 *Community Account.*

The Clerk stated that £315.00 will need to be transferred from the Business Day Saver Account to the current account.

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed:*

Community Action Suffolk (website fee)	60.00
Susan Boor (Clerk's Salary)	194.26
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	48.60
Chevington Village Hall (Hire of Hall)	10.00

When the above payments have been cleared, a balance of £4.54 will remain.

10.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when the £315.00 has been transferred to the Community Account and £3.12 interest added, it will leave a balance of £4,963.98.

11. **INTERNAL AUDIT – 9 October 2018** – no issues to report.

### 12. **BUDGET 2019/2020**

The Clerk disturbed the proposed Budget from 2019/2020 for consideration. It will be formally adopted at the next meeting.

13. **VAS SIGN REPORT** – Attachment 18/11

### 14. **GRIT BINS**

The Clerk reported that she had ordered the Grit Bin for the Elm Farm turning on the A143. Councillor Ebbens agreed for his name to be added to the list of residents prepared to spread the grit that the Clerk has to keep. He also agreed provide a shovel for the Bin and to ask his neighbour if his name could be added to the list.

### 15. **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Need for a Grit Bin at the entrance to Hall Close to be repeated and VAS Sign Report.

16. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019** were disturbed.

### 17. **CORRESPONDENCE** \*\* File

'The Local Councillor' magazine on line  
Rural Services Network Bulletin x 9  
Mary Evans email with photo of Elm Farm turning attached  
SALC ebulletin x 5  
Community Action Suffolk Newsletter x 2  
SALC re Funding Armed Forces \*\*  
Parish & Town Conference  
SALC Councillors Workshop  
Clive Pollington email re Kellys Meadow  
Invite to CCDR AGM  
Matt Hancock MP Newsletter x 2  
Rural Services Network Funding Digest x 2 \*\*  
Wickhambrook Practice Newsletter  
West Suffolk Scrutiny Committee  
Community Action Suffolk Newsletter  
Suffolk Preservation Society Magazine  
Letter from Councillor Mrs Midmey-White

SALC AGM Meeting information to Dennis Bibby  
Tim Passmore Police update  
SALC Finance Training  
Community Action Suffolk Information  
UK Power Roadshows  
Boundary Commission Recommendations  
SALC Training Day  
Boundary Commission Survey  
Suffolk County Council Mineral & Waste Plan  
West Development Management Team  
West Suffolk Council re County Lines  
West Suffolk Enforcement Policy Survey  
West Suffolk Polling Review

17.1 Email from resident regarding speeding across the Green which had been distributed to all Parish Councillors and Councillor Evans.

17.2 Letter from Post office regarding Scam Letters.

17.3 Confirmation of new Electoral Wards for West Suffolk Council.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

18.1 Councillor Bibby raised the possibility of a Defibrillator being placed in Depden. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

18.2 Councillor Arnold handed her resignation to the Chairman and the Chairman thanked her for her contribution to the Parish Council. As Councillor Arnold is a signatory of the Parish Council the Clerk agreed to discuss with Barclays Bank a new mandate and who can transfer money between the Bank Accounts of the Parish Council. She also agreed to include the two vacancies in the Newsletter.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 8 January 2019 at The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....