

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7.00pm in The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden

PRESENT: Chairman: Andrew Read
Councillors: Peter Ebbens
Mark Leadbeater
Nicky Moncrieff
Fiona Niven
Jo Ormond
Susan Boor (Clerk)
Mike Chester (West Suffolk Councillor)

Resident: Gary Wood

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby and Bobby Bennett, Suffolk County Councillor.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – Andrew Read declared an interest in the land for the new Anglian Water pipeline and Compound. Mark Leader declared an interest in the repairs to the bench.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9 JANUARY 2024**
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** See Website
5. **ANGLIAN WATER NEW PIPE LINE AND COMPOUND**
Councillor Read reported that the drilling under the A143 had been completed. The compound is still in use. Councillor Niven reported that water is collecting at the entrance to the Compound.
6. **FOOTPATH REPORT** See Website
Councillor Ebbens has reported the fallen trees on Footpath no. 1 to Suffolk County Council. The Clerk agreed to email Mr Rabett a copy of the Footpath Report.
7. **WEST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** See Website
Councillor Mike Chester reported that he had visited The Willows and he believed that the garage is still occupied. He will report this to the Enforcement Officer. The Budget set for the next year will be a deficit. West Suffolk is being asked to underwrite other Council's statutory responsibilities. No news on the future of Bury Archives.
8. **PROBLEMS WITH ROADS RE. ANGLIAN WATER TRAFFIC**
Councillor Read reported HGV vehicles are coming through The Green to the new Pumping Station site empty but returning loaded to a landfill site at Tuddenham. A record of all loads is kept by Anglian Water. There can be 55 loads a day on a road with no weight restriction. Anglian Water are discussing with Suffolk Highways amendments to the Traffic Management Plan which was part of the Planning procedure that allowed for only 4 loads a day. Anglian Water to be asked to sweep the road daily.

9. GATESBURY LANE

Councillor Read reported that all Anglian Water traffic are to use the old airfield road. There has been a reduction in vehicles using the Lane.

10. POTHOLES AND DAMAGED SIGNS

The 'Depden' sign at the Water Tower end of The Green has been reported but does not fit the West Suffolk Council's criteria to be replaced.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

11.1 *Community Account.*

Cheques for the following were approved and signed:

Susan Boor - Clerk's Salary	233.26
Susan Boor – Clerk's Expenses	1.70
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	58.20
Millennium Farm Trust – Hire of Hall	10.00

When the above payments have cleared, and £300.00 has been transferred from the Saver Account a balance of £351.10 will remain.

11.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when the transfer to the Community Account of £300.00 has been made the balance will be £3150.95

12. REPAIRS TO BENCH

Repairs by the Care Farm are under way.

13. NOTICE BOARD

One of the concrete posts holding the Notice Board has broken up. Councillor Leadbeater agreed to ask The Care Farm to access the damage and quote to repair.

14. LITTER PICK

This is arranged for Saturday 23 March 2024 at 10am to meet at The Village Sign. Extra equipment has been ordered by the Clerk. Councillor Leadbeater was asked to post details on the village WhatsApp.

15. PLANNING APPLICATION DC/24/0326/HH

Beech Hall – Single storey extension.

After a short discussion it was decided to support this application and the Clerk agreed to notify West Suffolk Council Planning Department.

Councillor Moncrieff took no part in the above discussion.

16. NEWS ITEMS FOR WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

Litter Pick, Anglian Water and damage to roads, and report pot holes to West Suffolk website. Join Whatsapp group for Depden.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ** filed

SALC D-Day80
SALC e-bulletin x 9
Bobby Bennett Report x 3
SALC Training Bulletin x 7
West Suffolk Local Plan
Invitation to Charity Concert
SALC Area Forum
West Suffolk Council re. Street Traders
SALC re Devolution for Suffolk

Invitation to Parish Forum
Suffolk CC Transport Consultation
Matt Hancock MP Newsletter
SALC Area Forum
SALC Magazine
Sunnica Solar Energy Project
Clerks & Council Direct Magazine to Andrew Read

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - There was none

19. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF DEPDEN

To be held Tuesday 16 April (please note 3rd Tuesday) in The Meeting Room at the Care Farm, Depden at 7pm. Clerk to invite representatives of the Church, Poors Charity, Neighbourhood Watch and The Care Farm.

20. NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will be on Tuesday 14 May in The Meeting Room at The Care Farm, Depden at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman

Date