

# DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 7.00pm in The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden

PRESENT: Chairman: Andrew Read  
Councillors: Dennis Bibby (arrived 7.20 pm)  
Peter Ebbens  
Mark Leadbeater  
Nicky Moncrieff  
Fiona Niven  
Jo Ormond  
Susan Boor (Clerk)  
Bobby Bennett (Suffolk County Councillor)  
Mike Chester (West Suffolk Councillor)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – none
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** –  
Andrew Read declared an interest in the land for the new Anglian Water pipeline and Compound.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 July 2023**  
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD 15 August 2023**  
The Minutes, having been circulated before the Meeting, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.
5. **SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** See Website  
Councillor Bennett reported that The Fire Service Response for Suffolk is to be returned to Suffolk. Budget costs are under pressure especially adult care. Regarding the siting of the speed signs by Anglian Water they have the legal right to decide on the site of temporary speed signs. She requested that pot holes should still be reported and funding is available for repairs to road signs.  
  
Councillor Ebbens asked about the overgrown hedge opposite the Elms Farm turning The Chairman requested a site meeting with a representative of the Highways Department. The entrance to the turning is being used as a turning place on the A143.
6. **WEST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** See Website  
Councillor Chester reported that there is a lack of new polices from the new labour administration. The proposed new Leisure Centre and associated development at Western Way is still being discussed. RAAC cement in public buildings is being investigated. Councillor Chester was asked to report the latest situation about the empty flats on The Parkway, the new hospital and the proposed animal feed building.
7. **ANGLIAN WATER NEW PIPE LINE AND COMPOUND**  
Councillor Read reported that drilling under the A143 is being discussed by Anglian Water at a meeting, with a new contractor, next week and should be completed by Christmas. The compound at Gatesburys Lane is very quiet. The pipeline in Depden has been laid.
8. **FOOTPATH REPORT** See Website

- 8.1 Councillor Ormond asked if the hedge at Greytops could be cut back. The Clerk agreed to contact the owner.

## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 9.1 *Community Account.*

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed:*

Susan Boor - Clerk's Salary	233.26
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	58.20
Millennium Farm Trust – Hire of Hall	20.00
Millennium Farm Trust – Grass Cutting	87.50
Susan Boor – Election costs reimbursement	81.91
Arthur Gallagher – insurance	421.94

When the above payments have cleared, and £900.00 has been transferred from the Saver Account a balance of £341.58 will remain.

- 9.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when the transfer to the Community Account of £900.00 has been made the balance will be £4251.52.

## 10.. POT HOLES AND DAMAGED SIGNS

Check that pot holes have been repaired. Road sign at the Water Tower is over. The posts approaching Elms Farm turning are broken. The clerk agreed to contact Councillor Bennett.

## 11. PLANNING UPDATE

- 11.1 Pratts Farm – approved

- 11.2 The Gateway in Church End - pending

- 11.3 The Willows enforcement. Councillor Chester to request update.

## 12. HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was agreed not to comment.

## 13. MEETING DATES FOR 2024

it was agreed to keep the meetings on the second Tuesday alternative months but the Annual Meeting in April a week later due to the Clerk's holiday.

## 14. NEWS ITEMS FOR WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

Road problems and sign link to highways.

## 15. CORRESPONDENCE \*\* filed

SALC Training Bulletin x 2

West Suffolk Community Chest

SALC e-bulletin x 9

SALC information from The Police

SALC Area Forum

SALC Area Forum message

Clerks and Councils Direct to Andrew Read

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**16.1** Grass cutting at Hall Close.

The clerk confirmed that it is the responsible of Samphire Homes and she had asked them to arrange for it to be cut more frequently.

**17. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of Depden Parish Council will be the held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....