

# DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7.00pm in The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden

PRESENT: Chairman: Andrew Read  
Councillors: Dennis Bibby  
Peter Ebbens  
Mark Leadbeater  
Nicky Moncrieff  
Fiona Niven  
Andrew Rabett  
Susan Boor (Clerk)

Resident: Richard Bettison

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Bobby Bennett, Suffolk County Councillor and Mike Chester West Suffolk 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.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10 JANUARY 2023**  
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. **WEST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** See Website
6. **ANGLIAN WATER NEW PIPE LINE AND COMPOUND**  
Councillor Read reported that the pipeline has been marked and the compound is being built. The route across the Old Airfield is open with 'what three words' in place. There are 30 mph signs are on the A143 from Chedburgh to Depden. The compound has a two year life. The roads are being swept and traffic movement signs are also in place. The archaeological dig is still in process. The laying of the pipeline should start in 2 weeks.
- 6.1 **BRIDLEWAY/BYWAY FROM DEPDEN GREEN TO CHEVINGTON**  
This footpath has been temporarily closed due of the pipeline crossing. There has been a complaint made by a resident because a culvert is blocked and the ditch has eroded. The Rights of Way Officer has state that it is for the Parish Council to contact the land owner, Mr Wiseman who lives in Hargrave. The Parish Clerk agreed to contact Hargrave Parish Council.
7. **FOOTPATH REPORT** See Website
8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 8.1 *Community Account.*

*Cheques for the following were approved and signed:*

HMRC – Penalty already signed	300.00
HMRC - Clerk's PAYE	37.78
Susan Boor - Clerk's Salary	233.26
Susan Boor – Clerk's Expenses	11.89
Millennium Farm Trust – Hire of Hall	10.00

When the above payments have cleared, and £600 has been transferred from the Saver Account a balance of £351.44 will remain.

Note: The HMRC penalty has been cancelled and will be credited to the HMRC account. of the Parish Council.

- 8.2** *Business Day Saver Account* – when the transfer to the Community Account of £600.00.has been made the balance will be £3037.85.

**9. PARISH SURVEY`**

Councillor Leadbeater took the meeting through a power point presentation of the results of the survey. 40% of the households took part in the survey.

*The meeting was temporarily closed so Mr Bettison could take part in the discussion about the survey. Councillor Read stated that it was well presented survey and a good indication of the views of the residents. Councillor Leadbeater agreed to put the presentation on the website and to arrange a flyer to be distributed in the next Benefice Newsletter to inform residents of the results of the survey. As the majority of the residents, who completed the survey, were not in favour of further development in the village a Neighbourhood Plan would be difficult.*

*The date and time of the Parish Meeting will also be included in the flyer.*

**10. DEFIBRILLATOR AT CARE FARM**

A grant of £500 had been agreed from West Suffolk Councillor's Locality Budget and will be sent direct to the Care Farm for the Case. The Parish Council had also been offered £300 from the locality budget of the Suffolk County Councillor. It was agreed to request this as the cost of the installation has not yet been fully covered.

**11. VAS SIGN**

The VAS Sign is now the property of Depden Parish Council and will be moved to Church End for a few weeks.

**12. ELECTION PACKS**

Nomination Papers for the Parish Council elections to be held on Thursday 4 May 2023 were distribution. The Clerk agreed to deliver the packs when all Councillors had completed the forms.

**13. LITTER PICK**

It was agreed Saturday 25 March 2023 at 10am at the Village Sign

**14. NEWS ITEMS FOR WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**

Litter Pick and the Parish Meeting.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE \*\* filed**

SALC e-bulletin x 2  
Community Action Suffolk Newsletter  
Civic Dinner Invitation  
SALC Training Bulletin x 5  
SALC Area Forum  
Invitation from Mike Chester to Band Concert  
West Suffolk Election Information  
Matt Hancock MP Newsletter  
West Suffolk Council re Byway Closure  
Election Webinar

John Griffiths email  
Mike Chester email re Charities  
Report from Bobby Bennett  
SALC NSIPS  
Anglian Water email  
Clerks & Council Magazine to Andrew Read

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 16.1** Councillor Rabett had decided to resign from the Parish Council. Councillor Read thanked Councillor Rabett for his hard work for the Parish Council and his knowledge of the village.
- 16.2** Councillor Leadbeater told the meeting that the Care Farm had won an award for the best Green Small Business and was Highly Commended Green Secondary School.
- 16.3** Councillor Niven asked if the Parish Council was prepared to be involved in the village celebrations for the Coronation. More information is required.

**17. DATE OF PARISH MEETING**

The Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden at 7pm. The Clerk agreed to invite representatives of the Church, Poores Charity and Neighbourhood Watch to give a report. Councillor Rabett agreed to arrange some refreshments.

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

The Annual meeting of Depden Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9 May 2023 at The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....