

DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 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)
Bobby Bennett (Suffolk County Councillor)
Mike Chester (West Suffolk Councillor)

Resident: Gary Wood

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby
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 12 September 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
Councillor Bennett reported he Council is near to closure on next year's budget. The Library service is still out for tender. In the recent storms 750 homes in Suffolk were flooded.

Councillor Ebbens asked about the a meeting with the Highways Department to discuss the Elms Farm turning. The signs to Gatesbury Lane and The Water Tower and chérons on the A143 at Gatesburys Lane all need replacing.
5. **WEST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** See Website
There was a discussion with Councillor Chester about who owned the hedge opposite the Elms Farm turning/Gatesburys Lane. The Councillors were asked if they know if a building at The Willow was still being rented for accommodation. The Councillors do not know and Councillor Chester agreed to visit The Willows. Other items discussed where the flats on the roundabout on the Parkway, the cancellation of the Western Way development and the repairs to The Sports Centre. There is no RAAC in any public buildings in West Suffolk.
6. **ANGLIAN WATER NEW PIPE LINE AND COMPOUND**
Councillor Read reported that drilling under the A143 will start in the next two months where two hard core pads have been temporarily place.
7. **FOOTPATH REPORT** See Website

The meeting agreed that the Clerk should contact Andrew Rabett concerning the condition of Footpath 1 enclosing a copy of the Footpath report. Anglian Water are responsible for re-instating the Bridle Way between Depden and Chevington.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

8.1 *Community Account.*

Cheques for the following were approved and signed:

Susan Boor - Clerk's Salary	233.26
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	58.20
Susan Boor Clerk's expenses incl Home Office	164.40
Community Action Suffolk – Website	60.00
Millennium Farm Trust – Hire of Hall	10.00

When the above payments have cleared, and £530.00 has been transferred from the Saver Account a balance of £345.72 will remain.

8.2 *Business Day Saver Account* – when interest of interest of £14.21 is added and the transfer to the Community Account of £530.00 has been made the balance will be £3735.73.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT – no issues to report.

10. BUDGET FOR 2024-25

It was agreed to increase the grant to the Church to £150 and Grass Cutting to £200 per year. To be signed at the next meeting.

11. POT HOLES AND DAMAGED SIGNS see item 4

12. PLANNING UPDATE

12.1 The Gateway in Church End - approved

12.2 The Willows enforcement. See item 5

13. WICKHAMBROOK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was agreed not to comment.

14. HARGRAVE – NEW VILLAGE HALL

It was agreed not to become involved.

15. ANPR REPORT

Thank you to Councillor Bennett for the figures but is any action about speeding being taken

16. HEDGE AT GREY TIOPS

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner again as the hedge had not been cut.

17. NEWS ITEMS FOR WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

ANPR, Grit Bin Volunteers at Hall Close. No RAAC in public buildings and damaged to Bench at the Village sign.

18. CORRESPONDENCE ** filed

SALC e-bulletin x 7

Bobby Bennett email re Speed Signs

20's Plenty Campaign

SALC Training Bulletin x 9

Matt Hancock MP re ALF

Matt Hancock MP Newsletter x 2
SALC re NSIP's
SALC Conference
Suffolk Community Awards
SALC re Police Model
Polling Station Review
Bobby Bennett email from Suffolk Highways
Community Team Newsletter
Bus Station Waiting Room Closure
Matt Hancock MP email re Horse Racing
Bobby Bennett email re Sign repairs
Bobby Bennett email re Flooding
SALC re Flooding
Bus Station Waiting Room e-opening
Suffolk Highways – Milestone infrastructure
Clerks & Council Magazine to Andrew Read

The meeting was temporarily closed so Mr Gary Wood could thank the Clerk for contacting Samphire Homes to arrange for the grass to be cut at Hall close.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Leadbeater agree to arrange for the Care Farm to quote to repair the bench.

20. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Depden Parish Council will be the held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman

Date