

# DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 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)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Nicky Moncrieff 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.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 November 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  
Councillor Read stated that he thinks a lot of crime is not reported when there is a small amount of loss. Councillor Mike Chester agreed to discuss with the Police and Crime Commissioner that the Police do not attend Parish Council meetings. Councillor Niven said that she had heard reports that the bus service was not very reliable. Councillor Chester stated that the finances of West Suffolk Council were fine to a question from Councillor Bibby.
6. **PROBLEMS WITH ROADS RE. ANGLIAN WATER TRAFFIC**  
A resident of Gatesbury Lane is concerned about pot holes as a result of contractor's HGV vehicles. Councillor Ebbens expressed concern about staff vehicles not stopping to allow passing and parcels, for the depot, being wrongly addressed to private homes. Also a lack of safety at the turning to the A143 and poor signage. Proposal all Anglian Water traffic use the tarmac road over the old airfield.  
  
Councillor Read suggested an Extraordinary Meeting with representatives from Anglian Water to discuss these issues. Also the question of responsibility for repairs to be discussed.
7. **ANGLIAN WATER NEW PIPE LINE AND COMPOUND**  
Councillor Read reported that no date for drilling under the A143 had been fixed.
8. **FOOTPATH REPORT** See Website  
The Clerk had received no reply to her email to Andrew Rabett.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT**  
9.1 *Community Account.*

*Receipts*

VAT Refund £10.00

*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 reimbursement for HMRC	58.20
Millennium Farm Trust – Hire of Hall	10.00

When the above receipt is added, payments have cleared, and £300.00 has been transferred from the Saver Account a balance of £354.26 will remain.

- 9.2** *Business Day Saver Account* – when interest of interest of £15.22 is added and the transfer to the Community Account of £300.00 has been made the balance will be £3450.95.
- 10. BUDGET FOR 2024-25** Attachment 1/24  
This was agreed and signed by the Chairman
- 11. PRECEPT FOR 2024-25**  
This was agreed at £2900.00 and signed by the Chairman
- 12. POT HOLES AND DAMAGED SIGNS**  
The Clerk had received an email from a resident of The Green concerning pot holes and damage to verge. The Clerk agreed to ask her to report the items to Suffolk Highways website and also inform her of the proposed the Extraordinary Meeting.
- 13. PLANNING UPDATE**
- 13.1** The Willows enforcement – no update.
- 14. ANPR REPORT** See website under News  
Thank you to Councillor Bennett for the figures but is any action about speeding being taken
- 15. HEDGE AT GREY TIOPS**  
The Clerk reported the hedge has been cut.
- 16. ELM FARM TURNING** no update
- 17. REPAIRS TO BENCH**  
Repairs by the Care Farm are under way.
- 18. LITTER PICK**  
This was arranged for Saturday 23 March 2024 at 10am to meet at The Village Sign.  
Clerk agreed to arrange extra equipment.
- 19. NEWS ITEMS FOR WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**  
ANPR, Meeting with Anglian Water to discuss road damage and Litter Pick.
- 20. CORRESPONDENCE** \*\* filed
- SALC e-bulletin x 6  
SALC Training Bulletin x 6  
Cliff Waterman Christmas Card  
SALC Christmas Greetings  
Email from Councillor Bobby Bennett  
One Suffolk Christmas Greetings

Suffolk County Council Christmas Greetings  
NSIPS Bulletin  
Matt Hancock MP Newsletter  
West Suffolk Strategic Document  
Clerks & Council Direct magazine to Andrew Read

**21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - There was none

**22. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

Proposed meeting with Anglian Water to discuss the following:

One-way system through The Green

All Anglian Water vehicles to use Airfield Route

Correct Signage

Survey roads for ongoing damage

Who pays for to repair the damage – Anglian Water or Suffolk Highways

Councillor Read agreed to speak to Anglian Water to arrange a date and site visit.

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

The next meeting of Depden Parish Council will be the held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden at 7pm.

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

Chairman .....

Date .....