

# DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 7.00pm in The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden

PRESENT: Chairman: Andrew Read  
Councillors: Mark Leadbeater  
Nicky Moncrieff  
Fiona Niven  
Susan Boor (Clerk)  
Bobby Bennett (Suffolk County Councillor)  
Mike Chester (West Suffolk Councillor)

Residents: Jo Ormond and Gary Wood

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Dennis Bibby and Peter Ebbens
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 9 MAY 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 that the Council has a project to financially help residents with pre-payment energy meters. The Fire Service Call Centre is back in the control of the Fire Service. The Council is promoting safe disposal of batteries. The Library service successful tender. Councillor Bennett appealed for all pot holes to be reported.  
  
Councillor Read questioned the siting of the new 30mph and 60mph signs were is the correct place, as agreed with the Highways department at the Gatesbury Lane turning. This is subject to temporary traffic orders.
5. **WEST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** See Website  
Councillor Chester stated that the Locality Budget for the new year is open for applications. Following the local elections there is a majority Labour administration. He is now on the Police and Crime Panel that works with the Police Commissioner. Councillor Chester had visited the 'energy-from-waste' facility at Great Blakenham.
6. **ANGLIAN WATER NEW PIPE LINE AND COMPOUND** See also 17.2  
Councillor Read reported that the pipeline has been laid. The compound at Rede has a life of 2 years but the compound in Depden is temporary. Councillor Niven queried the design of the Pumping Station.
  - 6.1 **BRIDLEWAY/BYWAY FROM DEPDEN GREEN TO CHEVINGTON**  
This footpath is still closed due to pipeline crossing.
7. **FOOTPATH REPORT** See Website  
A resident had reported to Suffolk County Council that some footpaths are over grown. The Clerk agreed to email land owner Andrew Rabett to clear all the vegetation that is his responsibility.
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
Millennium Farm Trust – Hire of Hall	10.00
ICO – Data Protection DD due 31.07.23	35.00

When the above payments have cleared, and £350.00 has been transferred from the Saver Account a balance of £344.39 will remain.

**8.2** *Business Day Saver Account* – when the transfer to the Community Account of £350.00 and £9 interest has been added has been made the balance will be £5151.52.

**9. THE EXTERNAL AUDIT HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED**

**10. VAS SIGN**

Agreed to move to Water Tower end of the village at next change of battery.

**11.. POT HOLES AND DAMAGED SIGNS**

The damage to the road surface outside Depden House and opposite Tanglewood, The Green, have both been reported to Suffolk Highways.

**12. ANPR SIGN RESULTS**

Total photos taken 1063 – 27-30 mph 216 - 31-34mph 216 – 35+mph 631 – Fastest speed 64mph.

**13. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

Jo Ormond agreed to become a Parish Councillor and was co-opted to the Council.

**14. COMPOUND BUILT BY ANGLIAN WATER**

Councillor Read confirmed that is asking for planning permission to retain the gate way and hard standing of the Anglian Water compound just off the A143 towards The Green. This is still in pre-planning.

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

Pipeline, locality budget, dog mess

**16. CORRESPONDENCE \*\* filed**

SALC e-bulletin x 7  
 SALC Training Bulletin x 6  
 Town and Parish Forum  
 Matt Hancock MP Newsletter x 2  
 SALC Area Forum dates  
 Anglian Water email x 2  
 SALC AGM  
 Matt Hancock MP Survey  
 Bobby Bennett report  
 ANPR Report  
 SALC Training Bulletin re NALC  
 SALC Community Awards  
 SALC D-Day 80  
 West Suffolk Civic Service  
 SALC Awards  
 West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum  
 ANPR Rota  
 SALC Parish Forum  
 West Suffolk Planning Training

**17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**17.1** Councillor Moncrieff asked for the hedge on the old A143 could be cut back. This was reported to Suffolk County Council at the meeting by Councillor Leadbeater.

**17.2** Councillor Read confirmed that the pipeline will be tunnelled under the A143 by October and the compound will be hopefully down by end of 2023.

**18.** *The meeting was temporally closed so Gary Wood, a resident of Hall Close, could express concern about the lack of grass cutting on the green in Hall Close. The Clerk agreed to find out who is responsible for the grass cutting and ask them for it to cut more frequent.*

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

The next meeting of Depden Parish Council will be the held on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at The Meeting Room, The Care Farm, Depden at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....