

DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING September 17th 2018 following the planning meeting. In the Jubilee Hall

Councillors: Cllr Robert C .T. Wardley (Chairman), Cllr Katherine Whitbread (Vice Chairman), Cllr Robert C. Rous, Cllr Matt Lunn, Cllr John Calver, Cllr Mary Mann, Cllr Doris Dearing, Cllr Nick Watts, Cllr Rebecca Smith

Copied for information to:- District Councillors P. Rous and C.Hudson
County Councillor Stephen Burroughes

Members of the Public: 1

Clerk: R.Hart

The meeting commenced at 7.25

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr R. Smith, councillors approved the absence
2. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING: July 23rd 2018: These were agreed and signed as a true record
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr M. Mann (Village Hall), Cllr R.Wardley: (Dennington Consolidated Charities, Suffolk Constabulary); Cllr N. Watts: (Village Hall); Cllr R. Rous (DCC, Church), Cllr D. Dearing (item 5)
4. REPORTS: to include reports from C.Cllr S. Burroughes and D.Cllr P. Rous/D. Cllr C. Hudson. No reports were received
5. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: Ch Cllr R. Wardley informed the meeting that the ongoing problems with unauthorised access onto the A1120 had been referred to C. Cllr S. Burroughes
Ch Cllr R. Wardley informed the meeting that he had received a petition regarding concerns over speeding on the A1120 and asking whether any measures could be considered to reduce this and/or if the purchase of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) might be shared with neighbouring villages. He stated that police speed surveys in the past had shown that few vehicles were travelling at speeds in excess of 40mph. Councillors were of the view that whilst they did slow traffic down, mobile speed signs were only effective for a limited time. Councillors discussed a range of options and agreed the following:-
 - to request SCC to undertake traffic survey/census (RW)
 - to source costings for VAS (RH)
 - to apply to go on SCC's list for temporary VAS (RH)
 - to place the item for further discussion on the November agenda (RH)
 - to respond to the petition listing the above (RW)Footpath 20 Cllr D. Dearing informed the meeting that the ditch had now been cleared, and new pipework installed, but that the rubbish/scrap metal that had been pulled out needed removing from the field edge. Cllr N. Watts to action
6. GENERAL VILLAGE MAINTAINANCE - To consider any further works to be carried out. The meeting noted that the ditch adjacent to the Clothes Peg could do with clearing out. Ch Cllr R. Wardley thanked Cllr R. Rous for continuing to cut/clear the

area around Frostley Bridge

Further items are to be considered at the November meeting

- 7a. THE FOLLOWING UNCHANGED POLICIES FOR 2018/19 were adopted:-
CODE OF CONDUCT
FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT
- 7b. THE AMENDED INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY FOR 2018/2019 was agreed and adopted. The addition to the policy was a statement of compliance with the Data Protection Policy.
8. TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL (PUBLIC LIABILITY, ASSETS ETC), WITH THE OPTION OF A 3YR COMMITMENT AT A REDUCED RATE: The Clerk reported that insurance brokers Came and Co have given 3 quotes
- Inspire (Axa) at £460pa
 Hiscox at £694
 Ecclesiastical at £747
The recommendation was for a 3yr commitment with Inspire (Axa), which would reduce the premium to£440. This was agreed.
9. CLERK'S REPORT: Bank balances as at August 29th 2018:-
Current account £1,171.77
Saver account £3,771.30
Equipment account £10,409.33
- A cheque had been received for £20 from Norse for litter pick
- No cheques had been signed since last meeting.
- Cheques agreed and signed at the meeting:-
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| 100162 | Realise Futures /picnic bench | £454.45 |
| 100163 | Came and Co/insurance | £440.40 |
| 100164 | Ladywell Accountancy | £ 36 |
| 100165 | R Hart/salary | £360 |
- The External audit was successfully concluded, with no members of the public asking to view the documents
10. REPORT ON ANNUAL LITTER PICK SEPTEMBER 3RD 2018: Ch. Cllr R. Wardley reported that approximately 8 bags of litter had been collected, plus the undercarrage of a vehicle! and 8 volunteers - councillors and members of the WI had participated. He thanked all those involved.
11. CORRESPONDENCE: To note that the Clerk had received information regarding new grit bins process - no longer delivering grit loose to the side of the road, can apply for new grit bins at cost of £150 to £450. Existing grit bins will continue to re-filled for free. Councillors agreed to fund a new standard grit bin at the bottom of Clay Hill. Clerk to action
12. TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: November 26th at 7pm (budget)
additional agenda items:-
General village maintenance (carried over from September meeting)
Vehicle Activated Signs and other traffic calming measures update

13. PUBLIC SESSION: A member of the public asked why the Council had decided not to make a formal response to SCDC's latest Local Plan which had increased the indicative number of new dwellings on the site opposite Townsfield Cottages from 12 to approx 50. She said that in her opinion the increase was huge when compared to other villages, and that 50 was a lot for one site.

Ch Cllr R. Wardely explained that councillors were opposed to other sites previously identified within the Local Plan and that the site opposite Townsfield Cottages was the Council's preferred site. He stated that SCDC's plan is to spread new housing development across the district, and that the Council would emphasise the need for a mixed housing development when an application was received. Cllr M. Lunn explained that Dennington was classified as a key service centre and as such would be expected to accommodate a higher number of new dwellings than neighbouring villages. He stressed that the housing must suit the needs of the village.

The meeting closed at 8.15

Signed:

Date: