**DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 9TH FOLLOWING PLANNING MEETING at 7pm**

**In the Jubilee Hall**

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

***Copied for information to:- District Councillors Paul Rous and Colin Hudson***

 ***County Councillor Stephen Burroughes and PC Kevin Mann***

***Present: R. Wardley, M. Lunn, D. Dearing, K. Whitbread, N. Watts, M.Mann***

 ***District Councillor: P.Rous***

***Members of the Public: 1 Clerk. Ruth Hart***

**1. APOLOGIES:** PC K. Mann, R. Rous, J. Calver

**2. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21ST–** : The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**3.**  **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Wardley(DCC, Suffolk Constabulary), Cllr Mann (Village Hall), Cllr Watts (Village Hall, adjoining landowner Item 6), Cllr Dearing (adjoining householder item 6)

**4. REPORTS: C.Cllr S. Burroughes** report was summarised as follows:-

GCSE results show Suffolk on the rise

Further indications of improvement at Suffolk Schools

Suffolk's five year olds overtake national average

Parents urged to have their say on school admissions consultation

Thousands attend Suffolk Skills Show

£250,000 fund announced for school projects

County Council progress the campaign for A12 four-village bypass

(His full report can be found on the website).

C. Cllr Burroughes reported that the Locality Funding is due to cut sequentially in future years.

Cllr Wardely raised the issue of poor broadband connectivity and C.Cllr Burroughes re-assured the meeting that superfast broadband was a matter of months away, but reminded the meeting that once installed it was the householders' responsibility to sign up with their own provider.

He concluded by saying that he had passed our Highways concerns(from previous meetings), on to Saxmundham.

C.Cllr Burroughes left the meeting at 7.45

PC Mann was unable to attend the meeting and submitted the following report:-

**Crime update**

There has been 1 reported Crime for Dennington from 1ST Sept - 31st October2015

1 x Theft Other (Lead)

For the same period in 2014 there were 2 reported crimes in Dennington

This compares as follows with other towns within the Suffolk Coastal area during the same time period

EARL SOHAM 0

SAXTEAD 1

PEASENHALL 4

FRAMLINGHAM 13

**Village Hall -** Cllr Watts reported that:-

1. the new ramp had been installed at the entrance
2. the recent public meeting regarding the future Business Plan had been well attended
3. the committee had agreed to seek a grant from outside funding (eg Lottery) and were seeking a professional bid writer to assist in this
4. new heaters had been installed for the toilets
5. the recent concert had been very successful raising in excess of £1,000

**5. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

**School pavement between the school and the old corner shop** - The Clerk reported that she had referred the matter to SCC, and would chase it up.

**Overgrown hedge at Fishers Farm -** The Clerk reported that she had again referred this to SCC and that she would follow it up.

**Leaning sign post at bottom of Clay Hill -** The Clerk to action with SCC.

**6. TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS FOR DENNINGTON CONTAINED IN SCDC'S SITE ALLOCATIONS AND AREA SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT:**

Cllr Wardley summarised the section of the document relating to Dennington and reminded the meeting that Dennington is a key service area. The document sets out proposals for future housing provision for Dennington and proposes the area opposite Townfield Cottages as the only viable location which could provide ten(10) affordable units with a drop off point for the primary school. (This location had been agreed as the only viable location at a previous parish council meeting). He reminded the meeting of the earlier discussions regarding the physical limits to the village, and quoted SSP2 which states that any proposals for housing outside of the physical limits will be strictly controlled. The meeting was pleased to note that the development would be of a single plot depth, that established hedging should remain and new hedging planted, and that there should be footway provision to the school.

Following a short discussion the meeting endorsed the proposal with full support.

**7. UPDATE ON RESPONSE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT MATTERS AT BLYTH VILLAS:**

Cllr Wardley gave a brief chronology of communications regarding the ongoing situation at Blyth Villas and read out in full the letters received on October 15th and 26th 2015. The meeting agreed that the original complaint that there had been no acknowledgement by the Planning Department of our initial letter bringing the matter to the Department's attention had not been dealt with. It was agreed that the Clerk would refer the matter back to Mr S. Baker, CEO.

**8. CLERK’S REPORT:**

**Bank Accounts:**  2nd precept payment had been received on Sept 30th of £4,269.51

Barclays Accounts as at November 6th:-

Current account £3,630

No 2 account £4,844.52

Equipment account £11,348.99

The meeting agreed and signed the following cheques :-

100055 Hall hire £ 43.50

100056 EAAA £ 55.00

100057 CAB £ 55.00

100058 Church £ 450.00

100059 Village Hall £ 300.00

100060 Sports Club £ 300.00

100061 R Hart/salary £ 360.0

**9. BUDGET: to confirm the budget for 2016/17 and set the precept**

The budget and accompanying notes had been repviously circulated to councillors.

The Clerk reported that from the current year's budget, (2015/16) £7,271.94 has been spent with an approximate further £2,000 of expenditure (notably £1,200 for refurbishment already agreed and placed, and final quarter of Clerk's salary).

The probable expenditure for the year is therefore £9,200, leaving a balance to bring forward of £7,432

2016/17 propose an inflationary increase to precept of 1.5%

The Clerk suggested that the outstanding priorities from 2015/16 are rolled over :-

1) To undertake various repairs and refurbishments:-

Repaint village sign approx. cost £ 500

install 2 new oak posts and refurbish existing ones around tree, approx £250 approx total £750

2) To consider installing additional street light along Badingham Rd (request from public) approx cost £1,500

To replace/refurbish oak posts and chain (Pond site) approx £250

approx total £1,750

Grand Total 1) + 2) £2500

3) To allocate £3,000 to new mower fund

This would leave a projected carryforward 2016/17 of £2,163

Following a brief discussion the budget was approved.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**11. CONFIRM DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2016:**

Feb 22nd

May 16th

July 18th

Sept 12th

 Nov 14th

**12. PUBLIC SESSION:** Nothing raised

**Meeting closed 8.45**

Signed: Date: