**DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**



MINUTES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7TH 2016 FOLLOWING PLANNING MEETING 7.10pm

**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 Paul Rous and Christopher Hudson***

***County Councillor Stephen Burroughes***

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

**Clerk: Ruth Hart Members of Public: 0**

**1. APOLOGIES:** D.Cllr Paul Rous, C.Cllr Stephen Burroughes,Cllr John Calver

**2.** **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12TH 2016:** These were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr R. Wardley (DCC. Suffolk Constabulary), Cllr Rous (DCC, Church,), Cllr M. Mann (Village Hall), Cllr N. Watts (Village Hall)

**4.** **REPORTS:** Councillors had already received C. Cllr S. Burroughes' report. The summary is as follows and the full report can be found on the Parish Council website:-

Early Years Foundation Stage - Profile Results 2016

New Greater Anglia Rail franchise top issue at Suffolk Rail Conference

Be Safe Be Seen in Suffolk - children to get free safety reflectors

Suffolk Record Office makes final shortlist

Prior to the meeting D. Cllr P. Rous had confirmed that he was still awaiting the investigating tenancy rights for Swainston Way and would report back at the next meeting.

**5. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:** Ch. Cllr R. Wardley reported that he had received several emails raising traffic concerns relating to 3 areas of Dennington. He informed the meeting of his replies. The concerns were as follows:-

* Parking near the school (Laxfield Rd) - Councillors recognised that this had been a problem for a number of years and that there was no easy solution. One of the problems appears to be that vehicles park too close to the junction with the A1120 thus making it difficult for other road users, and that parking restrictions around the school were not always observed. It was suggested that parents could be encouraged to park in the square when dropping off/collecting children from school, however it was also recognised that, at busy times, crossing the A1120 was difficult. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the school drawing their attention to the complaint received. The meeting hoped that, possibly in time, a new designated drop off point might be identified and the footpath north of the school extended. (Cllr. R. Rous left the meeting at this point).
* Lorry cab parked on the grass at Blyth Villas, September 2016 - Ch. Cllr R. Wardley informed the meeting that the owner had been written to by Suffolk County Council.
* Pond site damage to posts caused by vehicle - A recent photograph showed the damage caused by a poorly parked vehicle. Councillors discussed remedial action and it was agreed to replace the posts with taller, wooden posts, possibly set in concrete, with reflector discs, in the hope that this would increase their visibility.

**6. To agree appointment of trustee for Dennington Consolidated Charities:**

The meeting confirmed the appointment of Frances Boscawen.

**7. BUDGET: To agree and set the precept and budget for 2017/18**: Councillors had already received the proposed budget which suggested that the precept remain the same as 2016/17. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr M. Lunn and seconded by Cllr K. Whitbread that the precept should be raised by 1% to £8,850 in order to keep pace with inflation. The increase to the precept and the proposed budget were agreed unanimously.

**8. CLERK'S REPORT:** The Clerk reported that the second precept payment of £4,392.72 had been received.

The balance in the Bank Accounts as at October 28th -

No 1 acct £2,635.47

No 2 acct £6,079.48

Equipment acct £8,371.85

No cheques had been signed since last meeting

The following Cheques were agreed and signed at this meeting:

100094 Dennington Sports Club donation £300

100095 Dennington Church donation £450

100096 CAB donation £ 55

100097 EAAA donation £ 55

100098 Dennington Village Hall donation £300

100099 R Hart/salary £360

She reported that the sign at the bottom of Clay Hill had been replaced.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

* Cllr. M. Lunn informed the meeting that he had received a quote from Realise Futures to replace 3 picnic tables (minutes No. 8 September 2016 refers) at a total cost of £1475 + VAT. The meeting confirmed this action and agreed that 2 would be sited outside "The Clothes Peg" on the Village Green and one at the Pond Site. Cllr M. Lunn to action.
* Ch Cllr Wardley reported that the cost of a defibrillator iPAD SP1 fully automatic would be £950 + VAT. He reminded the meeting that Dennington Consolidated Charities had already provided the money for this. The defibrillator had a 10yr guarantee and a 5yr battery life and was approved by the British Heart Foundation. This will be purchased and installed at the Bus Shelter. Ch. Cllr R. Wardley to action.
* Dennington Consolidated Charities (Cllr R. Rous), had agreed to investigate/offer first aid training.
* Telephone Kiosk at Owls Green - the Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a letter regarding the proposed removal of the kiosk and that the Parish Council had an option to purchase the kiosk for £1. The meeting agreed to purchase the kiosk. Clerk to action.

**10. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017** were confirmed as:-

Feb 27th

May 15th (both)

July 17th

Sept 11th

Nov 13th

**11. PUBLIC SESSION:** Nothing raised

Meeting closed at 7.55

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