**DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 18th JULY 2016 following the planning meeting held at 7pm

In the Jubilee Hall

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

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

***County Councillor Stephen Burroughes***

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

**Clerk: Ruth Hart M.O.P. None**

1. APOLOGIES: C. Cllr S. Burroughes, D. Cllr P. Rous

2. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN 2 SETS OF MINUTES:-

* ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 16TH 2016 These were confirmed and signed as a true record
* ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MAY 16TH 2016 These were confirmed and signed as a true record

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4. REPORTS: CC S Burroughes. As this report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting the Clerk summarised the main points from the report as follows:-

Support for devolution and local decision making

School shortlisted for top award (Sir John Leman, Beccles)

Sufoolk's early learning take up success

Don't dump your rubbish - new powers to tackle fly tipping

The full report can be found on the website.

5. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

CLAY HILL: The Clerk reported:-

* Having reported the potholes along Clay Hill, Highways had decided these needed no immediate action.
* She had requested a new sign be installed at the bottom of Clay Hill to replace the damaged one that had been removed during the winter (and was still awaiting an outcome).
* Owls Green: The matter of seepage from the pumping station was due to be investigated by Flagship Housing.
* Footpath 20 (Capon's Green): It was reported this was overgorwn with stinging nettles and overhanging conifers. The Clerk to report/follow up.

6. CLERK'S REPORT:

Bank Accounts as at July 11th 2016

Current balances No 1 account – Community Account £ 2,415.24

No 2 account - £5,186.76

Equipment Account - £ 6,371.85

VAT claim of £2,685.70 has been received of which £2660 had been transferred into the Equipment account

£1,000 from No 2 account had been transferred into Equipment Account. The old Parkway mower had been sold through Clarke and Simpson's farm machinery auction and had realised £2,331 which had been paid into the Equipment Account. The meeting wished to thank Cllr N. Watts for organising this, and R. Steward for conveying the mower to the auction.

Cheques signed since last meeting - none

Cheques agreed and signed at this meeting:

100080 R Hart/petrol Feb - Jul £90.90

100081 R Hart/stationery £37.10

100082 R. Wardley/puncture repair £12.00

The Clerk confirmed the following actions undertaken since the May annual meeting/arising from internal audit and were now published on website:-

2016 annual statement of accounts

2016 annual governance statements 2016 internal audit report

Asset register has been updated to record sale of Parkway mower

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the treasurers of Sports Club to request accounts for Bowls Club - no reply to date

7. TO CONFIRM REPRESENTATIVE TO SALC*:* Cllr M. Lunn agreed to continue

8. TO DISCUSS REVIEW OF PARISH PLAN: After some discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Wardley and Lunn would briefly review the questionnaire that had previously gone out to the village, circulate the revised one and collate results (It is hoped this will be completed in time for the annual meeting May 2017)

9. CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk had received a poster/letter from SCDC "Raising awareness of Prevent" which is part of the UK's counter terrororism strategy preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism. This will be put on the main noticeboard on the village green.

2 copies of "Local Councillor" had been received - Clerk/Chair to keep copies, which includes info on:-

* section 137 expenditure limit now £7.42 per elector on roll at April 1st 2016 "may only be used where it directly benefits the area, or part of the area, or all or some of the inhabitants and the expenditure must be commensurate with the benefits"
* programme of works for grass cutting - 2 cuts per year A and B roads during June and then to commence Aug 1st, C and unclassified one cut per year some completed, some ongoing (Clerk to email schedule to councillors)
* round up of Queen's birthday celebrations
* domestic waste recycling extended hours, but closed on Wednesdays
* sheepwatch
* suffolk libraries
* ditches, drains and flooding
* report from Suffolk Highways

The Clerk will find out whether "Local Councillor" is published online.

10. TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: September 12th at 7pm

11. PUBLIC SESSION:

Signed: Date: