

## DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



### **DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** **MONDAY FEBRUARY 25th 2019 at 7.10 following the planning meeting**

In the Jubilee Hall

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

Members of the Public: 5

Clerk: R. Hart

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr R. Rous, Cllr R. Smith - councillors agreed to these absences. C. Cllr S. Burroughes
2. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 26th 2018: With the correction of dates for the forthcoming year to read 2019, these were agreed and signed as a true record.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr M. Lunn (employee of EDF: item 4), Cllr M . Mann (Village Hall), Ch Cllr R. Wardley (DCC)
4. "SIZEWELL C - Stage 3 Consultation 4th January 2019 to 29th March 2019: Sections 42 and 44 Planning Act 2008. Ch. Cllr R. Wardley welcomed the 2 representatives who gave a detailed presentation which covered the following main areas:
  - a. the scope of the consultation
  - b. main changes since stage 2 consultation
  - c. sizewell C power station
  - d.people and economy
  - e.accomodation and transport
  - f.additional information
  - g.next stepsCh. Cllr R. Wardley thanked the representatives for their presentation and invited questions from the floor. The main concerns raised were as follows:-
  - a. regarding the increase in heavy traffic through Dennington despite assurances that all construction traffic would have to use the A12 (registration plate recognition etc).
  - b. regarding the increased number of of freight trains running on the East Suffolk line, and the closure of some foot crossings along the line.
  - c. coastal erosion and effect on Minsmere and other SSIs
  - d. impact of increased temporary population on surrounding towns/villages

Councillors were pleased to hear that additional cabling would not be needed as existing pylons had the spare capacity.

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Ch Cllr R.Wardley thanked them for their presentation and they left the meeting at 8.10.

The meeting agreed that Cllr M. Lunn would formulate a response to include the concerns expressed above. Consultation closes on March 29th 2019

5. REPORTS: To include reports from D. Cllrs P.Rous/C. Hudson and C. Cllr S. Burroughes. C. Cllr S. Burroughes' report was circulated prior to the meeting and his full report can be found on the website. The main areas are as follows:-

- Green light to develop more specialist education places
- Suffolk's roads warming to £300,000 thermal patching
- Outstanding technology performance by Suffolk students
- Local councils urge people to take part in Sizewell C consultaton
- 10,000 homes say "No" to cold callers
- Places available for "Life chnging" Great East swim

No reports were received from District Councillors

6. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS: Ch. Cllr R. Wardley informed the meeting that the following had been reported:-

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> blocked drains on edge of 1120 – 10 working days

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> depression in carriageway following trench excavation – 5 working days

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> sign attached to post OK but post rusting, needs replacing before both fall into carriageway, 20 working days

Cllr M. Mann informed the meeting that carriageway repairs were needed where Clay Hill meets the B1116. Ch . Cllr R. Wardley agreed to inform Highways

7. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: To confirm arrangements and councillors' obligations for parish council elections to be held May 2019. To note the following:-

- nomination papers must be submitted by 4pm April 3<sup>rd</sup> and taken in person to The Elections Office, East Suffolk Council (Suffolk Coastal DC), East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Melton, Woddbridge, IP12 1RT
- all existing councillors must submit nomination papers (failure to do so means would lose seat)
- the nomination papers include certificate of authorisation (proposer and seconder)

The meeting noted that the costs of an election were approx £400 for an uncontested election and approx £1,000 for a contested one.

8. CLERK'S REPORT: This included bank balances, cheques signed since last meeting and cheques to be signed at this meeting.

Bank balances as at January 30<sup>th</sup> as follows:-

Current Account £2,135.55

Active Saver £2,668.95

Equipment Acct £12,431.03

Annual interest received for Active Saver £ 5.92 and for Equipment Acct £21.70. A VAT reimbursement for £782.60 had been filed

The Council has received amount of £ 1275.50 from S Burroughes locality fund towards purchase of 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator. (This represents full cost less VAT). They have asked the following:-

"If you intend to publicise this expenditure, it would be appreciated if Suffolk County Council's

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involvement could be included in any publicity. Acknowledgement of your Councillor's commitment to your project would also be appreciated. (*Note this will be included in Chair's report to Annual Meeting May 2019*)

Please note that repeat funding for this particular project will not be available again during the current four-year term, ending May 2021."

The defibrillator for Owls Green has been purchased and due to be installed in the next few weeks

Cheques agreed and signed since last meeting	£
100177 R Hart/salary	360
100178 school hall hire	20

Cheques agreed and signed as this meeting	
100179 DCC/ village green rent	50
100180 Heelis and Lodge/audit	80
100181 SALC/training	30
100182 Bartram mowers/service	1362
100183 R Hart/salary + OT	479.80
100184 HMRC	20.20
100185 R. Wardley/materials	10.16
100186 Tree Incarnate/materials	100

The Clerk had attended half day training in January for May elections, responded to a variety of email queries and completed the response form to SCDC Local Plan final draft following meeting on February 18th.

Finally, the Clerk informed the meeting of her resignation from the post with effect from May 31st 2019.

9. TO APPROVE ARRANGEMENTS/DATE FOR ANNUAL LITTER PICK: April 1st 2019 meeting at the Village Hall at 6pm. The Clerk to contact Suffolk Norse for the necessary supplies and invite the WI to join in.

10. CORRESPONDENCE :

Following the receipt of the resignation letter from Cllr K. Whitbread at the earlier planning meeting, the Chair asked those councillors present if they still had confidence in him as Chair, and offered to leave the meeting whilst this was discussed. Councillors agreed that he could remain in the meeting, and voted unanimously that he had their confidence. Cllr R Wardey thanked councillors for their vote of confidence and confirmed that he would remain as chair until the May elections. The Clerk to formally notify SCDC of Cllr K. Whitbread's resignation.

Signage for Ducks: The meeting heard from a member of the public that Suffolk Highways do not wish to see any signs erected on highway land and for SCC to have any ongoing maintenance responsibility. Suffolk Highways are happy to erect signs at suitable locations away from public highway (preferably on parish land). These would then be responsibility of Parish Council. The cost of each sign, post and clips £110 approx (purchased online), installation costs to be determined.

After some discussion the meeting agreed not to pursue this any further as there was no parish council owned land available. The meeting did agree to gather information regarding VAS and contact neighbouring parishes with a view to sharing these devices. (To be discussed at May meeting).

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A member of the public asked why with £12,000 in the Equipment Account a VAS couldn't be purchased outright, or why the Parish Council didn't consider using contractors for grass-cutting. It was noted that the lawn mower fund is ring-fenced and the Ch. confirmed that there was a commitment to replace the main village grasscutter at regular intervals which required a sizeable investment. The meeting heard that currently the grass on the village green, around the allotments and the sports field is cut by unpaid volunteers who carry this work out freely as and when required. The fuel for the mower is provided free of charge from a landowner in the village. Councillors agreed unanimously that engaging contractors was impractical, restrictive and not cost effective.

A request had been received from Badminton Club for meetings to be moved away from Mondays as people keep walking across the court when leaving whilst they are trying to play. The Clerk explained that Tues are booked, Weds are free apart from 1st and 2nd one of the month, Thurs hopefully booked. Councillors agreed to keep meetings to Mondays for the time being as these dates had been published on the website, and to ask members of the public as they leave not to walk across the court, (The Badminton Club have now got a sign).

The Chair explained that he had received an email re sewerage problems at Owls Green. The Clerk confirmed that Flagship Housing were last written to May 2016, regarding this issue but that the matter had not been concluded satisfactorily. The Clerk will contact Flagship Housing again and inform complainant of any action.

11. TO CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:  
May 13th 2019 7pm Annual Parish Meeting  
May 13th 2019 (following the APM), the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
12. PUBLIC SESSION: Nothing raised

Meeting closed at 9.05

Signed

Date