

# DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### AT THE JUBILEE HALL, DENNINGTON

- 1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year.** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Cllr. Stephen Burroughes and John Calver.

#### **Present**

Robert Wardley (Chairman)      Matthew Lunn      Nick Watts      Ken Hoyle  
Rebecca Smith      Mary Mann      Doris Dearing      Sam Steward  
3 members of public      Ward Cllr. Maurice Cook (*during item 9*)      Lydia Kirk (clerk)

- 2. There were no declarations of interest declared on items on the agenda.**
- 3. The Minutes of the Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November and Planning Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 were approved as true records of the meetings.**
- 4. The only matter arising from the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> November was regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> VE Day Celebrations.** RW has spoken to one of the Village Hall Trustees and the Village Hall and Sports Club will arrange a village event for the occasion together, with financial support from the Parish Council as per the budget.
- 5. The Chairman reported the death of long-standing former Vice- Chairman of the Council, Derek Teesdale at the age of 100.**

RW has logged some highways issues in the village online. The flooding on the A1120 near Wash Farm should be rectified within 10 working days, and SCC will monitor the potholes at The Square but they are not deemed serious enough to need action yet. He also reported the depressed kerb stones on the A1120 near Pound Cottage. Works to repair Frostley Bridge should start in March or April but until that time the traffic lights will remain.

The ditch near the village green needs cleaning out.

**ACTION** Cllr Watts kindly agreed to look in to this and will report back. Cllr. Wardley offered to help him with this.

We are awaiting a meeting with Cllr. Burroughes and the Highways Agency with advice regarding locations for the Speed Indicator Device.

- 6. The clerk reported that she has reported the issues regarding the traffic lights at Frostley Bridge.**

The pothole at Clay Hill Barn was reported on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 and repairs should be carried out within 8 weeks (28<sup>th</sup> January 2020).

The clerk and Chairman are attending East Suffolk Council's next Town and Parish Council Planning Forum on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

We have recently heard that Dennington Parish Council won the £200 draw for community litterpicks in this area in 2019. *This lead to discussion on what the money should be spent on and it was agreed to donate £100 to Dennington Women's Institute, who help with the litter pick, and add an additional £100 to the funds allocated for the village 75<sup>th</sup> VE Day celebrations.*

- 7. Responsible Financial Officer's Report**

- a) The only payment received since the last meeting was £20.00 from Norse for the Community Litter pick.
- b) The following payments have been made since the last meeting:-
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|-----|--------|------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| P29 | 100219 | 31/12/2019 | L. Kirk – Pay to 31.12.2019 | £603.65 |
| P30 | 100220 | 31/12/2019 | HMRC- PAYE to 31.12.2019    | £137.40 |

*Invoices with full details of items above were available for viewing at the meeting.*

- c) The bank balances were as follows on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019:
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|-------------------|------------|
| Current Account   | £2,410.64  |
| Active Saver      | £2,315.28  |
| Equipment Account | £12,431.03 |
- d) The bank statements and bank reconciliation to 27.12.2019 were reviewed, and signed by ML.
- e) The review year-to-date receipts and payments account was circulated.
- f) It was agreed to remove Robert Rous as a signatory on the bank accounts.  
**ACTION** RW to contact Barclays in this regard and chase online access for the clerk to view the accounts.

8. **To date, the clerk has not received any replies to the article about conducting a neighbourhood plan in December's village newsletter.** This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
9. **The current mower is 6 years old and has done 700 hours.** Yearly maintenance and repair costs are increasing. Possible options for purchasing or leasing a new lawnmower were considered, using quotations and information obtained by Robert Wardley. NW thanked RW for all of his work gathering the quotations. After discussion, it was decided that leasing a mower would not be a sustainable option, and there were concerns that there may be additional costs involved for damage at the end of the lease period. Councillors were wary of purchasing a second hand mower with substantial hours usage. It was agreed that if the volunteers are happy to continue cutting the grass, it would be best to purchase a mower rather than leasing one or contracting the cutting out.  
 Councillors decided to proceed with purchasing a John Deere mower. Using the trade in for the current mower, it seemed Council could purchase either a new or secondhand Z997R or a secondhand or demo 1580 using accumulated funds for this purpose. This was proposed by RS, seconded by NW and carried unanimously.  
**ACTION** RW to organise a demo mower for him to try. If this goes well, RW then to seek the best price and proceed with purchase up the sum agreed in the meeting.
10. **Highways and footpath issues in the village were discussed.**
- KH has had reports of 'near misses' on Mill Lane, where it is dangerous for cars turning right when oncoming traffic is moving quickly. RW suggested that this site could be considered for the S.I.D and he will raise this with Highways when they meet.
  - DD remarked how dangerous it is for pedestrians using the narrow pavement outside 'Blue Anchor' on the A1120, Badingham Road, now that the street lamp on the property has been removed. With pebbles to the property side of the narrow path, pedestrians are often forced to walk on the road and move to stand on the path when a vehicle comes, which is particularly dangerous in the dark. If the path was widened or there was some street lighting this would be safer.  
**ACTION** Clerk to contact ESC who are responsible for streetlamps to see if a replacement could be provided.

- ML reported that sleepers on the footbridge across the Green from the church are starting to rot.

**ACTION** NW and ML will look in to this when clearing the ditch.

- ML reported that there is a missing footpath sign near Framlingham Hall and that there is a footpath sign laying down outside Little Wish.

**ACTION** Clerk to ask Rights of Way Officer to re-erect this sign

11. **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm was agreed for the annual litter pick.** The litter pick equipment is to be dropped at RW's house before the event and the rubbish to be collected from the Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**ACTION** Clerk to complete form and notify Norse re the litter pick. Also to contact the W.I. and let them know about the winnings and the date of the litter pick this year.

12. **Correspondence received since the date of the last meeting was considered.**

## PUBLIC SESSION

*The County Councillor's Reports for December and January and Ward Councillor's Report for January have been put on the village website.*

**Cllr. Cook introduced himself to the Council as its Ward Member elected in May.**

He congratulated Dennington on winning the £200 prize from Norse. Cllr. Cook asked to be copied in on the email to ESC re the streetlamp and he will follow this up.

Cllr. Cook is looking in to the lack of local availability to recycle Terracycle packaging. He has an environmental meeting on Thursday when he will be raising this.

Cllr. Cook reported that local Councils will be taking over parking enforcement from the Police. RW publicly thanked Cllr. Cook for his contribution toward the Speed Indication Sign.

A member of public asked what is happening regarding repair of the Church Gates, which was mentioned a year ago.

**ACTION** Clerk to contact a member of the Parochial Church Council asking for an update.

A member of the public asked whether the missing directional sign outside the Church would be replaced. RW responded with his frustration that this has still not been rectified since the car accident, despite SCC having evidence of who caused the damage. The clerk advised that the more this was reported online, the greater the chance that the sign will be replaced.

A member of the public asked how long the new lawnmower would be likely to last and RW said he hoped around 6 years.

13. **Matters to be raised at the next meeting**

Update on mower purchase

Response from ESC regarding streetlamp

Reponses to the newsletter article regarding conducting a Neighbourhood Plan.

14. **The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

*There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.*

Signed *R, Wardley*

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Chairman

Date