

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.30pm, Church Room, Washbrook

Present: Chairman Keith Armes, Vice Chairman Mike Watling, County Cllr Dave Busby, District Cllr Nick Ridley, District Cllr Barry Gasper, Cllr Terry Corner, Cllr Peter Jones, Cllr Tina Sutters, Cllr Chris Coupland, 2x residents, Clerk.

1335/1617 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies: Cllr Andy Mexome. Chairman Armes congratulated Cllr Tina Sutters on the successful village litter pick.

1336/1617 Declaration of Interest: Cllr Peter Jones, Village Hall Management Committee

1337/1617 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 7 February 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

1338/1617 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

Register of Interest forms - I have emailed you all regarding this earlier today, as advised, I will forward forms once available.

Village hall - rent review/increase - a letter has been received from the Village Hall Committee Acting Chairman, Des Feasey, who also appears to be acting Treasurer. Letter was originally sent to John Rosoman. Copy of letter distributed at meeting, to be discussed under item 7.c. Financial Matters.

Planning - Boss Hoggs - spoke to Martin Price, BDC planning dept, on 21 March, he advised the 3 key issues were:

- is it for agricultural use;
- impact on listed building;
- & visual impact

He advised can't be turned down for possible future use.

However, email received BDC on Wed 22 March, which was forwarded to all Parish Cllrs shows the appeal was dismissed.

1339/1617 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19.36pm

CC Dave Busby: nothing to report.

DC Nick Ridley: Babergh DC & Mid Suffolk DC have new website. Council has dropped out of the 5 year Local Housing Plan, presumption to allow application through. Local Plan won't be adopted for another year. Any individual applications received since Christmas CS11 & CS2 have gone through. An interesting situation. The planning application in East Bergholt to be put in again and under MPPF it can't be refused. Another application for 77 houses in East Bergholt and 250 in Capel St Mary. Have to show harm to the whole district.

DC Barry Gasper: Scrutiny Committee - presentation at Lavenham, £25k into Neighbourhood Plan, however, when Local Plan changes it will have to be re-done. Lack of training and support. Need a planning officer to get plan through - recommended to BDC.

Des Feasey, Village Hall Chairman: Unhappy with rise in village hall ground rent proposed by Parish Council, no consultation. Mr Feasey left the meeting before a response could be offered. However, it was agreed by the Council to write to the Village Hall Management Committee with a further proposal.

Residents: None

Reconvened 19.50hrs.

1340/1617 Planning:

B/17/00382/FHA The Folly, Folly Road, Chattisham, IPSWICH, IP8 3QQ. Erection of single-storey rear extension and two-storey front extension. No objection.

B/17/00466 5 Dales View, Copdock & Washbrook IP8 3EX. Erection of single storey rear extension. Recommend approval.

1341/1617 Financial Matters & RFO Report:

- a) Payments for approval. LB & TS recommended approval for payments.

RFO Report

The Parish Council's budget position is in order, with all spending within the current financial years budget as the PC is now in a new financial year.

Village Hall lease - rent increase letter has received a reply, to be discussed under item 7.c.

C&W Bowls Club - letter regarding electricity share has been passed to the Treasurer who, I have been advised, will be in contact with the PC.

Allotments - Anne Kell has done well in getting 5 vacant plots rented out. There is now 1 plot unused.

Payments were approved.

Spreadsheets copies distributed at meeting.

Approved by Council.

- b) **Internal Control Statement for financial yr ending 2018**

Approved and signed at this meeting

- c) **Village Hall ground rent increase**

After hearing the Village Hall Management Committees views in the open forum, discussion took place and it was proposed to write to the Village Hall Management Committee with a fresh proposal of a £50 increase per year for 8 years to bring the rent to £1,000 per year, with a caveat of a review every 3 years to take into account the current economic situation.

- d) Council considered the cost increase of the rubber bonded safety surface for new piece of play equipment at Fen View, increase of £130. KA proposed agreement, TS seconded, Council approved.

1342/1617 Correspondence: Chairman Keith Armes received a letter from Copdock Primary School which he summarised to the meeting. The school are looking to improve the library and provide another learning space in the form of a conservatory. They made a request to PC for funding. LB offered to check the infrastructure at SCC on building at schools. Subject to this information, Council proposed to offer £5k.

1343/1617 Old London Rd Traffic Calming/Speed Reducing Project:

No further progress. Resident pointed out that the lack of action of causing the local residents problems. Learner drivers drive over the central reservation, also groups of youths gather on bench. Suggested the bench is moved. A site visit to be arranged to decide a new position.

1344/1617 Community-Led Housing Development Plan:

Plan now complete. TC and TS to proof read and send to Clerk who will forward to BDC.

1345/1617 Play Equipment Working Group:

Ordered and will be fitted by May.

1346/1617 VC Commemorative Ceremony:

TC reported waiting for Highways licence. All progressing well.

1347/1617 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

MW - suggested C&W PC join the BAPTC group. £100 admin fee. Proposed by TS and seconded by LB. MW to administer.

LB - proposed Fun Day in village - ask to see PL insurance with liability cover at least £10m. Company address of proposed organisers, Dave Shelley Entertainments, also copy of risk assessment. Also confirmation of distribution of profits.

TC - litter bin on bus shelter opposite Folly Lane, not emptied. Clerk to advise BDC again.

CC - footpath clearance - excellent job.

Meeting closed at 20.53hrs.