

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 7.30pm
in the lounge, village hall, Copdock.

Present: Chairman Keith Armes, County Cllr Dave Busby, DC Nick Ridley, DC Barry Gasper, Vice Chairman Mike Watling, Cllr Tina Sutters, Cllr Peter Jones, Cllr Terry Corner, Cllr Chris Coupland, 3x residents, Clerk.

1189/1617 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies: Cllr Laura Butters

1190/1617 Declaration of Interest: TS - planning; PJ - Village Hall Management Committee

1191/1617 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 7 April 2016, 2 amendments made and were then approved and signed as a true record.

1192/1617 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

Travellers have departed the Whights Corner area leaving rubbish behind. The Babergh Environmental dept were contacted to clear the rubbish away. A letter was received from a resident advising when she was walking to the Park and Ride she saw a rat. BDC were informed but advised they do not deal with any pest control issues now due to cuts. The PC need to decide whether to pay for pest control to visit the area.

Allotment T&Cs - allotment representative Anne Kell is unable at present to give the T&Cs her attention due to family illness. It has been agreed to put the agreement on hold, with a view to having a meeting with her and any interested plot holders when she is available.

I received an email from a resident advising there is bagged dog waste left near the footpath to Amor Hall and around the stile on the footpath that runs alongside the boundary of the Brook Inn. They are asking for a dog waste bin in this area of the village. I have asked Daniel Whymark from Babergh if any dog waste bins get used less than others with a view to removing one and putting it where it will be used more. BDC do not keep this data anymore but he will endeavour to find out from the bin emptying operatives and let me know. The PC will need to agree this change.

Mike Osbourn, treasurer for the C&W Parochial Church Council has advised the grant given by the Parish Council will be used for ongoing tree work in the churchyard. The PCC gave their thanks for the grant from the PC.

The Casual Vacancy is still unfilled.

1193/1617 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19.34pm

CC Dave Busby: BDC AGM cancelled due to family bereavement. Road works are due to start in various areas. Steve Merry, SCC Highways due to attend the PC July meeting re Old London Rd plans.

DC Nick Ridley: Lyndsay Barker appointed as Deputy Chief Executive; Wolsey Grange no notification;

DC Barry Gasper: Nothing more to add.

Parish Cllr Peter Jones: Enquiring about Elm Farmhouse temporary structure that has no planning consent. DC NR to look into.

Resident: Whights Corner resident asking why the travellers keep coming back to the area every year. Advised this time was because the concrete block wasn't put back in place and the gate was left unlocked. Resident enquired about putting a fence up as expressed by Steve Merry, SCC, CC Dave Busby advised it needs to be decided whether the gravel site will remain as there are security and health and safety issues. Whilst there are no dedicated traveller sites the problem will continue. Whights Corner is recognised as a problem by the Gypsy Liaison Officer Keren Wright. PC agreed to write to Keren Wright to get an assessment on the situation. Cllr Tina Sutters advised HGV lorries are parking in the area overnight.

Meeting reconvened 20.04pm.

1194/1617 Planning:

B/16/00580 16 Fen View. Installation of new oil tank. No Objection.

B/16/00518 West Hill Farm. Erection of single and two storey side and rear extension. No objection.

B/16/00668 Springcroft Cottage, Whights Corner, IP8 3LB. Erection of part two storey/part first floor side/rear extension and new pitched roof over existing first floor rear elements. Recommend approval.

Chairman Keith Armes has been contacted by the developers of the Back Lane site to advise the planning application will be to Babergh shortly.

1195/1617 Financial Matters inc RFO report:

a. **Payment for approval:** KA proposed and TS recommended approval

- b. **Pledge of donation for Copdock Pavilion Phase 2 works** After much discussion and a vote it was agreed the PC would consider favourably a donation of £3,000.

1196/1617 Correspondence: circulated.

1197/1617 Risk Assessment: Document considered, no amendments.

1198/1617 Town & Parish Council Alliance: PC agreed not to join this new alliance.

1199/1617 Wolsey Grange development/Sproughton Parish Council: Finance Working Group advised after consideration of a request for funding, not to donate.

1200/1617: Community-Led Housing Development Plan: Deferred to meeting after main meeting. Will be reported at July meeting.

1201/1617 Play Equipment Working Group: MW/LB advised an old slide to be removed at Fen View site and a multi play piece of equipment to replace it.

1202/1617 Casual Vacancy: Position still vacant. All Parish Cllrs to promote vacancy.

1203/1617: Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

Cllr Terry Corner suggested a bus shelter on Whights Corner as students sit on the grass waiting for the school bus.

1204/1617 Items for next agenda: Community-Led Housing Development Plan

1205/1617 Next meeting: 5 July 2016, Church Room, The Street, Washbrook 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.47hrs.