

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at Sports Pavilion, Old London Rd, Copdock, 6.30pm

Present: Chairman Keith Armes, County Cllr Chris Hudson, Cllr Mike Watling; Cllr Terry Corner, Cllr Andy Mexome, Cllr Laura Butters, Cllr Chris Coupland, Cllr Peter Jones, 39x residents, Clerk.

1432/1718 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting. Apologies: District Cllr Barry Gasper; District Cllr Nick Ridley, Cllr Tina Sutters

1433/1718 Declaration of Interest: None.

1434/1718 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

1435/1718 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

Local Plan - first part of this consultation closed on Friday 10th November 2017 and the Parish Councils comments were sent to Babergh before this date. The PC will await the outcome of this first process which, I understand, should be to hand by the end of January 2018.

Proposed Quarry - adjacent A12/Belstead - Several Cllrs and myself attended the public consultation meeting held on Belstead village hall. The proposed quarry at Brockley Wood, Belstead would affect the residents of Copdock much more than those in Belstead. This is on the agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Training courses - Local Council Public Advisory Services delivered the second part of the planning course, which I understand was very useful. Advice was given on other subjects also, which proved to be helpful.

1436/1718 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 18.35pm

Residents: Traffic at Copdock Interchange worsening, National Highways failure; traffic travelling too fast down Back Lane; school buses too big for roads/lanes; lorries travelling down Old London Road are damaging surface and causing mayhem using Church Lane, promote restrictions; KA pointed out a 7.5cwt weight restriction already exists on Swan Hill one way. Promote restrictions on Elm Lane except for access going to Fen Farm. Proposed quarry - where is the process at and how to help, KA advised to reply and comment to SCC as individuals, the PC is a group but only counts as one reply; not necessary to have another quarry as there are already other sites with planning permission, and although the proposed site is in Belstead it would have a greater affect on Copdock; the entrance and exit junction could increase traffic along the Old London Rd without weight restrictions being applied but would still be difficult to enforce. 95% of residents living within a 2 mile radius were not advised of the proposal; residents could suffer due to air pollution and noise levels, would ruin quality of life. The Belstead proposed quarry is being driven by the landowner and his agent. SCC have put forward 10 sites.

CC Chris Hudson: Proposed Belstead quarry - shout loud and clear to SCC, believes would be a blight on the area with many residents affected. Infrastructure is needed before anything else. Get the press involved, Suffolk Preservation Society, SALC, and lobby SCC; use social media to get the point out there. Having a group voice heard would help to argue the case. Budget - youth and older people caring departments costing £1bn a year - very expensive to care for. Use the SCC website tool to report condition of roads/highways/traffic problems. Copdock Primary School - received a good Ofsted report, given £1k from CH budget. Reconvened 19.25hrs.

1437/1718 Planning Applications:

DC/17/05391. Brindles, Church Lane, Copdock, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JZ. Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation and erection of first floor extension.

No objection.

DC/17/05131. JPH Storage Service (Ips) Ltd, Clay Hall Farm, Old London Rd, C&W IP8 3JL. Change of use of land from agricultural to provide additional B1 caravan storage area.

No objection.

1438/1718 Financial Matters & RFO Report:

- a) payments recommended - KA & LB
- b) pre-cept considerations - expenditure increasing, to avoid increasing pre-cept by too much use some earmarked and reserved monies.
- c) Final budget for VC Event - £90 underspend - holding for any late/unforeseen expenses

RFO Report

The Parish Council's budget position is in order, with all spending within the current financial years budget. As advised in previous reports some budgets are reaching their limit.

Finance Working Group have considered the pre-cept, Parish Councillors proposals and the Draft Considerations sheet has been distributed to all Parish Councillors. This will be further discussed at this meeting and the final decision can be made at the January 2018 meeting.

Payments were approved.

Income as per distributed spreadsheet.

Spreadsheets updated to 05/12/17. Copies distributed at meeting.

Minuted and approved.

1439/1718 Local Planning Consultation:

Comments have been submitted to BDC, now awaiting next consultation phase.

1440/1718 Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan (Quarry)

PC to submit comments to SCC questioning the need of a new quarry at Belstead, the effect on local housing and residents, the 15 listed buildings within 1/2 mile of the site, the noise, air and light pollution, A12 junction and heavy lorries, A12 visibility and traffic congestion. Other sites already have planning permission, use existing sites. TC & AM to report.

1441/1718 Neighbourhood Plan:

On request LCPAS advised that we could 'beef up' the Community Local Plan to a Neighbourhood Plan, it would take around 2 years and grants are available to fund.

Suggested a committee is put together of 50/50 Councillors and residents with the needed skills, also ask Barry Gasper for his input. Rendlesham PC Clerk has experience and may offer assistance. Tom Barker, Planning, BDC has indicated that the Local Plan has been used.

1442/1718 Playing field improvements:

Funding/grants are still be sought, meanwhile, it was agreed to replace the fence behind the bus shelter, the gap left from the demolition of the cabin to be fenced off, and 106 monies to be applied for to purchase a new piece of play equipment for the play area near the village hall.

1443/1718 Replacement bench near village sign:

Bench installed and in use.

1444/1718 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

Hedge at Amor Lodge overhanging pavement/footpath - write to owner.

Hedge corner of The Street and Pheasant Rise overhanging pavement/footpath - write to owner.

Water pipe leaking into road The Street/Amor Lodge - Anglia Water - TC

Bagged dog waste is being left in hedges and domestic bins along the Amor Hall lane. It is not possible to put a bin along here as it is too far from the highway and BDC will not empty it.

Hedge on left going up Swan Hill is overgrown. Report to SCC.

Items for next agenda: Suffolk Minerals & Local Waste Plan (Quarry); Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting closed at 19.55hrs.