

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at Pavilion, Old London Rd, Copdock, 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Keith Armes, County Cllr Chris Hudson, District Cllr Nick Ridley, District Cllr Barry Gasper, Cllr Mike Watling; Cllr Terry Corner, Cllr Andy Mexome, Cllr Laura Butters, Cllr Tina Sutters, 7x residents, Clerk.

1457/1718 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting. Apologies: Cllr Chris Coupland, Cllr Peter Jones

1458/1718 Declaration of Interest: None.

1459/1718 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2017 were amended - litter pick on 17th not 24th, and then approved and signed as a true record.

1460/1718 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

The missing handrail from a set of steps on the grass bank opposite The Brook, still waiting for a report back from SCC despite having chased twice.

HGV signs - Cllrs need to discuss these and contact C/Cllr Christopher Hudson to give the PCs proposals.

BDC have reminded all PCs that the Register of Interest forms need to be kept up to date, i.e. all information on them must be no more than 12 months old, up to date with current information and all current Councillors need to have complete forms. This can be done online and I will let you know when these need to be completed again, which will be around end of March/beginning of April.

I took a telephone call from Karen Smith, SCC Highways. She apologised for the delay in contacting me, however, she reported the Copdock Interchange traffic lights had powered off in December and once power resumed had gone out of 'sync' but all was put right fairly soon afterwards. She said this is a Highways England issue not SCC Highways. Whilst I'd got her on the phone I made noises about Old London Rd/Chapel Lane/Swan Hill traffic situation and the speeding down the Old London Rd. The 'tune' from SCC has not changed, she suggested we write to the Police with regard to the 'speed van'.

She did advise that SCC Highway were looking at the junction at A1071/ Hadleigh Rd, with a view to putting pedestrian footpaths in, funding coming from the Taylor Wimpey development behind the Holiday Inn hotel.

The PC have written to residents regarding over hanging hedges and water leaks, no reply to date.

I'm also still chasing BDC regarding a possible new dog waste bin in Amor Lane, the officer at the Babergh was struggling to find the lane on a map!

1461/1718 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19.36pm

CC Chris Hudson: endeavouring to have a sign for the Brook pub erected on the A1071/Swan Hill roundabout; home to school transport being changed.

DC Nick Ridley: reported he is now on the Asset & Investment cabinet at BDC and therefore will now longer sit on or be Chair of the Planning Committee. Last meeting tomorrow to include protocol for 'call ins', will have to go before sub-committee, not on merits.

Two defections to Independents - John Hinton & Simon Barrett.

Budget balanced with a 3.25% increase in council tax.

Cabinet to look at the Hadleigh and Kingfisher pools with a view to building a new pool/gym in Hadleigh, next existing one and refurbishing the Sudbury building.

One Council consultation finished, therefore now a referendum as run out of time for 2019 elections. Elections will be held on the new boundaries.

Redundant Hadleigh office building likely to be built on for residential.

DC Barry Gasper: Council houses are spending too long empty between tenants, department in special measures, met with manager, have a good plan to rectify situation. New tenancy agreements to be put in place with regular inspections. Between a £0.9m & £1.2m deficit last year in budget, need to cut down on external contractors, which raises issues, Chief Exec to explain before committee. 5 year land supply issue taken to Scrutiny Committee, met with Tom Barker, Planning, BDC. To be re-assessed on a regular basis,. Waste strategy - contract for renewal for waste in Suffolk 2019. Reconvened 20.04hrs.

1462/1718 Planning Applications:

Land north of Elm Lane - Proposed development - to consider proposal and plans made available to Parish Council . *Further information had been obtained, plans to be redrawn and discussed further when to hand.*

DC/18/00049 Coachmans, Elm Lane, C&W IP8 3ET. Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission B/16/01104 (allowed at appeal APP/D3505/W/16/3164556). Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for 1 no. dwelling with garage. *Council recommended approval.*

DC/18/00189 Land adjacent Oakfield Cottage, Oakfield Rd, C&W IP8 3JS. Erection of 2 no. dwellings. *Council recommended approval.*

DC/18/00149. Land north of Cameo Hotel, Old London Rd, C&W IP8 3JD. Application under Section 23 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Storage of machinery, hay and haylage relating to Condition 2 attached to Application B/16/01218.

Council objected on same grounds as previous application.

DC/18/00147 The Pigeons, Pigeons Lane, C&W IP8 3HH. Erection of single storey rear extension and creation of new driveway. *Council recommended approval.*

1463/1718 Financial Matters & RFO Report:

- a) payments recommended - LB & TS approved
- b) Donation request from Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association - find out who is the representative for the parish. If not one, put a piece in In Touch magazine.

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.

Suffolk County Farms/SCC have advised they will be doing a 5 yearly valuation of their land, which for the PC will be the playing field next to the village hall and allotment site. No time scale was given.

Village Hall committee sent a cheque to cover the underpayment of the ground rent and will change the d/d from the next payment in March.

Payments were approved.

Spreadsheets updated to 06/02/18. Copies distributed at meeting. Bank statements available for Cllrs to view at meeting.

Minuted and approved.

1464/1718 One Council

Consultation now closed.

1465/1718 Local Planning Consultation:

All responses are still being inputted.

1466/1718 Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan (Quarry)

Cllrs Terry Corner & Andy Mexome to attend meeting at SCC with the C&W Sustainable Community Planning Group. Report back at March meeting.

1467/1718 Neighbourhood Plan:

Parish Council Local Plan - proposed upgraded to Neighbourhood Plan. Agreed to ask for help - set up meeting with Jayne Cole from LCPAS.

1468/1718 Playing field improvements:

Area where changing cabin stood to be edged with timber and shingle put down for use as BBQ area.

1469/1718 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

MW - abandoned car at Whights Corner - arranged to have it taken away.

Resident - motorbike less a wheel chained to fence at back of village hall

- MW - defibs installed, training done
- 9 lights not working in underpass, reported to SCC
- village quiz on 13 March in village hall in aid of Church Heritage Trust

Items for next agenda: none.

Meeting closed at 20.35hrs.