

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7.30pm,
Church Room, Washbrook

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

1291/1617 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies: District Cllr Barry Gasper, Cllr Chris Coupland.

1292/1617 Declaration of Interest: None

1293/1617 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 5 December 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

1294/1617 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

Environmental management - work continues on the Mill Lane play and zip wire area.

Weeding has been completed and a new waste bin installed. The contractor obtained a new bin for less than the Parish Council could purchase one for.

Motorcycle barriers - Dave Busby is arranging a meeting with John Simpson which hopefully MW & TS will attend to move the project forward.

Village Directory - no progress.

1295/1617 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19.34pm

CC Dave Busby: NHS & SCC plea to stay away from A&E. John Simpson, SCC Highways still to confirm date for meeting. Motorcycle barrier - struggling to find a suitable place. Littering along the Park & Ride site is very bad - DB to investigate ways of clearing.

DC Nick Ridley: Planning dept at BDC double shuffle, have moved to Needham Market offices then to Endeavour House in May. Planning meetings still held in Hadleigh. Council tax increases equate to approx £5 on Band D equals 10p a week for BDC residents. Increase for 2nd year but still lowest Band D rate in Suffolk. Chief Exec now in post. Lead own cabinet - 10 members including leader and deputy, some councils have gone back to committee system, but should make quicker decisions.

Residents: Complaint about posters being stuck up in inappropriate places. Put a piece in the In Touch magazine.

Reconvened 19.42hrs.

1296/1617 Planning:

B/16/01650 The Mane Riding Centre, Old London Rd, Copdock IP8 3JF. Erection of detached agricultural storage shed. Recommend approval.

1297/1617 Financial Matters & RFO Report:

- a) Payments for approval. MW & TS recommended for approval for payments.
- b) Pre-cept agreed and approved for financial year 2017-18. Forms signed at meeting for forwarding to Babergh DC.
- c) Pension - legally required to be set up by May 2017 - agreed and approved to go ahead. Send copy of notes from accountant to all Cllrs.
- d) village hall rent review to be deferred to FWG meeting
- e) confirmed grant from Celebrate England for VC Commemorative plaque/celebrations has been received. PJ to give Clerk details of spending criteria.

RFO Report

The Parish Council's budget position is in order, with all spending within the current financial year's budget except for Environmental Management which currently has an overspend of £1,000 as in previous month.

Village Hall lease - with the original lease being unearthed from Birketts archives, no local knowledge has come forth, therefore the FWG will review the rent at its next meeting and refer back to the February meeting with a recommendation.

Pension Scheme - SALC are unable to set up a pension scheme, so the original option may have to be the one that is taken. Again, the FWG will discuss at its meeting.

106 monies - Awaiting response from Babergh DC.

Bank transfer - FWG decided to transfer £10k from current account into Business Reserve account. Nat West require a letter signed by two signatories and taken by hand into a branch for the transaction to happen. Letter to be signed at this meeting.

Payments approved.

1298/1617 Correspondence: none.

1299/1617 Street Naming & Numbering:

No suggestions were put forward.

1300/1617 Motorcycle Barriers:

Still awaiting meeting with SCC Highways dept.

1301/1617 Community-Led Housing Development Plan:

A piece to be submitted to the In Touch parish magazine telling residents of the 'surgery' being held on Sat 25 Feb 2017, 10am-12noon, Church Room. Also that a copy can be seen on website and a hard copy obtained from the Clerk.

1302/1617 Play Equipment Working Group:

Awaiting reply from Babergh DC.

1303/1617 VC Commemorative Ceremony:

Cllr Terry Corner met with Highways SCC who will issue a licence for placement of plaque. Also discussed visibility splay from Pearson Way. Village sign is unstable (not dangerously so) and will need a new brick plinth, can be carried out at the same time as, and incorporate, the plaque.

1304/1617 Casual Vacancy: still vacant but one interested person.

1305/1617 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

TC - waste bins, one near village hall and one near Marvens, both have doors hanging off. Clerk to arrange repair. Some bins overflowing, Clerk to request frequency and check list of bins in parish correct.

MW - Tim Passmore Police Commissioner asking for support for more funding - agreed letter to be sent from PC.

Defibrillator at village hall - Bowls Club & Cricket club to arrange.

MW still attending Police meetings.

Meeting closed at 20.35hrs.