

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Copdock.

Present: Chairman Keith Armes, County Cllr Dave Busby, DC Nick Ridley, Vice Chairman Mike Watling, Cllr Tina Sutters, Cllr Peter Jones, Cllr Terry Corner, 4x residents, Clerk.

1139/1516 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies: DC Barry Gasper, Cllrs Laura Butters, Cllr Chris Coupland

1140/1516 Declaration of Interest: None

1141/1516 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 2 February 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

1142/1516 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

Allotment site - the tenant who was written to regarding illegally erected fencing and gates has removed these, as well as the shed which was not on his plot. He also appears to be attempting to clean up his allotment plot. Vice Chair Mike Watling and myself will keep a close eye on the situation. This situation has prompted the PC to update the terms and conditions/contract for the allotment plots, which when completed will be distributed to all allotment plot holders.

A new litter bin has been purchased for the bus shelter on the Old London Rd opposite Folly Lane.

This was paid for by CC Dave Busby. The PC is waiting for the contractor to fit it.

Steve Merry, SCC has been invited to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to give an update on the safety project for the Old London Rd. No reply to date.

The Casual Vacancy is still unfilled.

1143/1516 Adjournments: The meeting was adjourned at 19.36hrs to receive reports:

- (a) CC Dave Busby: County Council devolution for Cambs, Norfolk & Suffolk - huge amounts of money over 20/30 years. Rules will change on housing. All draft at present. Michael Heseltine has been allocated as aid.
Business in Apple Tree Barns to move to industrial estate, other units giving problems for residents.
Meeting on housing sites - 2 potential sites in Copdock & Washbrook. BDC trying to update housing policy to identify potential development sites, will be public consultation. Landowners and developers have been asked to put land/sites forward.
- (b) DC Nick Ridley: 3.5% council tax increase, approx £5 per year/per household.
Wolsey Grange planning application was reheard with new committee, unanimously in favour, only 3 committee members had sat on planning committee before. Took all day, lots of discussion between developers and planners, a lot of unhappiness. Never had a situation overturned before. Sproughton PC holding public meeting and intend to pursue further - going for judicial review.
- (c) **Police:** No attendance or report
- (d) Cllr Peter Jones - water leak at Amor Lodge, Mark Manning, resident, advised Anglian Water had made 4 or 5 connections to Amor Barns. MM made a connection 20feet away to avoid old connections. Andy Mexxum at Amor Barns may be able to help with information about connections.
- (e) Mark Manning, resident, The Willows - gave information on planning application
Reconvened 20.00hrs.

1144/1516 Planning:

B/16/00140 The Willows, The Street, C&W IP8 3HS. Erection of rear extension, double garage and garden store (following demolition of single garage and existing side extension).
Recommended approval.

1145/1516 Financial Matters:

- (a) **RFO Report** – Charman Keith Armes proposed & Vice Chairman Mike Watling recommended approval by council and minuted.
Payments were approved and cheques signed. Chairman Keith Armes proposed & Vice Chairman Mike Watling recommended approval.

(b) Chairman Armes meet with the Headteacher from Copdock Primary School who advised the school now has to take up to 12 pupils per year and the school is running out of space again. Some pupils have to go to Bentley Primary. There is a possibility the current space can be moved around, they are currently using

the library as a classroom which is not ideal. but funds are needed for a feasibility study. Once complete funding can be found. KA would like to help the school.

1146/1516 Risk Assessment: Risk Assessment amended and approved. MW/TC

1147/1516 Correspondence: list circulated at meeting. Letter from James Cartlidge MP regarding mobile phone mast.

1148/1516: Community-Led Housing Development Plan: TC/TS - working party not needed at present. Need to communicate with the community to judge need. Questionnaire distributed to Cllrs, much discussion about what information is needed - decided questionnaire too detailed, keep to housing and facilities questions only. All Cllrs to cross out what they think is not needed and return to TC/TS.

1149/1516 Play Equipment Working Group: Cllr Laura Butters absent from meeting therefore no report. MW to take up the application for 106 monies.

1150/1516 Casual Vacancy: Position still vacant. All Parish Cllrs to promote vacancy.

1151/1516: Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

- **TS** - 'Clean for the Queen' - PC to arrange special litter pick March 12th.
- **MW** - an adult football team approached the PC to use the pitch, was decided to stick with the 2 teams the PC already has, as they required shower facilities and training time. Pitch maintenance will commence when the season has finished. The portacabin roof has a leak. The floodlights have been up for some while and it was decided to take them down at the end of the season to lessen maintenance. MW attended funding workshop - there are several places funding can be obtained from. Extension to village hall for changing rooms and toilets - meeting with village hall representative re extension to be arranged - MW.

1152/1516 Items for next agenda: Village Housing Development plan.

1153/1516 Next meeting: 5 April 2016, Church Room, The Street, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.54hrs.