

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 May 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, Cllr Laura Butters, 26x residents, Clerk.

1169/1617 Election of Chairman. Mike Watling proposed Keith Armes, Cllr Tina Sutters seconded. Chairman Keith Armes duly elected.

1070/1617 Acceptance of Office: Chairman Keith Armes signed Acceptance of Office.

1071/1617 Election of Vice Chairman: District Cllr Peter Jones proposed Mike Watling, Chairman Keith Armes seconded. Vice Chairman Mike Watling duly elected.

1172/1617 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting at 8.15pm. Apologies: None.

1173/1617 Declaration of Interest: None

1174/1617 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 7 April 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

1175/1617 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

Clerk and Vice Chair Mike Watling met to update the Terms & Conditions for allotment tenants. Once draft agreed with Anne Kell, a copy will be sent to all allotment tenants. This was done in light of the recent issues concerning buildings, structures and fencing at the allotment site.

I received several messages regarding the travellers that returned to the clearway at Whights Corner. I emailed the relevant authorities but it was just before the bank holiday weekend and I suspect nothing could be done until Tuesday (today). I was given to believe the gate to the chippings area had been left unlocked. The PC contacted SCC regarding this.

The Casual Vacancy is still unfilled.

1176/1617 IF-DO Architecture - Folly Lane development: to receive presentation from Sarah Castle & Al Scott of IF-DO Architectures. Land owned by P & C Gelmeyden who previously lived at Apple Tree Farm for 30 years, and was always intended for development. The planning application has been put in due to the change in planning policy. It is an outline application and IF-DO have been talking with Babergh DC for 18 months. This is not a high density plan and the client want to be sensitive to the village and area. The site could potentially take 33 houses. 8 houses along the front of the site, to keep the building/street line would mean 90m gardens which was not viable for elderly. Client also committed to affordable housing - 35% and wants to respond to village needs. Cllr Mike Watling pointed out there was no provision for community space and another 16 houses in Folly Lane would make the traffic problems even more difficult. The local planning officers had suggested the type of dwellings that were being considered. The client wanted to work with the local residents.

1177/1617 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 20.30pm

Residents: Folly Lane development: There was much discussions mainly about the traffic issues in Folly Lane and that this development would make matters even worse. IF-DO were awaiting a highways report. Resident suggested it may have been better to do this first. Also sewers were mentioned, not capable of coping with even more effluent, they back up and block now. IF-DO said CIL and 106 monies would help with this but CC Dave Busby countered this saying there was no guarantee of CIL money being available, there is a lot of competition for the funds. A resident with a business next to the site advised he hadn't had any communication with IF-DO about the application. District Councillor Nick Ridley advised that once an outline planning application is granted it doesn't go back to the planning committee again.

Meeting reconvened 20.52pm.

1178/1617 Steve Merry, SCC: on possible highway options for Old London Rd.

SM met with Parish Councillors and took info from walk through the area, also took feedback from PC:

- pedestrian access to village hall and bus stops
- crossovers and issue - has crash stats relating to right turns
- mix of formal and several informal crossovers - looking to reduce but then have to decide where traffic will turn
- cyclists - high priority
- A12 rush hour - puts pressure on C&W/Old London Rd, queuing down dual carriageway

Taking matters forward - bring all info to make plans possible:

- reduce speed limit Chapel Lane and past Marvens down to 30 mph
- reduce 50mph to 40mph past hotel then back to 50mph
- northbound lane nr Folly Lane reduce to 40mph
- 40mph speed limit - road markings could be changed - 2m line every 4m - this has a visual effect on drivers

Driver has to appreciate why he is doing this speed to bring speed limits down. There will be no Police enforcement.

The report will be sent to CC Dave Busby, if agreed then to PC.

Longer term:

Capital maintenance money could be used to resurface dual carriageway top to bottom, then the road markings could be changed. This would not include the crossovers. If this goes ahead would have to move quickly.

SM could put a business case forward for 1x lane and 1x cycle lane, the biggest issue here is funding. Will try and put a case together, as cost of carrying out this option will save money in the longer term.

Summary:

Speed limits - being worked on

Surface dressing - if go ahead with funding available - will move quickly

Longer term - solution - 1x lane and 1x cycle track

SM will try to provide speed report by July meeting and this should be achievable in 1 year. Will share reports with PC.

1079/1617 Adjournment: 21.13pm

- CC Dave Busby:** Care Act - to support elderly people to stay in their own home; Tesco Groundwork - grants now available; SCC - Gold Aware for Prevention of accidents.
- DC Nick Ridley:** BDC annual meeting - Chairman now Peter Burgoyne, leader Jenny Jenkins, Vice Peter Beer. Planning - Boss Hoggs turned down. Asked for Folly Lane objections to be sent to him.

1180/1617 Planning:

B/16/00397 Land east of Lane Farm, Folly Lane, C&W. Policy CS11 - Outline - Erection of 16 No. dwellings. Deferred to Planning Group.

B/16/00368 The Glen, Old London Rd, C&W IP9 3JF. Erection of single storey rear extension and rear conservatory. Recommend approval.

B/16/00346 Washbrook Grange, Pigeons Lane C&W IP9 3HQ. Erection of two bay cart lodge. Recommend approval.

B/16/00473 Land north of Amor Lodge. Change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage, Erection of detached garage (amended siting to that approved under B/14/00853/FUL). Deferred to Planning Group.

1181/1617 Financial Matters:

- Appointment of RFO** – Chairman Keith Armes proposed & Vice Chairman Mike Watling seconded. Approved by Council and minuted.
- 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.
- Donation request - C&W Church** - for Queen's 90th birthday celebration, PC to be involved. £250 donation agreed.

1182/1617 Correspondence: circulated.

1183/1617: Community-Led Housing Development Plan: 460 surveys were delivered, 74 returned, which is a good percentage. The over-riding comment is infrastructure needs improving before development; GP appointments were a high priority, also development sites. Now needs to be turned into a plan that Babergh DC will use. CC Dave Busby suggested to go back to where developments could be and use the information to make the plan. DC Nick Ridley advised BDC favoured some developments. Chairman Keith Armes said the working group would now expand and all Councillors agreed to be involved. A meeting to be set up.

1184/1617 Play Equipment Working Group: MW reported LB surveys returned, which indicated a new piece of equipment would be preferred. Use 106 monies or grant.

1185/1617 Casual Vacancy: Position still vacant. All Parish Cllrs to promote vacancy.

1186/1617: Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

- **Village Hall** - not a very positive response with regard to extension and possible

refurbishment, £750 needed for plan and survey if moved forward. KA suggested PC go it alone. LB advised bigger issues with village hall committee. Agreed PC would write to the 10 Trustees on Village hall committee to invite to meeting.

- **TC** - received a bus shelter request for Pearson Way nr footpath nr garage. Need to check if there is space for hardstanding.

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1187/1617 Items for next agenda: Risk Assessment

1188/1617 Next meeting: 7 June 2016, Church Room, The Street, Washbrook 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.48hrs.