

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 November 2019 at the Church Room, The Street, Washbrook - 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Keith Armes, Cllr Laura Butters, Cllr Louise Carman, Cllr Terry Corner (Chairman), Cllr David Marsh, Cllr Mike Watling (Vice Chr), District Cllr Dave Busby 9x residents, Clerk - Angela Chapman.

1721/1920 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies for Absence - None

1722/1920 Declaration of Interests . Cllr Louise Carman - Carman 4Seasons Ltd; Cllr Mike Watling - C&W Tennis Club

1723/1920 Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2019 were amended 1710/1920 DM agreed to consult with SCC re central reservation litter pick & then signed as a true record.

1724/1920 Clerk's Report including Matters Arising

75th Anniversary of VE Day - all village organisations contacted, had 3 replies so far.

Allotment had unwanted visitors, nothing taken but some damage to a several sheds. Seems to be an ongoing issue on the site, but being dealt with.

Bus Shelter bus location is ongoing, I've heard nothing more from SCC since Chairman Terry Corner emailed Chris Bally, SCC (18/10/19), after the meeting with Gareth Brenland, who advised he did not want the Bus Shelter in a location that was going to cause upset.

I spoke to SCC re the dead ash and elm trees, they agreed for Carman 4Seasons to remove them.

Still 2 Casual Vacancies.

1725/1920 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19.35hrs.

District Councillor Dave Busby: nothing to report due to General Election.

Residents: resident proposed planting wildflower seeds in the central reservation after the gas works are finished from Whights Corner to Church Lane. Council agreed in principle. Cllr Dave Marsh to follow up with SCC Highways in view the PC are trying to lower the speed limit which would make works on central reservation easier. Further, resident gave details of a Suffolk Naturalist conference on Feb 2020 to promote a pilot scheme.

Several residents voiced their concern over the possible location of the Bus Shelter for homeless people in the village. Chairman Terry Corner agreed to contact SCC and the founder of the Bus Shelter for further information. A piece to be submitted to In Touch and the village website.

Meeting reconvened 19.52hrs.

1726/1920 Planning Applications:

DC/19/04665 Land East Of Folly Lane Copdock And Washbrook Suffolk

Application under S73 for removal or variation of a condition following grant of DC/17/06054 dated 31/01/2018 and DC/19/00293 dated 30.05.2019 (Erection of up to 7 dwellings) - Condition 4 (PRE COMMENCEMENT CONDITION: WIDENING OF FOLLY LANE) and Condition 5 (HIGHWAYS: ACCESS DRAINAGE)

Comment: Reiterate SCC Highways comments i.e.

In order to provide adequate road width to allow 2 vehicles to pass safely, the required carriageway width is 4.8m (car and HGV). Condition 4 was detailed to widen along the frontage of the site and tie into the exiting carriageway width on the boundary of properties 'Lagona' and 'Waveny'. This will require excavation of highway verge, construction of new carriageway and the realignment of the ditch. We have liaised with the SCC Floods team and they are in agreement that the ditch can be moved over to allow for the widening. Also, the Floods team are happy with the reduction of the number of accesses into the development from 6 to 2 but full details on the dimensions and construction details are required with the reserved matters applications.

Further, the PC would comment the traffic along this country lane is heavy with large lorries and vans using the daily making it difficult for residents to get in and out of thie driveways with the vehicles and on foot.

Therefore, we consider these conditions have not been fully addressed and recommend refusal on the variation in the condition.

DC/19/04900 Meadow Barn Old London Road Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JW

Listed Building Consent - Conversion and extension of outbuilding with glazed link extension to existing dwelling.

Comment: No objection

DC/19/04899 Meadow Barn Old London Road Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JW

Conversion and extension of outbuilding with glazed link extension to existing dwelling.

Comment: No objection

DC/19/04890 The Mane Riding Centre Old London Road Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JF

Application for Modification or Discharge of S106 - Application under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the discharge of a planning obligation in respect of the erection of a dwelling and garage under planning permission B/92/00345 and the circumstances for its occupancy.

Withdrawn

DC/19/04941 Mistletoe Cottage Wenham Road Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3EY

Erection of a single storey side extension (following removal of conservatory)

Comment: No objection

DC/19/04986 27 Charlottes Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3HZ

Erection of a single storey rear extension (following partial demolition of garage)

Comment: No objection

1727/1920 Financial Matters & RFO Report:

- a) payments approved - approved KA & TC
- b) approval of AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return) - proposed KA & TC
- c) call for any items to be considered in the budget - include budget for play equipment and maintenance
- d) agreed to online banking. Clerk to contact Nat West.
- e) allotment rents - agreed to increase £28/full; £21/three quarters; £14/half.
- f) Travel & Expenses Policy - approved

RFO Report

The Parish Council's budget position is in order.

Accounting Statement and Return to be agreed & approved at this meeting.

The PC have received a CIL payment of £3,303.96, which together with the previous payment of £3,928.20 still held, amounts to £7,232.16. There is criteria to be met on the spending of these funds.

FWG will meet to enable budget for yr 2020/21 to be presented to next meeting.

Payments approved.

Spreadsheets updated. Bank reconciliation sheets to be approved by Council. Checked & counter signed by Cllr Louise Carman. To be minuted and approved.

1728/1920 Local Government Boundary Commission

Documents noted.

1729/1920 Memorial Plaques

Chairman Terry Corner placed order for 3 plaques which will be dedicated at the Parish Council's AGM on Tuesday 5 May 2020 at the Village Hall.

1730/1920 The Bus Shelter

Discussion took place in the adjournment of meeting with residents. Chairman Terry Corner to contact Chris Bally, SCC. It looks unlikely the Shelter will locate to Copdock.

1731/1920 75th Anniversary of VE Day

Clerk awaiting replies, pick up in New Year.

1732/1920 Lease Renewal & Access

Bowls Club have made decision on their constitution, lease to be drawn up.

1733/1920 Suffolk Highways

TC, MW & KA met with SCC Highways head Andrew Reid and other SCC staff. Notes were updated.

Parish Cllrs meet with Highways Consultant, very useful meeting, will provide a plan of Old London Rd that meets legislation, will work with NP team. Feasible for 40mph limit to be applied as policy if the 220 houses plan implemented. 30mph from Chapel Lane to the hotel. SCC understand speeding issues in the village.

Maybe use CIL funds for road improvements.

1734/1920 Neighbourhood Plan

All progressing well, should be ready January 2020. Colin Hinkins thanked the PC for funding the highways consultancy fees.

1735/1920 Operation London Bridge

Reminder to all of the procedures.

1736/1920 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

DM - litter pick Sat 9 Nov at Church Room, will go ahead despite limitations of SCC Highways.

KA - Our Water project - met with MW and the SCC apprentice who supplied all necessary digital maps for mapping the water courses in the villages. Very useful for PC.

MW - Defibs need 2x new batteries and pads. MW to order.

- play equipment inspection maintenance discussed, no necessary to do all listed. MW to relist.

Items for next agenda:

Licence for playing field/Cricket Club for January

Meeting closed at 21.06hrs.