

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3 December 2019 at the Church Room, The Street, Washbrook - 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Keith Armes, Cllr Laura Butters, Cllr Terry Corner (Chairman), Cllr David Marsh, Cllr Mike Watling (Vice Chr), District Cllr Dave Busby 2x residents, Clerk - Angela Chapman.

1737/1920 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies for Absence -CC Christopher Hudson; Cllr Louise Carman,

1738/1920 Declaration of Interests Cllr Mike Watling - C&W Tennis Club

1739/1920 Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2019 were signed as a true record.

1740/1920 Clerk's Report including Matters Arising

Bus Shelter bus location - no further dialogue. Think we can assume it will not be located in the village now. After putting a notice on Facebook for a handyman to carry out small jobs in the village for the PC, I have had contact with someone from Stowmarket, they have PL insurance to £10m. They said they know several people in C&W which was how they heard about the advert.

Still 2 Casual Vacancies.

It was agreed to get quotes from handyman contacts and progress from there.

1741/1920 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19.44hrs.

District Councillor Dave Busby: Planning application for the hotel, SCC Highways not in favour due to access, applicant now meet with Highways; free swimming for children over the Christmas school holidays.

Residents: central reservation left messy by gas works contractors, particularly from Whights Corner to the garage, TC to report if necessary.

Meeting reconvened 19.52hrs.

1742/1920 Planning Applications:

DC/19/05444 Full planning application - **Warehouses, Glebe Farm, Old London Rd**, Copdock & Washbrook IP8 3JN. Erection of extension to warehouse.

Comment: Recommend approval

DC/19/03388 Proposal: Outline Planning Application (All matters reserved) Erection of 4no. dwellings Location: **Land West Of Old London Road**, Copdock And Washbrook, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JH. Reason(s) for re-consultation: Revised site location plan received 12.11.2019

Comments: The Parish Council have considered this planning application and comment as follows: The site is not included for potential development in the Draft Local Plan or Local Neighbourhood Plan. The site was put forward in the call for sites and dismissed as unsuitable. AF Landscape and AECOM assessed and also deemed the site unsuitable. Reports available on Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan website. It is noted the site has been moved away from the flood zone and the access to the site moved along. There is concern over the highway access: The visibility splay is on the dual carriageway bounded by a sharp bend leading from the A12 interchange. There have been 3 serious accidents in this vicinity in the last 18 months. It is a dangerous bend. The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan group are supporting work being done to reduce the speed along certain stretches of the Old London Road. No provision is made for south bound traffic crossing the dual carriageway. This will intersect with the increasing traffic from Folly Lane, using the Boss Hogg cafe crossing point. It will necessitate a 'U' turn across north bound carriageway onto the south bound carriageway. SCC Highways have made a similar comment. The site is not within reasonable walking distance of local amenities: - 2.5km from Copdock & Washbrook Primary school - over 2.5km from Copdock & Washbrook Pre-School - 1.8km from the village hall.

The following applications were noted and the Clerk to gain a deadline extension from Babergh DC:

DC/19/05526 Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved - access to be considered) - **Erection of up to 9 no. dwellings for over 55s. The Mane Riding Centre**, Old London Rd, Copdock & Washbrook IP8 3JF.

DC/19/05620 Full Planning Application - Conversion of outbuilding for use as an annexed accommodation for family member. **The Paddocks**, Old London Rd, Copdock & Washbrook IP8 3JF

DC/19/05619 Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved - access to be considered) - **Erection of 1 no. dwelling. The Mane Riding Centre**, Old London Rd, Copdock & Washbrook IP8 3JF

1743/1920 Financial Matters & RFO Report:

- a. payments approved
- b. agreed pre-cept would be increased by 1% based on the BDC base tax line; £3k budget for legal costs
- c. online banking - Clerk contact Nat West

RFO Report

The Parish Council's budget position is in order.

FWG met to work on budget for yr 2020/21, presented at this meeting.

I contacted Nat West regarding online banking, didn't get very far as the operative didn't seem to understand the notion of having 2 signatories. Try again.

Payments approved.

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

1744/1920 4 Year Work Plan

Not well received, however, MW will have a look again in New Year.

1745/1920 Memorial Plaques

TC - plaques to be delivered in New Year. Clerk to contact Village Hall and village organisations.

1746/1920 The Bus Shelter

TC received update from Chris Bally, SCC are looking for new sites.

1747/1920 Lease Renewal & Access

Bowls Club waiting on price for lease; car park maintenance/split same.

1748/1920 Suffolk Highways

The draft Highway consultants report should be available before Christmas along with the draft Neighbourhood Plan. ACC Corporate property team in a joint venture for Hill Top Farm, potential development.

1749/1920 Neighbourhood Plan

Draft to be returned to consultant by Christmas, the Parish council to adopt the final report at the February meeting.

1750/1920 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

DM - litter pick successful - 38 volunteers attended which meant masses of leaves to be disposed of. Many thanks to Danny Carman for arranging disposal.

LB - playing field use - Jan agenda

MW - attended Police Forum at Brantham 4/12 - anti-social behaviour topical

TC - Certificate of Commemoration received for flying the Red Ensign flag.

Items for next agenda:

Playing field

Meeting closed at 20.54hrs.