

# Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at the Sports Pavilion, Copdock, 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Terry Corner, Cllr David Marsh, Cllr Louise Carman, Cllr Laura Butters, District Cllr Dave Busby, 3x residents, Clerk - Angela Chapman.

**1677/1920 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies for Absence** - Vice Ch Mike Watling, Cllrs Armes & Hurst.

**1678/1920 Declaration of Interests** . Cllr Louise Carman - Carman 4Seasons Ltd

**1679/1920 Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2019 were signed as a true record.

### **1680/1920 Clerk's Report including Matters Arising**

Fallen tree over the pavement/footpath near the allotments on Old London Rd reported by resident, then by phone to SCC, dealt with the same morning, as considered an emergency.

Parish Council website has been set up with Community Action Suffolk - Cllr Dave Marsh and myself attended training, we hope to have the site basically ready in 6 - 8 weeks.

Play equipment inspection due in September, company who carried out the inspection last year, who are associated with our insurance brokers, have given a quote, £195 +VAT, no increase. Approval needed to go ahead.

The primary school asked to use the playing field in September for 4 days so a circus can set up a big top and the students can have a go at circus skills and then put on a show. Offered the field for no charge.

A resident emailed to say lorries were parking several times a day on the clearway at Whights Corner before making their way to Gladwells for collection. I contacted Simon Gladwell and forwarded pictures the resident sent, who was very helpful, he in turn contacted the haulier and the problem did seem to improve although one particular lorry was still parking up in this area. The haulier was going to speak with the driver again.

Textile bin - still not installed.

Poplar tree at Mill Lane play area has been taken down. There has been a 10 foot trunk left as it had a metal band through it, however, the tree should die down and not re-grow.

Cllr Mike Watling advised the new information signs in the village hall and Fen View play areas have been removed from the posts and stolen. Council need to decide whether to replace.

Council have discussed before considering purchasing a large cutting machine for the playing field. Cllr Mike Watling says he would be happy to help cut the grass on the field if the PC had its own machine.

Could also be used for other areas in the village.

**1681/1920 Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 19.42hrs.

**County Councillor Christopher Hudson** reported:

PC advised had attended SCC Community Self-Help Launch, CH sent email to Mary Evans, Head of Highways, SCC asking for details of terms and requesting a meeting re Old London Rd. The road works on same road caused confusion and lack of access to businesses along the road.

Schools in Suffolk now outstanding. Housing pressure.

PC advised CH it was obtaining a quote for an independent character assessment/report of the village including the Old London Rd as this was considered an anomaly. CH requested sight of quote, offered to meet the cost from his Highways budget.

**District Councillor Dave Busby:** BDC draft Local Plan circulated. The PC advised DB they were not happy with the proposed areas in Copdock & Washbrook. Advised DB the Neighbourhood Plan are having design work carried out by consultant, who will look at the draft Local Plan.

Quarry being looked at by Government Inspectors. DB to find out situation.

Old London Rd - Met with Cllr Mike Watling, went to SCC Highways who advised must go through County Councillor.

A1071 road closures advised.

**Residents:** would like to see PC respond to Local Plan. LB advised N Plan group would do this.

Meeting reconvened 19.53hrs.

### **1682/1920 Planning Applications:**

Report from Planning Working Group on:

**DC/19/02571 EIA Scoping Opinion for 800 dwellings. (Wolsey Grange 2).**

Land North Of A1071 Sproughton Ipswich

*Comments previously submitted.*

**DC/19/02833 Householder Planning Application - Erection of double garage/garden store/workshop. (Following demolition of existing garage)**

Rose Cottage Old London Road Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JD

*Recommend refusal*

**DC/19/02811 Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey and two storey rear extension and addition of cladding.**

12 Pearsons Way Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3LG

*Recommend approval.*

**DC/19/0268 Submission of details under Outline Planning DC/18/00765 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of up to 7 no. dwellings**

Land South Of The Paddocks Old London Road Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JF

*Comments submitted per email circulated.*

For info only:

**Submission of details for appearance, scale, layout and landscaping for approved application DC/17/06318 - Outline Planning Application (means of access to be considered) -Erection of residential development for up to 100 dwellings to be built in phases with associated infrastructure, public open space and details of highway access on land east of Longfield Road, Capel St Mary.**

Land East Of Longfield Road And Little Tufts Capel St Mary IP9 2UD

Further planning applications considered received after agenda posted:

**DC/19/02997 Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage.**

Land to the rear of 18 Charlottes, C&W IP8 3HZ

*Recommend approval.*

**DC/19/03027 Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear extension)**

10 Pheasant Rise, Copdock OP8 3LF

*Recommend approval*

**DC/19/02928 Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of up to 2 no. detached dwellings (following demolition of existing outbuildings).**

1 Wood View, Old London Rd, C&W IP8 3JJ

*Recommend refusal. Due to close proximity to main road, not accessible to amenities and contravenes Babergh District Council draft Local Plan.*

**DC/19/03000 - Erection of 3 no. dwellings and creation of vehicular access.**

Oak Cottage, Old London Rd, C&W IP8 3JF.

*Recommend refusal. Due to:*

- *land overdeveloped*
- *line of houses not preserved - current building line goes through the proposed dwellings*
- *orientation of dwellings goes against all other houses along the road*
- *gardens too small*
- *parking spaces - only 4 spaces shown not 6 as indicated*
- *access onto Folly Lane inadequate for 4 houses, especially with the increased volume of traffic already using this road/junction.*

*The Parish Council strongly feels this doesn't support the desires being developed in the Neighbourhood Plan.*

*Further, Babergh District Council current draft Local Plan doesn't support development at this end of the village.*

**DC/19/02893 - Erection of two storey side extension and further first floor side extension; Erection of single storey rear extensions (following demolition of garage and rear extension).**

Cornerways, Elm Lane, C&W IP8 3ET

*Recommend approval.*

**1683/1920 Financial Matters & RFO Report:**

- a) payments recommended - approved TC & DM

**RFO Report**

The Parish Council's budget position is in order.

Accounting Statement and Return sent to Littlejohn, external auditor with all supporting documents.

Public Notice posted up and put on website.

On the Internal Audit report it was suggested the Clerks delegated powers for spending be increased from £500 to £1,000, this is for an emergency situation. This will need Council approval. Decided to leave as it is, as there is normally a signatory and/or Councillor available.

Payments approved.

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

Minuted and approved.

**1684/1920 Lease Renewal & Access**

Process progressing with meeting on 4/7/19. Report next meeting.

**1685/1920 Suffolk Highways**

Cllr Dave Marsh reported he has booked onto the volunteer list for SCC Community Self-Help.

**1686/1920 Fixed Asset Register**

Cllr Louise Carman and Clerk to update.

**1687/1920 Risk Assessment**

Neither MW or AH in attendance, no report.

**1688/1920 Neighbourhood Plan**

Public consultation well attended - 78. Progressing.

**1689/1920 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:**

None.

**Items for next agenda:**

Lease Renewal & Access

Risk Assess Register

Request from C&W PCC churchyard grant

Financial Matters - purchase of mowing machine

Meeting closed at 20.22hrs.