

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2014

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Stebbing, Roberts, Bloomfield, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Derek Osborne and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllr. Belson & PCSO Dave Faulkner.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th October, 2014 were confirmed and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS. None.

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION. None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM. No comments.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED. None.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0740/14.

Proposal: Demolition of existing modern conservatory and construction of new conservatory. Associated includes widening an existing internal door opening, increasing headroom over an existing internal opening, alterations to existing windows and inserting a rooflight into the rear.

Location: Riverside, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Listed building consent has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2785/14.

Proposal: Provision of garage doors to existing cartlodge building.

Location: Old Oak Barn, West Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

Regarding Planning Application No. 1422/13 and 2054/14 for Cygnet House, The Street Councillor Stebbing has requested that a letter be sent to MSDC enquiring if the wall, now raised in height, will still need to be rendered on the north side facing The Street in accordance with Condition 2 of the original 1422/13 consent. The Chairman agreed to contact the Duty Planning Officer to clarify the wording of section 2 before a letter is sent.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

Better Broadband.

On Friday 31st October Suffolk County Council received additional funding from central government to that BT can extend fibre cover to 95% of businesses and residents during 2016-2018, Connections already scheduled under the initial programme should take place over the next 6 months.

Get Suffolk Moving – Grants.

The county's voluntary groups and community organisations can apply to fund projects to promote walking, gardening, volunteering, swimming – anything that boosts physical activity. Grant details can be found on <http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/get-suffolk-moving-fund/>

School Governors

There are current openings in many Suffolk schools for suitable committed school governors; if interested email Governor Services: governor support@Suffolk.gov.uk

The report also included updates on Progress Power Eye Power Plant, Endeavour Card- Cashless Payments, Career opportunities for young people and Suffolk Energy Action.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

Footpaths at Elmside have been installed. I have had a site visit with Mid Suffolk District Council regarding barriers to stop people tearing through the estate at speed on cycles.

One to be installed at Townhouse Road end and the other at Grove Park end (behind the garages). (Surveyor working on it at the moment) update to follow.

It has been agreed by the Council to fit these as soon as possible, hopefully on the line of the ones that have been installed on the Finningham Road entrance by the affordable homes.

With regard to the complaint concerning asbestos a small amount was found i.e. about four pieces and was removed.

The revised dates for the Waste & Recycling collection over Christmas and New Year are now available.

POLICE.

In the absence of PCSO Dave Faulkner the Clerk read the following report:-

Crime.

Since your last meeting there have been 2 crimes reported to the police. These relate to a make-off without payment from a taxi, the offenders were spoken to and the balance paid. The further crime Criminal Damage to a vehicle on Wattisfield Road between 8.30 p.m. on 5/11 and 9.15 a.m. on 6/11.

Priorities.

The next Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th January, 2015 in Yaxley Village Hall.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

There is to be an article in next month's Observer from Paul Leake, Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator, regarding this.

PLAY AREA.

Cllr. Stebbing reported that he had attended the A.G.M. on the 8th October, 2014 and presented a copy of the minutes. The Clerk requested that a letter confirming that a full committee has been formed and a breakdown of request for funding be to hand for the December meeting. Cllr. Stebbing to arrange this.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. Not in attendance.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31st October, 2013 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH OCTOBER, 2013.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

The Chairman reported that if the weather permits some more rubbing down may be carried out during the winter period but painting has now ceased until the spring. An invoice has been forward to the Probation Service for materials used.

FOOTWAYS AT ELMSIDE. See Cllr. Osborne's report concerning these.

PARISH WORK PARTY. Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP. Nothing to report.

TREES ON STREAM BANK. Despite the Chairman's efforts to ascertain some information as to when the work might be carried out no reply had been received.

LITTER BIN AT JUNCTION OF TOWNHOUSE ROAD/FINNINGHAM ROAD. No further progress.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS. No further progress.

FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE. Still ongoing.

BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM. The Chairman has received the following update from Jonathan Chown:-

There has been some progress – as you know we have now signed the second contract, which is the one which WLW was reliant upon for upgrade.

This commits us to at least 95% superfast coverage by 2017/18. What BT are now doing is turning this computer generated/desk based tender response into a fully surveyed and designed engineering / rolled plan, which we will have access towards the middle of next year. This will tell us precisely when WLW will go live for fibre. For now, all we can say is that we have the contract signed and the funding in place, and the earliest is likely to be late 2015, and absolute worst case 2018. Obviously we will be doing all we can to ensure it is the earliest date possible.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The Chairman and Clerk met with Sunila Osborne to iron out the amount of surveys required for each household, dates for printing and distribution. It was agreed that the surveys will be delivered with the March Observers.

TELEPHONE KIOSK.

The Clerk was instructed to follow this up for discussion at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DOG WASTE BINS.

Further to a letter requesting more dog waste bins which was denied by the Parish Council a further letter has been received asking if the existing bins are well used or whether some relocation could be considered. The Parish Council felt that was not practicable.

IXWORTH ROAD, OLD BROOK BRIDGE – PROHIBITION OF DRIVING ORDER.

Advance notice has been given by Suffolk County Council that they intend to place a Prohibition of Driving Order on the above bridge.

The structural condition of the bridge has continued to deteriorate. Following a recent structural review, it is necessary for them to prohibit the passage of vehicles over the bridge for reasons of safety, until such time that the bridge can be demolished.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

An issue has been raised regarding the lettering of a name on the War Memorial.

Sgt. H.Clover is now showing as Glover. The Chair has agreed to follow this up with Saxon Monumental Craft.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £122. 50p. (Street cleaning).

A.D.Clancy £318. 09p. (Clerks wages/expenses)

Saxon Monumental Craft (£1078. 32p. (War Memorial restoration)

M.Barber £60 (Children in Need Disco)

Suffolk Preservation Society £25 (Annual subscription)

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

