

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY, 2015.

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Bloomfield, Belson, Stebbing, Roberts, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Derek Osborne, PCSO Steve Long and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES Andrew Dunn.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December, 2014 were confirmed and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS.

None

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.

None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.

A member of the public reported that 3 tyres have been tipped by the gate leading into Gallants Meadow on the old bridge in the Ixworth Road. The Clerk will report this to MSDC.

A query was raised by a member of the public concerning planning applications.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

None

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3576/14.

Demolition of existing outbuildings and replacement with single storey rear extensions including internal alterations. Demolition of existing shed and garage. New garden wall. New porch on southern elevation. Replacement dormer window on northern elevation. Enlargement of pond. Reconfiguration of driveway.

Location: Sunnyside House, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

Listed Building Consent has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

Railway Crossings and GEML Upgrades.

In Suffolk, Network Rail's Anglia route asset management team is starting to review the safety of all level crossings on the Great Eastern Main Line (GEML). Officers from Suffolk County Council's Transport Strategy Team and Rights of Way Team are working with Network Rail on this project. The work is being undertaken through the Suffolk Road Rail Partnership Group (SRRPG).

The County's position is that it wants to see safe level crossings and faster travel times, and also ensure that the public is properly consulted and accessibility is not compromised as part of the process. It will continue to respond robustly to Network Rail where proposals are not matched with appropriate access.

Consultation on Network Rail – Anglia Route Study – end date 3rd Feb.

This Route Study sets out how future growth in the long term to 2043 could be accommodated as well as the nearer term (2019 – 2024). Although no direct mention is made of crossings the public is encouraged to respond with any comments on these plans.

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/long-term-planning-process/anglia-route-study>

DfT Consultation on the new East Anglia Rail Franchise – end date 16th March.

This document describes the DfT's planned approach for rail passenger services on the Greater Anglia franchise when the current contract ends on 16th October 2016. Views are sought on the future franchise specification and any changes the public would like to see.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/east-anglia-rail-passenger-franchise>

The Parish Council are very concerned regarding HGV'S using the Ixworth Road and pointed out to Cllr. Fleming that the signage at the Ixworth roundabout which states 'UNSUITABLE FOR HGV'S' is in the wrong place and requested that she follows this up with Highways.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

Ref: Elmside. The barriers have been installed to stop 'cycles'. We are awaiting signs to tell cyclists to dismount. I will inform as soon as they have been installed.

POLICE

Crime stats

Since your last meeting there have been 2 crimes reported to the police. This relates to theft of diesel from a farm between 4/1 and 5/1 on Finningham Road. The other crime we will not report on.

Priorities

On Tuesday 6th January, 2015, Eye SNT held its quarterly priority tasking meeting. During the meeting it was decided that the following priorities would be set.

Rural Crime – target incidents of Rural Crime in Mid Suffolk North.

Rural Crime is defined as 'Any crime of a agricultural, livestock wildlife or heritage nature. Includes fly tipping, unauthorised metal detecting and hare coursing.

Excess speed- target vehicles exceeding speed limits in Mid Suffolk North.

Due to the increased number of complaints, received in the meeting and through the last period.

The next meeting is set for Thorndon Village Hall, Thorndon at 7.30 p.m. on 27/4/15

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

Nothing to report.

PLAY AREA.

Nothing to report.

FOOTPATH WARDEN

Cllr. Belson reported that several footpath finger posts needed replacing namely:-

Rottells Lane – Footpath 10 at Ixworth Road.

Gypsy Lane – Footpath 5 out on Summer Road, next to R & D.

Fishponds Lane – Footpath 6 out on Summer Road.

Entrance at Jolly's Way.

The Clerk to report these to the Rights of Way Officer .

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31st December, 2014 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 2014.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

Cllr. Leake is to attend a meeting regarding this on the 18th March, 2015 at the Council Offices, Needham Market.

TREES ON STREAM BANK.

No further progress.

LITTER BIN AT JUNCTION OF TOWNHOUSE ROAD/FINNINGHAM ROAD.

Still ongoing.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS.

Still ongoing.

FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE.

Still ongoing.

BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM

No further progress.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The Clerk reported that 620 surveys have been printed and are now ready for delivery. It was agreed to collate the packs during coffee shop on the 10th February. An article is to be placed in the February Observer informing households that these survey packs will be delivered with the March Observer.

TELEPHONE KIOSK.

Nothing further to report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

DEFRA FUNDING.

DEFRA are thinking of withdrawing support for services that help rural communities, things that Community Action Suffolk do for instance support of Village Halls, Community Planning, affordable housing and so on. National ACRE have organised an e-petition

The Parish Council felt this was an extremely important matter and the Chairman agreed to place an item in the Observer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

A complaint has been made with regard to parking on Summer Road on match days. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Sports Club concerning this.

The Chairman reported that water was still running down the Wattisfield Road. This has been reported to Anglian Water and the Clerk was instructed to make a report to Highways and also contact the Old Town Trust to find out what progress has been made in solving this issue.

It was reported that the workmanship in repairing the pothole outside the Six Bells was extremely shoddy and the Clerk was instructed to inform Highways.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £122. 50p. (Street cleaning).
A.D.Clancy £318. 09p. (Clerks wages/expenses).
W-L-W Parochial Church Council £175 (Hire of hall).
The Phone Co-op Ltd £42. 25p. (Broadband)

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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