

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 6th July 2010
in Easton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr T Smith, Chairman Cllr B Eklid
 Cllr J Kerr County Cllr P Bellfield
 Cllr J Duggan Mrs C Davis, Parish Clerk

10 members of the public

Meeting opened at 7.10 pm

1 APOLOGIES

Cllr M Coney District Cllr R Snell PCSO C Hassler

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Duggan	Affordable Housing	Personal & Prejudicial
Cllr Kerr	Affordable Housing	Personal & Prejudicial
Cllr Smith	Planning	Personal
Cllr Kerr	River Deben	Personal

Prior to the meeting Councillors walked the village amenities to check for any repairs or works required and the following was agreed:

- Car Park Wall has been damaged – Clerk to try to ascertain who was responsible, make insurance claim and get quotes for the work Clerk
 Surface requires repair – see agenda item 9
- Cemetery Gates require painting – Cllr Smith to get quote TS
 Compost bin full – Clerk to publish availability for villagers if they collect Clerk

3 MINUTES

3.1 Minutes from the meeting of 11th May were agreed and approved and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Eklid, seconded Cllr Duggan

3.2 Minutes of the meeting dated 21st May were agreed and approved and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Duggan, seconded Cllr Eklid

4 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT None

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 Cllr Bellfield informed the meeting of some of the effects on County Council from the government budgetary cuts. SCC has been asked to reduce its current budget by £6.4m and over the next three years it

hopes to reduce expenditure by 30%. SCC is looking at a total restructure of its services by merging services and also sharing services with other districts. It seems that all new school building will stop with the exception of Orwell & Deben High at Felixstowe and Holywell in Ipswich.

Questions have been asked regarding the high salaries of senior staff and Cllr Bellfield answered various questions on this subject.

Cllr Bellfield advised that there is now a system in place whereby County Councillors are advised immediately there is a serious Incident in their area (such as a fire) in order that they can visit to check if the various services have attended and to see if any further help can be given.

Cllr Kerr praised SCC for the very rapid and effective repair of the winter frost damage to our rural road network.

6 POLICE REPORT

- 6.1 PCSO Hassler sent a written report stating that in the period 25th May to 4th July there had been three reported crimes in the village: burglary of a dwelling, ABH and theft of solar lights.

It was further stated that the recent fire at the Old Kennels has been investigated by police and the insurance company and is deemed an accident.

7 FINANCE

- 7.1 Clerk gave the financial report to date which was agreed and approved. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Kerr.
- 7.2 The Actual v Budget figures for the year to date were circulated Clerk to date this document. Clerk
- 7.3 Clerk advised that the internal audit has been completed with no problems. It was recommended that Council check if it is liable for NI or tax contributions for Clerk's salary. Clerk to action. Clerk
- 7.4 Clerk advised the meeting that she was unhappy with the internal auditors again this year. Council agreed that a local auditor should be sought Clerk

8 CLERK'S REPORT

- 8.1 **Affordable Housing** - Clerk advised that she has received the draft questionnaire which has been proof checked and returned to Suffolk ACRE for production.
- 8.2 **Dog Fouling Bin** - SCDC will resite the bin from outside the Village Hall to the entrance to the Four Bridges footpath if they deem the site suitable. Costs to be advised

Clerk has advised Letheringham Parish Council Clerk of this and suggested they purchase a bin for the other end of the footpath Clerk was advised this has been considered but Letheringham cannot afford it – the cost of a bin is £25.

Clerk is still awaiting advice on the legalities on dog fouling outside the 30 mph limit.

- 8.3 **Play Area Slide** - Play Quest have checked and the distance between steps is within the British Standard requirement.

Weekly safety inspections should be carried out and check lists are available. It was agreed that when we have a full Council a volunteer will be sought to undertake this task.

- 8.4 **Emergency Plan** - At the last meeting templates were distributed and Councillors were to come up with suggestions by end of June so the Clerk could produce a draft. Unfortunately this did not happen – new deadline of end August agreed. Clerk to send reminder. Clerk

9 **CAR PARK**

- 9.1 It was agreed to go ahead with repairs to the car park and there is a sum of £1600 earmarked for this. It was agreed that the area needs to be leveled, potholes filled, edges tidied and crush planings with asphalt laid and rolled to a thickness of 2” – 3”. The following actions were agreed:

Measuring site and advising materials required	TS/JD
Quotes for planings	JK
Quotes for digger/roller	TS

10 **RIVER DEBEN**

- 10.1 Clerk has received notification that the appeal by Anglian Water Services against the environment agencies decision to refuse discharge has been dismissed, therefore refusing storm discharge and dismissing the appeal.

- 11 **BIG LUNCH** No action

12 **PLANNING**

- 12.1 SCDC have approved plans for:
Stud House – installation of 3 dormer windows
1 Framlingham Road – two storey side/rear extension
- 12.2 Application for 2 Framlingham Road – two storey extension was discussed by the Councillors who have seen the documentation and approved. Other Councillors to have site of the plans so a final decision can be made.

13 **SECTION 52**

- 13.1 Cllr Smith has taken advice from SCDC on this matter and has been advised as follows:
- Section 52 only applies to the person to whom it was originally issued
 - As more than 12 months have elapsed since the planning application was granted there is no means of appeal to SCDC

- A legal challenge would have to be made within two months of permission being granted
- The only option remaining is to write to the ombudsman explaining why there has been a delay in writing and asking him to consider the case.
- The council Scrutiny Committee cannot get involved

Clerk was asked to write to the residents concerned explaining situation. Clerk

14 ELECTION

14.1 The meeting was reminded of the election on 22nd July. The four candidates were present and introduced.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 A request was received from Letheringham residents requesting permission to put a sign on Easton village green advertising the Open gardens later in the month. Permission granted.

15.2 A letter has been received from Mr Kenny regarding the bottle bank. This is situated very close to Mr Kenny's back garden and the noise of bottles crashing causes his dogs to bark and he has received complaints from neighbours. This happens at various times of the day and often late at night or very early in the morning. Mr Kenny asked Council if the bottle bank could be moved. Council accepted his request and will look at the options for another site in the village. The matter will be auctioned as soon as possible after consultation with any residents who might be affected by the move. Councillors to look for sites and advise Clerk. Cllr Kerr to get details of how Glemham village have their recycling banks screened.

Clerk

JK

16 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Car Park, Bottle Bank, Cemetery Gates

17 MEETING DATES

Tuesday 14th September
 Tuesday 9th November
 Tuesday 7th December – Budget Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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 Chairman

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 Date