

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012**  
**at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr B Boon Cllr B Gibbon  
Cllr J Owen, Chairman Mrs C Davis, Previous Parish Clerk  
Mrs. E. Brown, Parish Clerk County Cllr P Bellfield  
2 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.28 pm

1 **APOLOGIES** Cllr J Kerr District Cllr R Snell  
Cllr J McEvoy PCSO Christian Hassler  
Cllr M Coney Cllr A Smith

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

2.1 None at the beginning of the meeting.

2.2 Cllr. Boon declared an interest during item 11 – Cemetery Ditch.

3 **MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> May were approved and signed as a true record.  
Proposed Cllr Boon, seconded Cllr Gibbon.

The meeting was closed at 7.31 pm for reports and the public forum.

4 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

4.1 Cllr Snell was unable to attend but had sent a written report informing the Council of the unanimous approval of the planning application on the land north of the Old Kennels in Framlingham Road.

5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

5.1 Now the accounts have been drawn up they show that Suffolk County Council saved £56m last year. They still need to save a further £26m in each of the next 2 years.

5.2 Two high speed broadband providers have been short listed for Suffolk. It is expected that the successful candidate will be announced before the end of September.

5.3 The manifesto for the future of railway services in East Anglia has been produced (and largely paid for by the County) to put pressure on the Government before the franchises are re-issued in 2015 in order to ensure that the service is brought into the 21st century.

5.4 County Cllr Bellfield informed the meeting of the Open Primary to elect an new Police and Crime Commissioner in November. This is being held on Saturday 21st July 2012 (9am for 10am). It is necessary to register your intention to attend before 18th July 2012 by email ([peter@ss-ca.org.uk](mailto:peter@ss-ca.org.uk)) or telephone (01787 312363).

5.5 County Cllr Bellfield ended by thanking the previous Clerk for her work and welcoming the new Clerk. He then left to attend another meeting.

6 **POLICE REPORT**

6.1 PCSO Hassler was unable to attend but had sent an email stating that he had been rather busy due to Olympic Torch duties and since the last meeting there had been one crime in the village.

No member of the public wished to speak at the stage.

The meeting reopened at 7.40 pm

7 **CLERK'S REPORT**

7.1 **Play Area** The bench is now in position (fitted by Ian Melton). A litter bin and safety

signage should be considered. Cllr Gibbon informed the meeting that he had secured the damaged gate and was aware that the grass required cutting.

BG

7.2. **School Traffic Problems** Letters have been sent to the police, highways and the School about this issue. The police have responded that they have passed the matter on to their Safer Neighbourhood team in Woodbridge for action.

7.3 **Youth Bus** Considering the apparent success of the free taster sessions. It was decided the Clerk would approach families known to have attended to see if they would like the Youth Bus service to continue, subject to funding. Clerk

7.4 **Highways** An email has been received from Tony Buckingham regarding the new footway near the play area and Pound Corner. In summary it says that reflector posts are not possible, a parking and loading prohibition would but costs £1,500 - £2,000 and will not be paid for by Highways. At Pound Corner substantial road repairs are required and will be included in the forward program to be done in about 3 years or so. The centre white line will be reinstated.

7.5 **Hacheston Solar Park** An email from a resident informed the Council of 2 meetings in Hacheston about the development and also included the residents objections.

7.6 **Effects of Central Government Spending review** The council was informed that for SCDC to meet its budget gap the frequency of closed churchyard grass cutting has been ammended form 14 per annum to a minimum of 2 per annum. The clerk has forwarded the email to the church warden.

## 8 **FINANCE**

8.1 The Financial Statement for the period was agreed and signed. Proposed Cllr Boon, seconded Cllr Gibbon.

8.2 Actual v Budget for the second period had been circulated.

8.3 It was agreed that the previous clerk would arrange for the 'reserves to be invested' to be available to open the Investment Account.

## 9 **PLANNING**

9.1 Planning permission for an agricultural building at Old Osier has been granted.

9.2 Planning permission for an new dwelling at the Old Kennels has been granted however Council has yet to receive the documentation from SCDC.

## 10 **SALC MEETING REPORT**

10.1 Cllr. McEvoy sent in a report. In summary, the government would like Parish Councils to assist them in ensuring that communities understand the new Green Deal Programme. The National Planning Framework replaces the Planning Policy Guidelines. There is a new Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors and SALC training is available for Councillors.

## 11 **CEMETERY DITCH**

11.1 Cllr. Owen met with Mike Catermole of the Bowls Club to discuss the clearing of the ditch. After discussion over who is responsible for the ditch and whether professional knowledge was required on 'levels' it was agreed that Cllr Owen would arrange a meeting with the landowner(s) and take a letter with him explaining the situation. Clerk

## 12 **JUBILEE UPDATE**

12.1 Cllr Gibbon informed the meeting of the success of the Jubilee Celebrations. He thanked the sub-committee and many volunteers. Financially this village event did not cost as much as anticipated and although Easton Festival Fund had offered funding the money was not required, the Parish Council paid for the entire celebration. Cllr Boon proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Cllr. Owen.

13. **WRVS HOMES**

13.1 Council have received a letter from the company responsible for the properties of 1 Little Willows, 2 Little Willows and Flowery patch offering a 'one-off' donation to the Parish Council to assist in the purchase of land to extend the cemetery and a plaque in memory of the Misses Tyler's generosity to the village. Council agreed to accept the money. Clerk will write a formal acceptance letter. Clerk

14 **BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

14.1 Last month 23 business questionnaires were sent to companies in the village, 5 have been completed and returned. The responses will be collated and a report presented at the next meeting. Clerk

15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

15.1 An email has been received from Hopkins Homes. They would like to know if the Parish Council would support future residential growth on a site behind Easton School. After discussion it was decided that a letter should be sent informing the company that a recent affordable housing survey in the village showed that there was no need for any further residential accommodation at this time. Clerk

15.2 A request has been made by Mr. A. Dolbey for his grandmothers ashes to be interred in the cemetery. The Clerk explained that as his parents were residents of Easton it has already been agreed that their ashes will be interred in Easton cemetery. Council unanimously agreed to this request. Clerk

15.3 Suffolk ACRE have emailed their local food quarterly news letter.

15.4 Suffolk Foundation have emailed details of their Suffolk Dog Day on 29.07.12 at Helmingham Hall.

16 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

16.1 Those arising from this meeting  
Parish Councillors Code of Conduct  
SID machine report

17 **MEETING DATES**

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Council Meeting	7.15 pm	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Council Meeting	7.15 pm	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Informal Budget Meeting	7.15pm	Cllr Owen's
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Parish Council Meeting	7.15pm	if VH available
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parish Council Meeting	7.15pm	if VH available

18 **FURTHER BUSINESS**

18.1 Cllr Owen informed the meeting that Neighbourhood watch does operate in the village

18.2 Council thanked Carol for her work as Clerk to the Council over many years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37 pm

A member of the public wished the Council to know that various road signs are currently obscured by vegetation and that vegetation was also causing difficulty at some road junctions. Cllr Owen to check whose land the signs are on to ascertain who is responsible for ensuring that their visibility is maintained. JO

Signed ..... Date .....  
Chairman

Reports and correspondence referred to in these minutes are available from the clerk on request.