

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 [ZOOM]

MINUTES [approved by councillors on 13-10-20  
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### *Public Forum*

*The parish webmaster gave councillors information on improving the accessibility of the parish website – it must be compliant by end of September and she asked that the web provider could be instructed to make relevant changes at a cost of £144 – councillors would discuss this under Finances.*

*Richard Smith [Suffolk County Councillor] gave a brief report covering various councils' meeting strategies, both actual and virtual. Sizewell C, proposed – both County and District councils have asked that consultations are not started before June 2021, as they are involved in the Scottish Power Renewables plans for on shore facilities. Further comments about Public Health Suffolk and incidence of local cases of Covid 19 were made; there were an increasing number of cases in last few days,; increased socialising and school returns might be the cause of this. but more tests are available in Suffolk. Numbers of deaths and use of ventilators had greatly decreased. Even after Government grants the cost to SCC budget would be in order of 11.3 m. The chair thanked Richard Smith for attending.*

*Norman Brooks [East Suffolk councillor] reported on East Suffolk mitigation plans, commented on possible delay of school exams and stated that Civil Parking enforcement schemes were being rolled out in district. The chair thanked Norman Brooks for attending.*

9-1 – The chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors David Stanley, Heather Ballantine, Diane Taylor, Jasmine Backhouse, Michael Simons, Keith Rolfe and Simon Manning. Apologies were received from John Butler. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

9-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none.

9-3 – Standing Orders 2020 – these were reviewed by councillors, additional material added to cover current pandemic situation, agreed and signed

9-4 – Minutes of previous meeting [14-07-2020] were approved and signed as a true record, with minor amendment re Village Hall car park.

9-5 – Matter arising – Keith Rolfe commented on the use of the Village hall car park. The clerk confirmed that the internal auditor's advice had been followed up; comments on the Code of Conduct were delayed until the new code is available; the notice of Public Rights had been displayed as required.

9-6 – Finances –

- **Bank reconciliation at 31-07-2020**

Bf at 31 Mar 2020 – 6,992.43

+ receipts -           2,830.00 – precept

1,502.82 – VAT reclaim

218

11,325.25

Less payments 1400.03

9,925.22

Balance at Barclays Bank at 31.07.2020 - £9,925.22

- **Cheques approved as follows** - 892 – NALG – 51.00 [subscription]; 893 – HMRC – 137.40 [tax to Oct 5 20]; 894 – c. Cardwell – 366.44 [net sal Aug/Sept]; 895 – David Stanley – 25.44 [allotment posts]; 896 – C. Cardwell – 31.90 [back pay re NALC increase]; 897 – CAS business Services – 219.30 [insurance] - Total cheques – 831.48. Councillors agreed to pay CAS web provider £144 for updating parish website.

9-7 – Planning – Simon Manning gave a brief update [previously circulated to councillors]. East Suffolk asked for a name for the new Hopkins Homes development on The Street – councillors suggested Fox Close. The clerk to inform Planning.

9-8 – Sizewell C, proposed – Michael Simons gave an update on the latest situation, including comments that it was felt that the present suggested site of the Northern Park and Ride involved dangerous access off A12. Councillors agreed to the text of the submission to the planners re EDF proposals. The chair thanked Michael Simons for all his hard work with reference to the proposed Sizewell. Clerk to submit copies of our response to District and County councillors and neighbouring parishes.

9-9 – Orchard and allotments – Jasmine Backhouse said there was not much of a crop this year. David Stanley reported that the water supply was now laid. The question of insurance of the easement pipe was raised and clerk asked to inquire and also the whereabouts of legal documents relating to easement. There was a discussion on management of the water supply. The chairman had written with thanks to the donors of funds

9-10 – Laptop for clerk, proposed – this was briefly discussed and clerk asked to contact Pagoda Systems in Halesworth to get a quote towards this project. Clerk to inquire if CIL money can be used.

9-11 – Reports from councillors

- Diane Taylor – cannot progress emergency plan until there is clarity on village hall use.
- Heather Ballantine – noted that verges on A12 had been cut.
- Keith Rolfe – hall is now Covid 19 safety compliant; the plaque to Bessie Shackley will be presented on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. The RAF Assn will be present at ceremony to dip flags.

9-12 – Future meetings – it was agreed councillors should aim to meet on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in the village hall at 6.30pm, but the chairman would decide nearer the time. The November meeting is the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm