

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 8TH DECEMBER 2020 [ZOOM]

Draft minutes [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – Suffolk County councillor, Richard Smith, attended and gave a brief report on county affairs; all meetings virtual, with continuing concerns over EDF plans for Sizewell. Roll out of vaccine for covid 19 should make things better. Joint meetings with East Suffolk council are being held. Then followed various questions by councillors, mostly about EDF road re-structuring plans. A brief discussion followed re Covid Tiers. The chair thanked RS for attending.

12-1 – Welcome and apologies – the chairman welcomed councillors David Stanley, Diane Taylor, Jasmine Backhouse, Heather Ballantine, Michael Simons and John Butler. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. East Suffolk District councillor, Norman Brooks, did not join the meeting.

12-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none

12-3 - Vacancy – due to resignation of Cllr. Simon Manning, there is one vacancy – councillors agreed to co-opt Dr. Ian Isaacs, who had applied. The chair proposed that Jasmine Backhouse should be vice-chairman [post previously held by Simon Manning] – all councillors agreed.

12-4 – Minutes of previous meeting [10-11-20] were approved as a true record – chair to sign later.

12-5 – Matters arising on minutes not on agenda – clerk asked to again contact Waveney Norse re dog waste bin at village hall. Barclays Bank had notified clerk that new cheque signatory [Michael Simons] was approved. The clerk pointed out that the donation cheque to British Heart Foundation should be made out to Heartbeat, councillors agreed this [to be sent at next meeting]

12-6 - Finances - Balances - 30 November 2020 - £10,556.86. Cheques for approval - 911 – C. Cardwell – 188.10 [net sal dec]; 912 – SALC – 30.00 [training]; Total - £218.10

12-7 – Planning – Heather Ballantine gave a report on the Ivy Cottages variations; Robin Leggate reported that it was likely that there would be a certain amount of parking on the Street by Hopkins Homes contractors until a car park was built on site. Cheyney Green – there is a stop/start situation with the developers delaying finishing.

12-8 – Reports from councillors

- Michael Simons – Sizewell: no further details until 2021 and a probable start in 2022
- Jasmine Backhouse – noted an archaeological dig at Leiston Abbey; the orchard is currently “asleep”
- David Stanley – reported that the water on the allotments is now turned off. He has 3 quotes for fencing and councillors will decide in January.
- Diane Taylor – emergency meeting will be on 11th Jan; there had been complaints re footpath by bungalows; Quiet Lanes project would involve a lot of signage and she queried was it worth it, except possibly in Fox lane.
- Keith Rolfe – noted that the village hall car park was not for public use, but just for hall users.

12-9 – Any other business – none

12-10 – Next meeting to be held in January 2021 by ZOOM; date to be decided.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm