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DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 13TH OCTOBER 2015

MINUTES [approved 10-11-15]

*There was no Public Forum – one member of the public attended.*

10-1 – The chairman Robin Leggate welcomed councillors Jasmine Backhouse, Sue Bloomfield,, Ernie Hare, Simon Manning, Jean Loveridge, Chris Poupard and KeithRolfe. Apologies were received from John Butler. Also attending were Raymond Catchpole [Suffolk Coastal District councillor] and Caroline Cardwell, clerk. Michael Gower [Suffolk County councillor] arrived at 8.30pm.

10-2 – **Declarations of interest** – none

10-3 – **Minutes of previous meeting** [08-09-15] were approved and signed as a true record.

10-4 – **Matters arising** – The new development names are Priory Meadows and Millfields. Traffic problems with contractors are being monitored but due to the number of workmen on site are inevitable at present. Comments had been made about access points on to The Street, which were not in original plans. An extra key will be cut for the Coronation Square notice board. Cllr. Chris Poupard will follow up clearance of The Wash with the Environment Agency.

10-5 – **Finances** –

* Balances at 30-09-15 - c/acct: £5,122.98; sav/acct: £4,599.32; **Total assets -** £9,722.30 less unpres. chq. for £108 -  **9,614.30.**
* Cheques for approval as follows - No. 686 to C. Cardwell for £ 161.86 [expenses Feb to Oct 15]; No. 687 to SALC for £22.50 [shared clerk’s training]
* The clerk commented on the value of the SALC finance course that she had attended and highlighted points for councillors to consider when deciding the budget and precept at the Nov. meeting.

10-6 – **Allotments** – continuing problems with pump; annual fees are now paid by cheque; control of orchard weeds and brambles etc discussed; it is hoped to create a path down the side of the field to facilitate access to the orchard; Scattered Orchards project – no decision yet on Darsham’s application for trees, but Cllrs. Backhouse and Poupard will attend a forthcoming meeting on the plans.

10-7 – **Fairfields** railings, proposed – Cllr. Leggate will contact Peggs of Saxmundham and Vernon Pearl for quotes.

10-8 – **Parish Council Action plan** – Fairfields railings see above; painting phone box is in hand; seat by Village Sign: Hopkins Homes to be approached for possible support for replacement and Raymond Catchpole said there should be S. 106 money available – clerk to inquire.

10-9 – **Correspondence** – none

10-10 – **Reports** – Raymond Catchpole [SCD councillor] spoke briefly about devolution plans; on planning issues he highlighted the new system for planning decisions which entailed more officer decisions and the mechanism for appealing against this and requesting a committee decision on parish planning applications. Parish council comments should be made directly to the case officer. He also suggested that locality money could be available for Fairfields railings. ***8.30pm*** – Michael Gower [SC councillor] gave a brief comment on Broadband second phase roll-out and also on the new planning procedures. The 4 villages bypass plans were commented on and MG emphasised the need to co-ordinate access plans with EDF construction proposals.

Reports from Councillors

Cllr. Hare had nothing to report.

Cllr. Keith Rolfe mentioned the archaeological dig on the village hall site and a medieval brooch had been found. The present village hall will not be demolished before the new one is built.

Cllr. Sue Bloomfield – comment on problems with planning process.

Cllr. Chris Poupard – status of welcome letter will be left to PCC, but more information is to be included.

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10-11 – **Any other business** – the police report was received and councillors noted 5 crimes in Sept in the village, 4 connected with A12. Concerns were raised and discussed re traffic problems connected to Latitude Festival and Raymond Catchpole said he would be addressing these for next year. RTA in The Street was mentioned – no injury.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm