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DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 12TH JULY 2016

***There were no public questions.***

07-1 – The chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors John Butler, Chris Poupard, Jasmine Backhouse, Ernie Hare, Jean Loveridge, Keith Rolfe and Simon Manning. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from Raymond Catchpole [SCD councillor].

07-2 – **Declarations of interest** and dispensations allowed – none

07-3 – **Vacancy** for one councillor – Michael Simons had applied but is currently away so item deferred to Sept. meeting

07-4 – **Minutes of previous meeting** [14-06-16] – were approved and signed as a true record.

07-5 – **Matters arising** not on agenda – council and parishioners’ concerns over road conditions and inadequate repairs: clerk and chair to contact Suffolk Highways and also SCC Highways cabinet member, James Finch. (NB. Copy to Michael Gower). Councillors agreed to ask Michael Shipp to finish repairs to village seat.

07-6 – **Finances** –

* Balances at 30 June 2016 **-** c/acct: 4,552.87; Sav/acct: 4,601.03;Total assets - £9,153.90
* Cheques for approval
* 719 to C. Cardwell for 149.22 [net sal july]
* 720 to R. Leggate for 46.42 [wine at QEII lunch]
* 721 to Darsham Village hall for 150.00 [hall hire Apr 15 to Mar 16]
* 722 to George Jackson for 70.00 [mowing]
* **Total cheques - £345.64**
* Any other financial business – the clerk drew councillors’ attention to new NALC salary rates – this will be discussed in Sept; it was arranged that the chair should carry out the half-year audit of PC books in Sept.

07-7 – **Planning** – councillors noted **DC/16/ 2363/LBC**: Hill Fm., Lymballs Lane and made no further comments; **DC/16/2553/FUL**: Glebe Lea, Brussels Green – application to build dwelling – after discussion and consideration of plans, councillors agreed to support this application with the proviso that the access must be completed before any building work is started. **DC/16/2660**: 12 Millfields – councillors noted the application to build a conservatory.

07-8 – **Allotments** – a new controller had been bought for the pump and this is now working well; there had been some concerns over plot holders drawing too much water. Letters sent out after the last PC meeting had caused some comment.

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07-9 – **War Memorial** – the quote from F. Masters [stonemasons] in Woodbridge for £96.00 to clean the War Memorial was agreed and the clerk asked to arrange this.

07-10 –**Correspondence** – received and discussed

07-11 – **Reports from County, District and parish councillors**

* Cllr. Jasmine Backhouse – Suffolk Coasts and Heaths had presented a plaque to put in the orchard and also offered some more trees; these were accepted as councillors felt there was plenty of room without taking up allotment land. JB to action.
* Cllr. Jean Loveridge – no comments on footpaths; repairs expected on FP near station by October; councillors noted that the barrier had been moved. Further adverse comments were made about the bad condition of the cycle paths with grass etc on the path and overgrown hedges raising safety issues. Clerk asked to contact Suffolk Highways, Saxmundham to raise the issues and also write to owners of Moat House and Darsham Cottage to ask them to cut their roadside hedges. There were further remarks on the hedge on The Street by the new development; this belongs to Bloomfields.
* Cllr. Keith Rolfe – the future plans for the hall involved lots of surveys and paperwork, but seemed to be progressing satisfactorily.
* Cllr. Robin Leggate – gave a report on the SALC area meeting attended [attached] with brief comments on parish council naming, transport for non-drivers, e-books available at [www.overdrive.com](http://www.overdrive.com) ; also planning decisions policies and contact with Grundisburgh Village Hall chair re new builds.
* Michael Gower [Suffolk County councillors] – told councillors that devolution proposals were now out for consultation [www.eastangliadevo.co.uk] and suggested that those interested should check the website. The chair thanked MG for attending.

07-12 – **Any other business** – the state of the parish roads and inadequate repairs were again a matter of serious concern [*see also* items 5 and 11 above for action]. Concerns were also raised about parking outside Chapel Cottage ; councillors suggested it was much safer to park on the other side of the road.

07-12 – Next meeting – 13th Sept. 2016

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.