

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

*There was no public forum.*

11-1 – **Welcome** and apologies – the chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Chris Poupard, Jasmine Backhouse, John Butler, Ernie Hare, Keith Rolfe, Jean Loveridge, Michael Simons and Simon Manning. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from Raymond Catchpole [SD councillor]. Michael Gower [Suffolk County councillor] was also present.

11-2 – **Declarations of interest** and dispensations allowed – none

11-3 – **Minutes of previous meeting** [11-10-16] were approved and signed as a true record.

11-4 – **Matters arising** not on agenda – litter pick money is due shortly; comments on broadband availability; slabs by sign – councillors agreed to ask Vernon Pearl to carry out the work as his estimate [£267] was the more competitive; further discussion on roadside signs.

11-5 – **Finances** –

- balances: c/acct - £5,313.27; sav/acct: £4,601.60;
- Cheques were approved as follows – no. 730 to CAS for 60.00 [website fee]; no. 731 to HMRC for £113 [tax to 5 Jan 17]; no. 732 to C. Cardwell for £151.07 [net Nov sal]
- Precept referendum, possible – the clerk circulated the SALC response to Govt. consultation.

11.6 – **Budget for year April 2017 to March 2018** – this was discussed in detail, and a provisional increase of precept to £5,000 was suggested, although the final precept figure will be agreed in Jan.

11.7 – **Planning** –

- DC/16/4003 – Priory Farm – councillors had no comment on this prior notification
- DC/16/ 3989 – Priory Paddocks – new office and bedroom: councillors supported this application
- DC/16/4215 - Rolletts Farm: councillors supported this application

11-8 – **Road repairs** [*the meeting closed for Michael Gower to speak at 8.15pm*] the chairman commented on the inadequacy of the system, the delays in work being carried out, the fact that some potholes were repaired, while nearby ones were ignored and the poor condition of the cycle track on the A12. MG replied that he would be meeting the area manager shortly and that problems were experienced in other villages. It was also reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation for Sizewell C started in 2 weeks time. [*The chair thanked Michael Gower for attending. The meeting opened at 8.25pm*]

11-9 – **Orchard and allotments** - the need for and costs of fencing against rabbits was extensively discussed; plot vacancies to be advertised in The Fisherman; rent levels were discussed and councillors agreed that funding sources were needed. It was suggested that The National Allotment Society might be approached for advice and the chairman agreed to approach our district councillor to see if any funds are

available. Cllr. Backhouse had obtained quotes for trimming the oak tree and councillors agreed to accept David Watling's offer of £100 [he would take wood]. All in agreement. Councillors would monitor public access while the work was carried out, to ensure safety of all concerned.

11-9a – **Reports** from County, District and parish councillors –

- Cllr. E. Hare reported that the last SPLG meeting was inconclusive
- Cllr. K. Rolfe – said that the hall land had experienced further delays and so the hall committee had had quotes for mending the back roof.

11-10 – **Any other business** and correspondence –

- Correspondence received and discussed.
- There will be a coffee morning for the Royal British Legion and the wreath laying at the War Memorial will be at 12.30on Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.

11-12 – **2017 meeting dates** – the parish council will meet every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday except in August and December, when there are no meetings. The next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

*The meeting closed at 8.55pm.*