

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

MINUTES [ approved by councillors on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016]

***Public Forum – none***

09-1 – **Welcome and apologies** – the chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Keith Rolfe, Chris Poupard, Jean Loveridge, Ernie Hare, Simon Manning, and Jasmine Backhouse. John Butler was absent. Several members of public were present; also attending Raymond Catchpole [Suffolk Coastal District councillor] and Michael Gower [Suffolk County councillor]. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

09-2 – **Declarations of interest** and dispensations allowed – none

09-3 – **Councillor vacancy** – this had been advertised and councillors were pleased to appoint Michael Simons who signed the acceptance form and duly took his seat.

09-4 – **Minutes** of previous meeting [ 12-07-16] were approved and signed as a true record.

09-5 – **Matters arising** – the chair commented on condition of road surfaces and said that the cycle paths would be cleared of earth in next 4 weeks.. Councillors noted that the hedge on The Street had been cut.

09-6 – **Finances** –

- **Balances** - c/acct [31-08-16]: £4,025.43; sav.acct [30-06-16]: £4,601.03; Total assets – 8,626.46 –
- **Cheques** approved as follows: 723 – came&company (insurance) – 275.00; 724 – F. Masters Ltd (war memorial) – 96.00; 725 – HMRC (tax to Oct. 5) – 112.00; 716 – C. Cardwell (net sal. Aug/Sept) – 298.64; Total cheques – 781.64
- Clerk's pay – as per contract councillors agreed to pay the clerk the recommended NALC increase ie 5hrs @ £8.717 per hr. gross.
- External audit – councillors received and noted the BDO audit report for y/e Mar. 2016.

09-7 – **Planning**

- DC/16/3284/FUL: Ash Spring Wood – temporary accommodation for supervision of game rearing unit – *the meeting was closed [7.45pm 2 mins] for comments by members of the public* ; Cllr. Manning gave a report on this application; councillors, after discussion, rejected this application, with one abstention.
- DC/16/3489/AME: Priory Lane – land south of nursing home – amendment to extend first floor accommodation - councillors approved amendment
- DC/16/2947/FUL: Granary Cottages, Main Rd., Darsham – SCDC permission granted – councillors noted this information.
- Any other planning business – Neighbourhood Planning Bill – comments by Cllr. Catchpole on Suffolk Coastal availability of development land and future considerations for numbers related to employment; there is a joint exercise with Suffolk County and the Local Enterprise Partnership .

09-8 – **Halesworth Town Council** – request for assistance with provision of free parking in Halesworth – councillors discussed this and felt a modest contribution might be in order; to be included in budget discussions later in the year.

09-9 – **Speeding on A12** – councillors discussed a parishioner’s concerns and felt that the police had the matter in hand; there is a 40mph limit outside the premises in question.

09-10 – War Memorial – the clerk reported that the memorial had been given a first clean and would be tidied up for the Remembrance Sunday service.

09-11 – **Reports** from County, District and parish councillors

- Michael Gower [Suffolk County councillor] – brief comments on devolution, reported a turn around in Suffolk education and a need for better Highways services. The chair thanked Michael Gower for his report.
- Raymond Catchpole [Suffolk Coastal District councillor] – further comments on forthcoming briefings on devolution and cabinet meeting; reservations on proposed Mayor’s powers. The proposed link between the two districts to form East Suffolk District Council will provide a substantial population base for leverage; there may be some re-drawing of boundaries. The chair thanked Cllr. Catchpole for attending.
- Cllr. Jean Loveridge – FP9 has new bridge and stairs; FP8 – no news.
- Cllr. Jasmine Backhouse - orchard trees are in good order, but lack of rain a worry; the large oak needs to be cut back – JB to get quotes.
- Cllr. Chris Poupard – allotment pump working well, but there are huge problems with rabbits and the whole site needs new fencing; Raymond Catchpole said there might be some Enabling Community funding available.
- Cllr. Keith Rolfe – no news on hall front

09-12 – **Any other business** – councillors will decide on new website provision by CAS in Oct. Cllr. Loveridge reported that the resident whose housing had raised concerns earlier in the year had now moved into a new bungalow. There was a need to cut back branches overhanging 30mph signs in Fox Lane. The chair thanked Cllr. Poupard for keeping Coronation Square in such good order. Concerns were raised over bonfires in Priory Paddocks.

09-13 – **Next Meeting** - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016

*The meeting ended at 9pm*