

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 10TH APRIL 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

Public Forum – no comments from public.

- *Richard Smith [Suffolk County councillor] gave a brief report on SCC's new CEO, Nicola Beech. He also reported on the budget and spending constraints for the county and highlighted how the recent hard weather had caused extra expense in salt and the increase in severe potholes. RS intends to attend the Annual Village Meeting in May. The chair thanked Richard Smith for attending.*
- *The developer [Jonathan Hayman] gave a brief update on the progress of the housing development next to the hall and how the wet weather had delayed matters. He is going to put an advertising sign on the A12 and the new name, Cheney Green, has been adopted. This reflects the name on Hodskinson's map of Suffolk in 1783. The chair thanked Jonathan for attending and his update.*

4-1 – The chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Keith Rolfe, Michael Simons, John Butler, Jasmine Backhouse, Simon Manning, Ernie Hare, Chris Poupard and Jean Loveridge. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from Raymond Catchpole [Suffolk Coastal District councillor].

4-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none

4-3 – Minutes of the previous meeting [13-03-18] were approved and signed as a true record.

4-4 – Matters arising not on agenda – The chairman showed councillors the Suffolk flag, bought for Suffolk Day. The litter pick had been very successful with 16 people helping. Hoops and gloves were not provided; clerk to specify next year!

4-5 – Finances - Balance at 29-03-18 - £10,915.32; Cheques approved as follows -

- 786 to SALC for 139.10 [subscription]
- 787 to SALC for 120 [training]
- 788 to C. Cardwell for 201.65 [expenses from Apr. 2017to Mar. 2018]
- 789 to C. Cardwell for 156.97 [net sal Apr 18]
- Total cheques – 617.72

External audit – the council intends to claim exempt status in May.

4-6 – GDPR – councillors were considering the appointment of a DPO and awaiting further information from the Information Commissioner’s Office and SALC. They are aware of the need to assess the data used by the council and all the implications of the new legislation.

4-7 – Allotments and orchard – the remaining outstanding payment had been made; the tree planting had resulted in 9 more trees bringing the total to 50; there is room for 6 more. Plaques were considered for each tree. But the consensus was that they were too expensive and not really necessary.

4-8 – Reports from councillors – Cllr. Simons commented on the Theberton and Eastbridge Group; they will attend the Annual Village Meeting in May. Cllr. Rolfe gave an update progress of new hall and said that the plans have needed slight changes. He is to draft a letter to SCDC explaining the desire of the council for the affordable houses to be part ownership.

4-9 – Correspondence – received and discussed

4-10 – Any other business – the War Memorial needs cleaning; clerk to contact Masters in Woodbridge; The Suffolk Day Lunch – free but suggested donations to St. Elisabeth Hospice in Ipswich

4-11 – Next meeting – 8th May; please note 6pm start for Annual Village Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm