

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 10TH JULY 2018

MINUTES [approved by councillors on 11-09-18]

Public Forum – no questions from members of public; it was noted that an unauthorised notice had been removed from A12

7-1 – The chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Jasmine Backhouse, Simon Manning, Ernie Hare, Jean Loveridge, Keith Rolfe, Michael Simons and Chris Poupard. Apologies were received from Cllr. John Butler, Suffolk County Cllr. Richard Smith, and Suffolk Coastal District Cllr. Raymond Catchpole. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

7-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none

7-3 – Minutes of previous meetings [29-05-18; 12-06-18] were approved and signed as a true record with a minor amendment in the County Councillor's report to the May meeting.

7-4 – Matters arising not on agenda – councillors were pleased to hear that the Village Lunch, held to celebrate Suffolk Day, had been a great success, raising £850 donation to St. Elisabeth's Hospice. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Ernie Hare for driving assistance and organising food, and Jean Loveridge for sending thank-you cards to the helpers. The parish council contributed towards the cost of food etc.

7-5 – Finances – balances in bank - £12,175.60; cheques approved as follows – no.800 to C. Cardwell for 165.09 [net sal for July]; no. 801 to C. Poupard for 234.00 [purchase of allotment pump]; no. 802 to C. Cardwell for 125.08 [expenses Mar/July]; the chairman drew councillors' attention to the Financial Regulations which allow councillors to expend money on behalf of the council up to £100. Any larger invoices should be given to the clerk to raise a cheque for authorization at the next full council meeting. Councillors noted that Cllr. M. Simons would carry out the half-year audit of the council's accounts in September.

7-6 – Planning – no issues or applications

7-7 – Speeding problems – councillors discussed speeding in The Street and felt that the cost of installing VAS [vehicle activated sign] was prohibitive. An alternative suggestion of establishing an official Speedwatch Group was also deemed to be not really necessary.

7-8 – Reports from Parish Councillors

- Chris Poupard – a new allotment pump had been installed and thanks were due to a local resident for his help. Owing to the lack of recent rain plot holders were limited to 2 cans per day. The council agreed to join The National Allotment Society, so that plot holders could benefit from membership promotions.
- Michael Simons – nothing at present from SPLG; there is to be a meeting in September between TEAG and EDF.
- Robin Leggate requested that notice of SALC meetings should be sent to him

- Jean Loveridge wished to record the council's thanks to a local resident for trimming back FP1
- Jasmine Backhouse reminded councillors that the Village Picnic in the orchard would be held on 29th July at 12pm. She would consult Darsham Nurseries specialist about brown spots on leaves and ask them to invoice PC for their advice

7-9 – Correspondence – received and discussed

7-10 – Any other business – the clerk was asked to contact Richard Smith [SC councillor] about the missing 30mph sign; there had been complaints about parking on The Street causing problems for farmers with large machinery; an overgrown hedge at the School House needs to be cut back; RL to contact.

7-11 – Next meeting – 11th September 2018

The meeting ended at 8.15pm