

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

MINUTES [approved by councillors on 8-01-19].

Public Forum – several members of public were present. A local resident raised the question of the vulnerability of the allotments and orchard to trespass. It was noted that prevention would be preferable to cure and so measures, such as a height restriction bar in the entrance may be desirable. The chair thanked the resident for his comments and information. It was gratefully noted that the seat by the village sign had been varnished by Michael Shipp. Comments were made about the village Christmas tree.

11-1 – The chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Jasmine Backhouse, Ernie Hare, Chris Poupard, Keith Rolfe, Michael Simons, Jean Loveridge and Simon Manning. Apologies were accepted from John Butler, Richard Smith [Suffolk County councillor] and Michael Gower [SCDC councillor] were also present. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

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

11-3 – Minutes of previous meeting [16-10-18] were approved and signed as a true record.

11-4 – Matters arising on the minutes not on agenda – clerk asked to contact SCDC planning re a development in Wash Lane.

[The meeting closed at 7.45] Jonathan Hayman gave councillors a detailed update on the progress of the Cheyney Green development, and the measures taken to limit mud on roads, delivery times and cleaning. The chair thanked him for coming to speak to the council. It was much appreciated. Some concerns are still being raised about the height of one dwelling. Meeting opened at 7.55pm]

11-5 – Finances –

- Balance with Barclays Bank at 31-10-18 - £12,545.91
- Cheques approved as follows:
 - 811 to C. Cardwell – 165.09 [net sal nov]
 - 812 – void
 - 813 – HMRC – 123.80 [tax to 5 Jan]
 - 814 – F. Masters Ltd – 198.00 [cleaning War Memorial]
 - 815 – RBL – 50.00 [wreath]
 - 816 – George Jackson – 45.00 [mowing orchard]
 - 817 – Jasmine Backhouse – 42.33 [sundries for orchard]
 - Total cheques - £624.22

11.6 - Budget for year April 2019 to March 2020 – councillors discussed the projected needs and spending for the coming year; it was felt that, with future expenditure on the allotments [water and security], and also forthcoming elections in May 2019, there might be a need to raise the precept and this figure

would be finalised for submission to SCDC in January. It was hoped that there might be grants from SCC and SCDC.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm for, firstly, comments by Richard Smith [Suffolk County councillor]; again commented on the county budget and need to make cuts. The Sizewell C consultation is scheduled for January. Michael Gower [Suffolk Coastal District councillor] again emphasised the need for local councils to co-ordinate response to Sizewell C consultation. The East Suffolk Council is gradually being developed and it is hoped that support funding for local projects may be available. Planning enforcement issues are being resolved. Financial help might be forthcoming for any security arrangements for the orchard site. The chair thanked both councillors for attending. Meeting opened at 8.30pm

11.7 – East Suffolk Council – new electoral arrangements noted.

11-8 – Darsham station parking – councillors held a brief discussion on the scrapping of the project to enlarge the car park at the station, following a letter from a trustee of Darsham Country Centre. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged with Greater Anglia to ascertain the future of parking and also answer queries as to why there are no charges.

11-9 – Allotments and orchards – various options for water supply discussed; a neighbour would possibly allow a supply off their mains. A new supply from Anglia Water would be expensive to install, but there is a need for a decent water supply. There are still 4 outstanding rents for next year. Future security arrangements were then discussed and it was agreed that the preferred option would be a height restricting bar. Cllr Manning pointed out that illegal trespass affected not only the site, but the whole community and money spent on preventing this would be well spent. Cllrs Backhouse and Leggate will investigate options.

11-10 – Reports from councillors – Cllr. Simons – no further information re Sizewell; Cllr. Rolfe will organise a site visit to the new hall.

11-11 - Correspondence – received and discussed

11-12 – Any other business – the chair asked for councillors' views on a 5 year vision for the community; May was chosen for the fund-raising coffee morning with the recipient to be chosen later.

11 – 13 - 2019 meeting dates agreed

11-14 – Next meeting – 8th January 2019.