

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 16TH OCTOBER 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

Public Forum – a member of the public complained that new buildings at a site in Wash Lane were not as agreed in the original planning permission [DC/16/2553 and DC/17/0653] – the clerk asked to contact SCDC planning to seek information.

10-1 – Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Jean Loveridge, Ernie Hare, Simon Manning, Michael Simons and Chris Poupard. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Jasmine Backhouse and Keith Rolfe. John Butler was absent. Councillors were pleased to welcome Michael Gower, new SCD councillor and also Richard Smith, Suffolk County councillor. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

10-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none

10-3 – Minutes of previous meeting [11-09-18] were approved and signed as a true record.

10-4 – Matters arising not on agenda – Cllr. Loveridge reported that the coffee morning for St. Elisabeth's Hospice had raised £181.50, less cost of hiring the hall. The chairman congratulated Cllr Loveridge for organising this successful morning.

10-5 - Finances_- balance at Barclays Bank [28-09-18] - £12,372.12 [includes 2nd instalment of precept]. Cheques were approved as follows: 808 – C. Cardwell for 165.09 [net sal Oct]; 809 – Community Action Suffolk for 60.00 [website hosting]; 810 to St. Elisabeth Hospice for 166.50. Total cheques - £225.09. Councillors also discussed CIL money and asked the clerk to find out the present position in regard to current and future development in Darsham. To be discussed at Nov. meeting

10-6 – Allotments and orchard

- Orchard – Cllr. Backhouse sent a report with the following information – there were a few spaces and more trees would be planted next March; the new tables were securely fixed and the cost to the village was very small as the parish council had a generous grant from Adnams; a final grass cut was being arranged.
- Allotments – Cllr. Poupard reported that he had sent the clerk an up-to-date list of plot holders and would send her the annual newsletter to send to all plot holders. Councillors discussed the possibility of having a notice board on the field. It was noted that the Coronation Square board was in need of painting or possibly replacing. Cllrs Simons and Poupard would source possible new boards. Cllr. Poupard reported that the pump was not fit for purpose – there are three options – repair, replace or connect to the mains, possibly cooperating with a neighbouring property. Cllr. Poupard to research for next meeting.

10-7 – Planning – SCDC permission was noted for Isle House, Brussels Green: garages and annex and for Darsham House folly.

10-8 – East Anglian Windfarms 1 and 2 – councillors discussed the possible traffic implications and agreed they would have a considerable impact on the local road system

[Meeting opened to public at 8pm] Michael Gower [SCD councillor] commented on link with Sizewell C and the East Anglia Windfarms, the cumulative impact could be critical and local communities will need to look at compensation and mitigation. In January 2019 the stage 3 consultation for EDF Sizewell 3 plans is expected. Richard Smith [Suffolk County councillor] commented on Scottish Power [windfarms] preference for a sub-station at Friston; a possible site at Sizewell is currently reserved for relocation of reptiles. The road system will need considerable improvement. The chairman commented on consultation values and the outlook for huge extra vehicles in the course of the construction projects. On the whole Darsham PC favours the Sizewell site for the windfarm substation and emphasises the need for a co-ordinated approach for the road system. [Public Meeting closed 8.15pm]

10-9 – Reports from Councillors –

- Richard Smith [SC councillor] welcomed Michael Gower as the new District councillor. He spoke briefly about the County Council budget plans and the spending restrictions that SCC faced in setting up the budget for next year. The Sizewell C plans involved meetings with District Council, CEO of EDF to establish and clarify local issues. The chairman thanked Richard Smith for attending.
- Michael Gower [SDC councillor] commented on moves to amalgamate WDC and SCDC; Darsham PC urged to consider which new projects in the village might need funding and the need to focus on the local plan. MG made further comments on development along the “A12 corridor” and the changes that large new housing projects might bring, and emphasised the need to consider employment in the locality. The chair commented that the A12 corridor sounded like ribbon development. Further concerns were expressed over the large numbers of planned new houses, and the need to bear in mind employment for younger residents. The chairman thanked MG for attending.
- Michael Simons – there is an invitation to the TEAG party at Aldeburgh.
- Keith Rolfe [in absentia] – sent in the following report: the site proposes to make sewer connections into the street, starting from today and the deep drains will then be extended back into the site along what will be the adopted part of the road. This will also include leaving tails out to connect individual houses and our hall soon after. The brick-layers are working on plots 4 and 7 and we hope when they are finished they will move onto the hall although they may do plot 8 first. The roof tiling and slates are also hoping to be finished to the hall this week.

10-10 – Correspondence – received and discussed

10-11 – Any other business – Cllr. Loveridge announced her intention of resigning after the Nov. meeting. On the 15th Dec. there would be a buffet to bid goodbye to the old hall. Cllr. Jasmine Backhouse sent a comment on the Dark Skies project and hoped residents could be encouraged to have minimal outside lighting in the village. Councillors were unanimously in favour of this proposition. The clerk was asked to circulate the draft minutes to councillors.

10-12 – Next meeting – 13th November 2018.

The meeting ended at 9pm