

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

**PUBLIC FORUM** – for comments by members of public and to receive reports from County and District councillors – Thanks were given to a parishioner for the excellent work he had done in tidying up the Coronation Square.

Michael Gower [Suffolk Coastal District councillor] gave a brief report on the forthcoming East Suffolk DC elections, for which he is not standing, and the size of the new wards. He hoped to be invited to the opening of the new village hall. The chair thanked MG for attending with regrets that he was not standing in the forthcoming elections and thanks for all the support he had given to the council.

Richard Smith [Suffolk County councillor] gave a brief report, commenting on the new wards in District councils. He passed on a request for the Darsham PC response to Sizewell C consultation to be on the website. The clerk to send to Derek. Further comments by RS included a hope that new East Suffolk DC could be more proactive over Sizewell C plans. He paid tribute to Michael Gower, who is retiring as SCDC councillor. The county council are already starting on the 20/21 budget. The chair thanked RS for attending.

4-1 – Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Simon Manning, Ernie Hare, Jasmine Backhouse, Chris Poupard and Michael Simons. Apologies were received from Keith Rolfe. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance

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

4-3 – Minutes of previous meeting [12-03-19] were approved and signed as a true record.

4-4 – Matters arising not on agenda – a query was raised about a Darsham sign on e-bay; the clerk replied that it was probably an RAC motoring one

4-5 – Finances –

- Balance at Barclays Bank - £11,610.48;
- Cheques approved - 833 to SALC for 139.51 [subscription]; 834 to C. Cardwell for 172.80 [net sal Apr] 835 to Jasmine Backhouse for 18.40; 836 to Chris Poupard for 39.50 [flyers for Fisherman]; 837 to Jasmine Backhouse for 25.30 [orchard posts] - ; Total cheques - £385.51
- Cheque signatories – it was agreed to add Simon Manning as a signatory, and remove Ernie Hare, as the latter was not standing again.

4-6 – Litter pick [March 31<sup>st</sup>] – the chairman reported an satisfactory turnout and a good result. He thanked everyone who helped

4-7 – Allotments and orchard – as Chris Poupard was leaving the council, David Stanley [new councillor] has agreed to take over management of allotments with help from CP. There is one vacant plot. CP stated there would be a need for more new fencing. Councillors briefly discussed a new notice board. The chairman said that Peggs were due to supply the security barrier shortly.

4-8 – Planning – East Suffolk Local Plan [joint SCDC and WDC]– the chair raised the issue of the timing of possible more new houses in the village, which did not seem to have been considered by SCDC. A query was raised about a drive entrance at Wyching Way, Low Rd. – clerk asked to contact Planning.

4-9 – none.

4-10 – Annual Village Meeting – councillors resolved to hold the same format as usual, with various local groups represented. Refreshments would be offered.

4-11 – Any other business – the PC would hold a coffee morning on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Cllrs. Hare and Poupard were presented with a gift to thank them on their retirement, for all their help and support to the PC.

4-12 – Next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> May will be the first meeting of the newly elected council; to be held after the Annual Village Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm