

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 9TH JULY 2019 – 7.30PM

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – there were 2 members of the public present

The chairman welcomed East Suffolk District councillor, Norman Brooks, who started his report by stating he was responsible for transport, including parking. The District Council has taken over enforcement, instead of the police. He felt there was a great need to improve roads in the district. The council was urged to look at the proposed routes for the Ipswich Northern bypass and respond to the consultation [ends 13th Sept 2019]. Also the County ROW survey [ends 20 Sept] should be considered. The local Plan consultation inspector's meeting in September will be attended and the chair plans to speak about the application for 26 houses north of The Street. NB said that he had a small budget and would divide it equally between his parishes. The chairman thanked Norman Brooks for attending.

7-1 – the PC meeting opened at 7.45pm. The chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors John Butler, Heather Ballantine, Michael Simons, Simon Manning, Keith Rolfe, David Stanley and Jasmine Backhouse. Apologies were accepted from Diane Taylor and Suffolk County councillor, Richard Smith.

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

7-3 - Minutes of previous meeting [13-06-19] were approved and signed with a minor alteration.

7-4 – Matters arising on the minutes, not on agenda – the original Village Hall notice board will be used for the new hall.

7-5 – Finances –

- Balances at Barclays Bank at 28-06-19 - £12,634.96; it was noted that reserves were rather high, but funds were kept in hand for future expenditure.
- Cheques approved as follows –
 - 849 – SALC – 27.60 [training]
 - 850 – C. Cardwell – 172.60 [net sal July]
 - 851 – George Jackson – 25.00 [mowing orchard]
 - 852 – Essex and Suffolk Water – 112.80 [consultation fee]
 - Total cheques – £338.00
- Westleton request to access DC playing space fund – discussed and their request agreed for £1,825.00
- Insurance – CAS change of policies – information for councillors. Policy is renewed in September.
- No change in bank mandate address required; clerk to send contact to chair re signatories

7-6 – Planning – it was noted that Darsham is in the Northern Area under the new district council. The chair will attend and speak at the forthcoming hearing of the Local Plan – with reference to the proposals for 26

houses North of The Street. There are reported problems over refuse collection at Brussels Green, due to the narrow road., which the refuse lorry is no longer allowed to reverse down. This may be relevant to the design of the proposed 26 houses estate.

7-7 – Allotments and orchard –

- Jasmine Backhouse said the grass mowing was being managed to allow the wild flowers to seed; a good notice board had been donated and would be re-furbished for use by the orchard and allotments. Councillors were most grateful and agreed to accept this gift. JB runs a team meeting on Tuesdays at 5.30pm for volunteers. She has joined the Tree Charter. John Butler has 47 trees from the Woodland Trust to plant on his farm at Brussels Green.
- David Stanley gave a report on the two key issues for the allotments – water and fencing. Councillors agreed to get Essex and Suffolk Water to conduct a feasibility study for mains water as the present system is useless. The NSALG membership will change in Sept. to a named group subscription. There is one plot not used; DS has spoken to holder. There is one person on the waiting list. The chairman thanked DS for his hard work on the various allotment issues.

7-8 – Speeding in the village – various options for reduction were discussed including SID [speed indicator device] and Speed Watch teams. Both systems need volunteer input and a certain amount of expenditure. There will be a notice in The Fisherman.

7-9 – Emergency procedures – to be discussed in Sept.

7-10 – Sizewell C – consultation 4 – councillors urged to go to EDF Yoxford meeting to check latest concerns

7-11 – Reports from councillors

- Michael Simons gave a report on the Sizewell forum meeting; he felt that EDF were largely unconcerned about parishes' responses. The 4th consultation ends on 27th September. There seemed to be a lack of understanding about the park and ride at Darsham and rather unrealistic responses from EDF. Suggested TEAG is asked to come to the 3rd Aug. fete with exhibition.
- Heather Ballantine – FP8 – no contact with ROW officers yet; FP12 very overgrown.
- Keith Rolfe – village hall progress rather slow, but steady. Bookings for BBQ well advanced.

7-12 – Correspondence – received and discussed; AOB – there is a police website for alerts to local crime.

The meeting ended at 9.14pm.