

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 12TH MARCH

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum - 4 members of the public were present; there was an offer to tidy up Coronation Square, which was gratefully received.

3-1 – The chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors John Butler, Keith Rolfe, Chris Poupard, Simon Manning and Michael Simons. Apologies were received from Suffolk County councillor Richard Smith and District councillor Michael Gower . Apologies were also accepted from Jasmine Backhouse and Ernie Hare. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

3-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none

3-3 – Minutes of previous meeting [19-02-19] were approved and signed as a true record

3-4 – Matters arising on the minutes not on agenda – a work party is needed for putting up the allotment security bar.

3-5 – Elections [2nd May] – the clerk handed out nomination papers and electoral numbers; RL has kindly agreed to take completed papers to Melton.

3-6 – Finances –

- Balance at Barclay’s Bank, Beccles at 31-01-19 – 11,785.21
- Cheques for approval
 - 825 – J. Backhouse for 18.40 [orchard tree]
 - 826 – C. Cardwell for 164.89 [net sal mar]
 - 827 – HMRC for 123.80 [tax to 5 apr]
 - 828 – C. Cardwell for 86.95 [expenses since aug 2018]
 - 829 - SPLG – 30.00
 - 830 – NSALG – 36.00
 - 831 – void
 - 832 – C. Cardwell for 169.09 [net sal Feb]
 - Total cheques - £629.13
- Financial regulations reviewed and signed
- Financial risk assessment carried out [including added risk of clerk writing wrong cheque!] and councillors were satisfied that the systems of control were fit for purpose.

3-7 – Asset register was reviewed; there was a query over possible insurance of orchard trees – clerk to inquire.

3-8 – Planning – DC/19/0620: Hill House, Brussels Green – application supported. DC/19/0732: Grey Lynn, Brussels Green – councillors had no objection. Clerk to inform SCDC planning.

3-9 – Offshore windfarms [East Anglia ONE and TWO] – Cllr. Poupard to draft response; councillors felt that there had been insufficient co-operation with the Sizewell proposals.

3-10 – Sizewell C – consultation response: councillors discussed further points and could see no benefit to the people of Suffolk; always concerns over traffic, pollution, damage to AONB etc. Chris Poupard to draft final response. Councillors wish to record their grateful thanks to Cllrs. Chris Poupard and Michael Simons for all their hard work in arranging the public meeting on 2nd March and drafting the council's official response.

3-11 – Reports from parish councillors – Jasmine Backhouse left an orchard report with news of 5 more trees planted; also her thanks to residents who help to support Darsham Dark Skies project. A litter pick is arranged for Sunday 31st March. Clerk to source supplies from Waveney Norse. Rubbish items on allotments to be moved by a resident. Keith Rolfe gave an update on the new hall progress. There will be an open day on 23rd March to sell houses. Possibly the official opening of hall will be in August,. It was noted that there was an RAC Darsham sign on e-bay

3-12 – Correspondence received and discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm