

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL MEETING

14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

DRAFT MINUTES [approved by councillors on 11-06-19]

*Prior to the meeting all elected councillors signed the declaration of acceptance forms.*

5-1 – The retiring chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Jasmine Backhouse, Michael Simons, Simon Manning, John Butler, Keith Rolfe, Diane Taylor, David Stanley and Heather Ballantine. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Some 20 members of the public also attended. Apologies were accepted from Richard Smith [SCC] and Norman Brooks [ESDC].

5-2 – Election of chairman for the coming year – Robin Leggate was proposed and unanimously elected. He signed the acceptance of office and took the chair.

5-3 – Election of vice-chairman for the coming year – Simon Manning was proposed and unanimously elected.

5-4 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – John Butler declared an interest in item 8 Planning.

*The chairman then explained to councillors the procedures of meetings and responsibilities were allocated as follows:*

*Robin Leggate – chair and SALC representative*

*Simon Manning – planning*

*David Stanley – allotments*

*Jasmine Backhouse – orchard and trees*

*Michael Simons – Sizewell C and environment*

*Heather Ballantine – footpaths*

*Diane Taylor – emergency officer*

*John Butler – roads and practical help*

*Keith Rolfe – village hall*

5-5 – Minutes of the previous meeting [09-04-19] were approved and signed as a true record.

5-6 – Matters arising – the coffee morning made £150 for The British Heart Foundation; clerk asked to contact Planning re entrance to Wyching Way in Low Road.

*The meeting closed for public participation at 7.48pm. The application for 26 houses in The Street was extensively discussed, with comments on its unsuitability for an already well supplied village, environmental effects, effect on community, and a general feeling that the scale was out of proportion to the village community. The meeting opened at 8.03pm*

#### 5-7 – Finances

Balance at Barclays Bank at 30-04-19 - £13,964.97 [incl. precept]

Cheques approved as follows:

838 – C. Cardwell – 172.60 [net sal may]

839 – Trevor Brown – 110.00 [audit]

840 – Van Dijk Accts. – 108.00 [payroll]

841 – J.T. Pegg – 690.00 [orchard barrier]

842 – ICO – 40.00 [GDPR reg fee]

Total cheques - £1120.60

#### 5-8 – Planning – [*John Butler leaves the room*] –

- DC/19/1629: Green Farm, Brussels Green – barn extension – supported [*John Butler returns*]
- DC/19/1462/ FUL: 26 houses on The Street – site opposite Fox Lane – councillors had previously requested that housing in the village should not be increased till 2025, at the earliest, as there was already considerable new development. The application gave no indication of traffic management during building, the village had voted against the plans at the Annual Meeting [[67 against, 1 for], scale out of all proportion to the village community, proposed felling of oak trees was unnecessary [NB TPOs] – all councillors were against the proposals.
- DC/19/1326 – Ash Spring Game farm – temporary accommodation for worker – this was the fifth time the PC had this application before them and again they voted against the proposals.
- DC/19/ 1727 – Waratah, The Street – application to build single storey dwelling – this was extensively discussed and councillors voted against with 2 abstentions.

#### 5-9 – Reports from councillors

- Keith Rolfe – reported that it was hoped the new hall would be finished in 6 weeks; there are plans for a grand opening.
- Michael Simons had nothing to report re Sizewell C.;
- Jasmine Backhouse – reported that the barrier to the orchard was being put up and also issued a plea for dog walkers using the orchard, to clear up after their dogs.

5-10 – AOB – it was noted that new building by the garage on A12 was a motel.

5-11 – Next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019; *the meeting closed at 8.55pm*