

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

MINUTES [approved by councillors 8-010-19]

Public Forum – one member of public present; no comments

9-1 – Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Jasmine Backhouse, Simon Manning, Michael Simons, John Butler, David Stanley, Heather Ballantine and Keith Rolfe. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from Diane Taylor and County and District councillors Richard Smith and Norman Brooks.

9-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none

9-3 – Minutes of previous meeting [09-07-19] were approved and signed as a true record.

9-4 – Matters arising not on agenda – Volunteers for Speed-watch support fell short of reasonable responses, so matter is put on hold for present.

9-5 – Finances -

- Bank reconciliation – at 31st July 2019

Brought forward	11,556.08 from March 2019
Add receipts	<u>2,943.36</u>
	14,449.44
Less pay.	<u>2541.28</u>
	11,958.16
Add unpres chqs	<u>54.40</u>
	£ 12,012.56
Balance at bank 31-07-19	– 12,012.56
Add VAT refund	<u>333.64</u>
Balance at 31 Aug 2019	12,346.64

- Cheques for approval - 853 – C. Cardwell – 89.49 [expenses mar-sept] ; 854 – CAS – 219.30 [insurance for coming year]; 855 – East Suffolk Council – 97.92 [uncontested election]; 856 – C. Cardwell – 345.40 [net sal aug/sept]; 857 – HMRC – 129.40 [tax to 5 Oct]; 858 – NSALG – 46.00 [year's sub]; 859 – Jasmine Backhouse – 8.00 [keys for orchard board]; 860 – George Jackson – 75.00 [orchard mowing]; 861 – M. Shipp – 57.85 [allotment notice board]; **Total cheques - £1,068.36**

- Financial Regulations 2019 – to be considered in Oct.
- CAS insurance policy was renewed until Sept 2020; councillors agreed to Parish Protect.

9-6 – Planning – DC/19/3099/FUL: Mill Hill Farm, Westleton Rd., Darsham – additional provisions in caravan and camping park – councillors discussed this and agreed that it was a well run enterprise and they were happy to support this application. Wyching Way, Low Rd., - entrance splays – councillors asked the clerk to contact East Suffolk Planning and check whether a formal application was needed for the works already carried out.

9-7 – Suffolk County Council Green Access Policy consultation – councillors discussed this and made no comment; they would prefer to see better maintenance of footpaths

9-8 – Ipswich Northern bypass – councillors had no comments to make on the proposed routes.

9-9 – East Suffolk Council Local Plan – the chair will be attending the inspector’s meeting on 17th Sept; he outlined the basic areas that the plan should legally cover; councillors felt that the proposals did not take local circumstances into account nor did it reflect local needs for social and cultural well-being. Councillors noted that there were currently several houses for sale in Darsham, and the need for more housing was not proven.

9-10 – Sizewell C, proposed – Michael Simons gave an update on local meetings and has prepared a response to the EDF consultation. He felt that there were many areas that would be controversial; a recent meeting with talk by Therese Coffey [local MP] had proved disappointing, and not supportive of local issues.

9-11 – Emergency Planning Policy – discussion moved to October meeting.

9-12 - Allotments and orchard –

- Orchard - Jasmine Backhouse reported that the notice board was in place, the chair had a spare key and all trees were doing well.
- Allotments – David Stanley had investigated, with various options, sources of water for the allotments and their costs. Councillors discussed the practicality of spending a large sum of council money on this village asset and noted that some locality money and VAT refund would mitigate the expense. Options were either mains or a new borehole. The clerk asked to research how other allotment providers manage water supplies. The provision of a rabbit proof fence was also discussed; it was felt plot holders would prioritise a water supply, but quotes for a further fence would be considered in October. It was agreed to join NSALG as The Darsham Allotment Assn.

9-13 - Reports from councillors

- Heather Ballantine reported a complete impasse re FP8 – hopefully our County councillor would be able to progress things,

- Keith Rolfe – still small delays in finishing the new hall; the acoustics are not good and must be improved. Various fund-raising events are planned and the hall has a good number of bookings already set up.
- Robin Leggate reported on the recent SALC meeting, where he had noted various points to discuss with the clerk, largely re PC security.

9-14 - Any other business – the clerk asked to write to the owners of Rollets Marsh to have their hedge cut back as it is causing a traffic hazard.

9-15 – Next meeting – 8th October 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm