

DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 11TH FEBRUARY 2020

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – 2 members of the public attended. Comments were made re the application to build a machinery store at Waratah, The Street. Style and accessibility were commented on and councillors noted these remarks. Richard Smith [Suffolk County Councillor] made comments on SCC budget plans and council tax. Heather Ballantine asked RS if he could progress the issue of the closed FP8 by Darsham station, as she had had no response from Highways. The chair thanked Richard Smith for coming to the meeting.

2-1 – Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Keith Rolfe, John Butler, Diane Taylor, Heather Ballantine and David Stanley. Apologies were received and accepted from councillors Jasmine Backhouse, Simon Manning and Michael Simons and from East Suffolk councillor Norman Brooks. NB had sent a report, previously circulated to councillors. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

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

2-3 – Minutes of previous meeting [14-01-2020] were approved and signed as a true record.

2-4 – Matters arising – clerk asked to inform Waveney Norse re new dog waste bin site.

2-5 – Finances –

- **Balance** at Barclays Bank 31-01-2020 – £14,783.04 [includes 300 SCC grant, and 1,000 donation for easement, but not yet ECB [Enabling Communities Budget] 1,000 for water]
- **Cheques** approved - 870 – Glasdon – 180.73 [dog waste bin]; 871 – C. Cardwell – 183.22 [net sal Feb 20]; Total cheques - £363.95

2-6 – Planning

- DC/20/0288/FUL – Hill Fm, Lymballs Lane – change of use of land for holiday caravans – councillors had no objection to these plans
- DC/20/0407/FUL – 3 Ivy Cottages, The Street, Darsham – extensions to porch and on rear – councillors had no objection.
- DC/19/1727/FUL – Waratah, The street, Darsham – machinery store: amended plans – this was extensively discussed by council and it was agreed to object to these plans on the following grounds
 - replacement is too large
 - site should have separate access
 - too close to neighbouring properties
 - the plan did not show any site movement, although this was supposedly part of the amendment

The clerk asked to inform East Suffolk planning department.

2-7 – Emergency Plan, forthcoming – Diane Taylor presented a community volunteer sheet to be circulated to residents; councillors discussed the best ways of printing and sending round. Free training was available to volunteers from the County co-ordinator. There is also a need to upgrade the First Responders.

2-8 – Website accessibility policy – to discuss with webmaster.

2-9 – Allotments and orchard – a copy of the easement was given to clerk for filing; The Essex and Suffolk quote expires at end of March, so councillors were concerned to progress easement asap. There were concerns over theft of fruit from the orchard.

2-10 – Reports from councillors – Keith Rolfe had had a meeting with developers to try and get acoustics and heaters improved in the new hall. The chair commented on East Suffolk's housing supply plans.

2-11 – Correspondence - received and discussed

2-12 – Any other business – Community Infrastructure Levy: 15% is available to parish council, paid in April and October; the council has to report yearly on CIL expenditure; if not spent within 5 years it returns to East Suffolk Council. For East Suffolk Planning, the council must register a new electronic address – ie - darshampc@gmail.com – clerk to arrange this.

2-13 – Next meeting – 10th march 2020

The meeting closed at 8.55pm