

## DARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 14th JANUARY 2020

Draft minutes [approved by councillors ON 11-02-20]

**Public Forum** – five members of the public attended. With reference to planning application DC/19/4746, comments were made about the unsuitable plans for this building, its siting too close to existing properties, its size and ongoing access problems. The chair commented on the District Council's attitude to local planning issues. [And see item 7 below]

Richard Smith [Suffolk County councillor] praised the "lovely new hall". Also commented he was not involved in planning decisions. Suffolk County Council meetings post general election involved a lot of "catching up" with budget decisions in two weeks time; the government had given a good settlement so hopefully no rise in council tax. He felt that the Anglia One and Two windfarm plans were not right for Friston. The chairman spoke of plans for an Emergency Plan, with the village hall designated as a central shelter. The chairman thanked Richard Smith for attending.

- 1-1 – Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Robin Leggate, welcomed councillors Keith Rolfe, Simon Manning, Michael Simons, Jasmine Backhouse, David Stanley, Heather Ballantine and John Butler. Apologies were received and accepted from Norman Brooks [East Suffolk District councillor] and Cllr. Diane Taylor. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
- 1-2 – Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
- 1-3 Minutes of previous meeting [12-11-19] were approved and signed as a true record.
- 1-4 Matters arising not on agenda – none
- 1-5 - Finances – cheques were approved as follows – no.868 to C. Cardwell – 355.82 [net sal dec/jan]; no.869 to M. Simons – 17.34 [orchard sundries]. Trevor Brown was appointed internal auditor for year Apr 2019 to Mar 2020
- 1-6 – Budget for year Apr 2020 to March 2021 – the budget was finalised after detailed consideration in November 2019, and a precept was approved of £5660. Clerk to inform East Suffolk.
- 1-7 – Planning
- DC/19/4481 – Two Magpies Bakery – new signs noted.
  - DC/19/ 4703 – Crooked House, brussels Green, Darsham – garage conversion – **supported**
  - DC/19/4746 – Waratah, The Street, Darsham – erection of machinery store – this was discussed in detail by councillors and they sent a response as follows – **application not supported** on grounds of size, siting, access.
  - DC/19/5054 – Cico, North End Wood, Hinton Rd., - change of use fro B1 to mixed use B1 – councillors **agreed** to this change of use.
  - The chairman and another councillor had attended a planning committee meeting with reference to proposed development of 26 houses on The Street.; the chairman reported that in spite of the parish council's plea for a delay, and the opinion of parishioners, it seemed that the development time scale would remain; altho' the final details had been deferred until the Local Plan was formally adopted. It was noted that developers must produce a traffic and waste management plan before any work is begun, Also discussed was the application for a

game rearing unit at Ash Spring Wood and this was approved, on grounds of supporting business in the countryside, in spite of repeated refusals from the parish council to support any development on the site.

1-8 – Village Hall – councillors agreed to buy a dog waste bin; Keith Rolfe to inform clerk of exact needs. To be purchased from Glasdons.

1-9 - Emergency Plan – deferred to Feb

1-10 – Council documents – clerk stated that a Retention Policy was needed and, after consultation with SALC, was not convinced that Dropbox would answer the needs of the council – deferred to February.

1-11 Allotments and orchard – water supply plans to be finalised in Feb; the easement has been drawn up and is being circulated. Councillors agreed to purchase pens for orchard notices – cost £17.34.

1-12 – Reports from councillors

- Michael Simons - Sizewell C, proposed – plans are now before Government Planning Inspectorate. East Suffolk council agreed by one vote to demolish Coronation Wood, prior to any work being approved; a committee has been set up to request a judicial review of the council's action – this will be crowd funded. Further concerns were raised about traffic movement, air pollution and the need for policies to address these concerns.
- Heather Ballantine reported that there was no progress on FP8. She will contact our County Councillor.
- Keith Rolfe reported that there were several small items still needed and finishing to be sorted for the new hall – acoustics are still a problem. There is a classical guitar concert on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jasmine Backhouse reminded councillors of the need to tell newcomers to the village of the Dark Skies policy.

1-13 - Correspondence – received and discussed

1-14 - Next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*The meeting closed at 9.15pm.*