

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2018 AT
7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT- Mr P. Mortimer, chairman, Mrs S. Hatchman, Mr B. Williams, Mr P. Schwier, Mr C. Osborne, Mrs S. Glaysher, Mr P. Twiss, Mrs D. Fowler

Mrs Lavinia Hadingham, District Councillor and 2 members of the public

APOLOGY – Mr T. Godbold

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. MINUTES – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017 were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a. Planning Enforcement have looked into the complaints about construction at Cherry Tree Farm.

b. The Defibrillator is now installed and training should take place soon.

c. the grit bin is in place and we have been given a Locality Grant to cover the cost.

d. The duck situation is better in that they are not being fed so often.

e. The bulbs have been planted on the Green and the Almond tree will be ordered.

f. The black boxes on posts in the village were monitoring speed of vehicles.

5. REPORT - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Lavinia Hadingham

Consultation is taking place on the proposed merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

In answer to a question Mrs Hadingham said that some planning officers have left Mid Suffolk leaving the department short of staff.

6. FINANCE

The following payments made in December, were approved Proposed Mr Schwier. 2nd Mr Osborne

£260 – Neville Riseborough - grasscutting

£60 – website hosting

We have been awarded a Locality Grant for the grit bin but as the minimum award is £250 it was decided to buy another bin for the junction of St James Road and Christmas Lane.

PRECEPT– see budget document. This was decided at £5250 and the form signed.

7. PLANNING.

Application No. DC/17/06107 5-6 Honeymoon Row, Sub-divide dwelling to create additional dwelling

This was approved.

Application No. DC/17/06089 Mill Villa, Conversion of existing garage/playroom to family annexe

The applicants told the meeting that the appearance of the garage would not change but permission is being sought for continued use as an annexe.

The application was approved.

The members of the public left the meeting therefore there was no Open Forum

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS –

Consultation on School Travel 5-16 years and post 16 years

The Clerk outlined the options proposed by Suffolk County Council for the future of school travel.

Councillors were unanimous in their view that free travel should stay as at present as many rural areas have no safe walking routes to school. Pupils post 16 years, are required to stay on at school or college and therefore should receive subsidised travel. Unfortunately, this may mean cuts elsewhere.

The Clerk will fill in the response and write to our County Councillor and our MP.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – most was circulated among Councillors.

The Clerk has received more information on the need for a Data Protection Officer but it is unclear how to appoint one. She will contact another Clerk to see what other parishes are doing.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Monday 5th March 2018

Meeting closed at 8.30pm