

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2018 AT  
7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

District Councillor Lavinia Hadingham

Apologies – Mrs S. Glaysher

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

3. MINUTES – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Locality Grant has now been received but the 2<sup>nd</sup> grit bin is not yet ordered.

5. REPORT - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR LAVINIA HADINGHAM

£2.56m is to be invested for the refurbishment of the Regal Theatre in Stowmarket. (£1.56 grant from MSDC and £1m loan to Stowmarket Town Council) This will create 10-20 new jobs and add to the local economy.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been nominated for ‘Council of the Year Award’.

In answer to a question Mrs Hadingham said the planning decision on the houses in Fressingfield has been delayed again.

6. FINANCE

1. The following payments were approved. Proposed Mr Twiss. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Hatchman

£470- £320+£150 – Clerk’s Salary and expenses (paper, ink and Microsoft Office renewal)  
£80 – HMRC-PAYE

2. Playbark for Children’s playground. It was agreed that more bark was needed. This will be ordered soon at a cost of £349.20. (proposed Mr Mortimer 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Schier)

3. Appointment of Data Protection Officer.

After much discussion it was reluctantly agreed that we have to comply with the new regulations and appoint a Data Protection Officer. It was decided to employ DPO Services.

A vote was taken on this and the motion carried. 7 councillors for and 1 against.

The cost will be £220 for the first year and £100 thereafter. The Clerk will contact the firm.

7. PLANNING – The following applications were granted by MidSuffolk

5-6 Honeymoon Row – alterations to create 2 dwellings

Mill Villa – Conversion of existing garage/playroom to family annexe

Cherry Tree Farm – Refused Discharge of Condition for lighting

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Stella McKenzie has asked if the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme could again camp on St John's Meadow. The date is 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

There is water on the road by the Village Hall. This has been reported to highways and acknowledged. The water on Christmas Lane has also returned due to overflowing ditches.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – This was circulated among Councillors.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 Annual Parish Meeting  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 AGM

Meeting closed at 8.25pm