

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2018

AT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Kydd, A. Irish, D.C. Griggs, D. Page, T. Elmer, Mrs L Williams, R. Debenham.
Mr & Mrs T. McClelland, Cllr. R. Kemp. Mr D. Griggs (Clerk). 9 Members of the public.

81 APOLOGIES: Dcllr. J. Long.

82 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr. Debenham declared an interest in Planning Applications No's DC/17/05458 & DC/17/06174.

83 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER 2017.

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

84 REPORTS:

Dcllr. Long report received. Babergh D.C. Held an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Thursday 4th January 2018 at 5.30pm to elect a new Babergh council Leader. This follows the Resignation on the 19th December, 2017 of the Babergh Conservative Council Leader Mrs Jennie Jenkins. Conservative Councillor John Ward was elected as the new Council Leader.

There is now a Babergh Council Office within the Town Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk. For information about the facilities available ring Endeavour House, Ipswich, Tel. No. 0300 1234 000 and ask to be put through to Sudbury. A direct line may be available so do enquire.

Opening times for the Sudbury Office: Monday to Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm. 1.30pm – 5pm

Friday: 9am – 12.30pm 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Cllr. Kemp report: circulated to Councillors.

Crime report: As per the Police website December 2017:

On or near Churchill Close: including theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment. Under investigation. (Reported Nov 2017)

85 MATTERS ARISING:

S.C.C. Highway matters: Path at Lawshall Row; No update received to date. The Clerk will follow this up.

S.C.C. Highway matters: Flooding on Rectory Corner: Email received 21/12/17: stating that Gullies in this area were cleaned in June. Gullies will be checked when the next inspection takes place and consider the drainage issue. They also mention that the local community can assist with this flooding problem by clearing the gully grating of any debris (leaves etc.) that can reduce the capacity of the gullies to collect/discharge the water. The Clerk will write to S.C.C. with photos of the recent flooding there.

Walcher's meadow: (Play equipment, new gate etc.). This will be included on the February agenda.

86 FINANCE:

The following invoices were passed for payment:

Clerk's Salary & expenses: £324.29

The following balances were reported as at 29/12/2017:

Community Account: £79.97 Unpresented: Revitalise £25.00: Sudbury Newstalk £25.00 = £29.97 available.

Business Account: £5405.63

Cllr.J. Kydd proposed that £325.00 is transferred from the Business Account into the Current Account, seconded by Cllr. A. Irish, all in favour.

Babergh D.C. S106 funds paid into Business Account on 11/12/2017.

Precept for 2018-2019: This was discussed and it was decided to set the Precept at £8089.00 (a 3% rise on last year's budget). This was proposed by Cllr. J. Kydd, seconded by Cllr. A. Irish, all in favour. The Precept form was signed by the Chairman, Cllr. J. Kydd, Councillor Mrs L. Williams, and the Clerk. This will be completed and sent to Babergh D.C.

Village Hall Hire: In future invoices will be paid 3 months in advance to take advantage of the 10% discount.

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87 PLANNING:

Application No. DC/17/05458 (Re-consultation): land between Bayleaf House and Meadow Croft: erection of 1 detached dwelling with cart lodge and new vehicular access. As amended by agent’s email 18/12/17 and revised plans 459/17/02E and 04 showing amended site access arrangement. Cllr Debenham had declared an interest and left the meeting. This application was discussed along with advice from the NHPlan Watchdog team and the Councillors object to this application to on the basis no CS11 and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment are provided. (Notes attached to application). Previous comments still apply with regard to flooding issues.

Application No. DC/17/06174: Harrow Green site, Harrow Green: outline planning (all matters reserved)) – erection of up to 5 dwellings. Cllr. Debenham had declared an interest and was not present during this discussion. This application was discussed along with advice from the NHPlan Team: Watchdog Team and the applicant had taken measures to ensure that all the NHPlan policies are satisfied. The settlement gap is maintained. CS11 and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment have not been provided. Therefore the Councillors to not support this application. (Notes attached to application).

Note: 6 Letters were received from residents objecting to this application. These have been filed.

Application No. DC/17/06198: land north of The Street: erection of 6 dwellings, alterations to access and associated landscaping. The application was discussed and along with the advice from the NHPlan Watchdog Team and the application is objected to as follows: Policy LAW1; Policy LAW3; LAW 4; LAW 7; LAW 8; and LAW 10 and LAW13. Therefore the Councillors object to this application. (Notes attached to application.)

Application No. DC/17/06039: Colston, Lambs Lane: erection of single storey front extension and carport. The application was discussed and there were no objections, application supported.

Planning Permission granted for the following:

Application No. DC/17/05479: Wavy Crest, Harrow Green: erection of first floor extension and carport.

88 CORRESPONDENCE:

N.A.L.C: Data Protection Officer: Cllr. Mrs L Williams expressed an interest in this task, this was proposed by Cllr. A. Irish, seconded by Cllr. D.C. Griggs, all in favour. Various information has been received regarding this, but it is not clear whether the Clerk or a Councillor can take on this task. The Clerk will contact S.A.L.C. to ask for clarification.

Revitalise: Thank you received for donation.

Thank you received from All Saints School and Pre-School: for donations from proceeds from the Summer Fair 1 July 2017.

89 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Potholes to report to S.C.C.:

Lambs Lane: at entrance from The Street: at exit on to the X roads at Rectory Corner: and near No 14 Lambs Lane.

Audley End, Melford Road:

The Clerk will report the above to S.C.C.

Hedge opposite Swanfield: Cllr. Debenham has kindly offered to investigate this with a view to trimming back the hedge.

Future Planning Applications: When new applications are received and have multiple pages which require to be printed off, which is time consuming for the Clerk, Cllr. D. Page has very kindly agreed to assist the Clerk will the printing of these documents.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

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Chairman

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Date