

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WEYBREAD VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 21 JULY 2015. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Blair – Acting Chair, Mrs S Middleton, Mr C Jordan, Mrs Cranney

Mrs L. Hadingham – District Councillor, 2 members of the Public.

1. Apologies: Mr G Gibbs, Mr G Daniels. PCSO S Long.

Absent: Mr R Harper, Mr G McGregor

2. The Minutes: The Minutes of the 19 May meeting were read, approved and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

- The Newsletter. Several local businesses had been approached to offer Newsletter sponsorship. Crown Chicken, JJ Plumbing and Finn Laboratories had responded offering their support. Letters of thanks will be sent.

- Flooding on The Street. Details of the drain inspection reported by Mr Jordan and Mr Morgan had been passed to SCC Highways. No response from SCC.

- Village website. Mr Morgan's associate will contact the Parish Council to establish what is required.

4 Correspondence:

- 'Local Councillor' publication distributed to Councillors present.

5. Report:

a) Chair – Absent. No report available

b) Clerk:

- The Clerk reported the External Audit Certification had been posted on both Notice Boards.

- Thanked Mr Jordan for repairing and re-siting the Dog Waste bin in The Street, at no cost to the parish.

c) County Councillor: - Absent. No report available

d) District Councillor: Mrs Hadingham read her report which confirmed her new duties on the Planning Referrals Committee and on the Joint Audit & Standards Committee. She went on to say the Joint Strategic Plan between Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Council put in place by the outgoing council set out plans to best serve and shape the future for the better .

New members of the council will have input into the underlying objectives through a series of Programme Steering Boards. The Strategic Plan has two major influences:

-reducing resources, competing priorities and rising expectations

-councillors and staff to be flexible, quick-moving and responsive to communities

Three priority areas are, Economy & Environment, Housing and Strong and Healthy Communities. It is these areas that are considered to have the most positive impact on the future. Supporting this is the Council's goal and philosophy, to be 'Smaller, Smarter, Swifter'

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is being investigated and this will be decided later this year.

Also under review is the office accommodation for both Council's – occupation in two buildings results in inefficiencies and costs. The plan is the creation of a service delivery and administrative hub.

There were no questions for Mrs Hadingham.

e) PCSO: Report read by Mrs Blair

- One minor crime was reported and this had been resolved.
- Irish travellers are driving around the county selling electrical garden goods. The travellers often have legitimate paperwork to sell the goods but Trading Standards need to confirm if the goods are safe to sell. Please contact the police if any information is forthcoming.
- Changes to Suffolk Constabulary will be announced in September.
- There will be a Police Priority Tasking Meeting at Eye Police Station on Monday 27 July. The format may change in the future.

#### 6. Planning Issues:

P.A Ref: 2327/15 – Structural changes at Crown Chicken, The Street, Weybread.

Mrs Blair had visited the site to establish the changes and the implications for nearby residents. She reported to the Parish Council that she had been give full access to the areas and rational for the changes which were necessary and acceptable. Therefore after review of the plans and discussions there were no objections to the application.

P.A. Refs 127/15 & 128/15 – Oak Farm Barns, Hoxne Road, Weybread.

Minor amendments (repairs) to the original applications were reviewed and there were no objections

Comments will be posted on the MSDC Planning website accordingly.

#### 7. Financial Report:

##### a) Opening Balances at Banks:

HSBC Community Account = £3007.26

Barclays Saver Account = £3987.04

##### b) to note final expenditure against budget- see Spreadsheet

##### c) to note expenditure this period and draw cheques to the value £ 840.13

Proposed: Mrs Middleton Seconded: Mrs Cranney

#### 8. Councillor Vacancies (2):

Mrs Sue Hardy of Greengate Cottage, Wingfield Road, Weybread applied to join the Parish Council. She had provided a very interesting and impressive resume. Councillor's considered her application and her suitability (in her absence) and unanimously agreed that Mrs Hardy would be an asset to the Parish. She was asked to return to the meeting and was advised of this decision. She accepted the role and she was welcomed by all present.

Another Councillor is still sought.

#### 9. Weybread Recreational Charities:

Mr Gibbs proposed the purchase of a display cabinet to be sited adjacent to the seat at the end of Friars Meadow. The Clerk has established a license will be required therefore we must follow same procedure as for the recently completed seating area.

#### 10. Any Other Business:

Mrs Cranney asked if any progress had been made regarding the Village Hall and it was confirmed there is a new Village Hall Management Committee, the Officers being:

Chair – Mrs Trayce Thomas

Treasurer – Mr John Firth

Secretary – Mrs Sue Hardy

Booking Clerk – Mr Michael Taylor

This is good news for the Village Hall.

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 September commencing 7.30pm

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was declared closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....

Date.....

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WEYBREAD.**

### **VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2015. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Mr Gibbs, Mr Harper ,Mrs Middleton, Mr Jordan, Mrs Cranney, Mrs Hardy

Mrs L. Hadingham – District Councillor

1. Apologies: Mrs J Blair,. PCSO S Long. Mr G Daniels (retrospectively)

Absent:, Mr G McGregor

2. The Minutes: The Minutes of the 21 July meeting were read, approved and duly signed.

3. Matters Arising:

Item 10- AOB. It was noted that Mr John Firth had joined the VH Committee in the role of Treasurer. Mr Firth has now resigned as he plans to move away from We bread.

The Newsletter – publication is now sponsored until the end of the year. New sponsors will be sought for January and March '16.

Flooding on The Street – No new incidents reported therefore this subject will filed until further attention necessary..

4 Correspondence:

MSDC - Gambling Act Consultation. Correspondence passed to Mrs Hardy for VH Committee attention.

Hartismere Club – advertising day care for the elderly. Leaflet left in the Village Hall for info

5. Report:

a) Chair – Nothing to report

b) Clerk- Nothing to report:

c) County Councillor: - Absent. No report available

d) District Councillor: Mrs Hadingham advised:

- The District Council is concentrating on 'Capital Investment Strategy' in order to perform more commercially

- One of her responsibilities is to 'HomeStart'. She has also been appointed to the Joint Gypsy and Traveller Steering Group

- The Suffolk Public Sector Leaders group, chaired by Babergh Leader Cllr Jenny Jenkins, has set up a Devolution Working Group to investigate the level of interest regarding

devolution among the public sector organisations. The Working Group is working closely with representatives from health and police sectors as well as the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. The belief that having more control over what goes on in the county will result in better outcomes for Suffolk communities.

- She provided a poster which is an official statement regarding Refugee's from Syria. District Councils (MSDC/Babergh) are making plans to assist. Watch for on Notice Boards.

Mr Gibbs asked – Re devolution, having voted against a joint District Council ie MSDC/Babergh, it appears that is the route we have gone. Will public opinion be ignored again?

Mrs Hadingham was not aware of the vote all households were given so she could not comment.

e) PCSO 3172 Steven Long : Report read by Mr Gibbs

One crime was reported since the last meeting and this was a Section 5 Public Order offence which had occurred after two parties had a disagreement whilst out walking their dogs..

Changes to Suffolk Constabulary are imminent and will be announced next month.

It is thought there will no longer be a Police presence at Parish Council meetings and information will have to be sought rather than given.

More cuts resulting in less police officers and closure of more police stations across the county.

PCSO Long asked that he be contacted if any issues arise – Tel: 101 for non emergencies or via e.mail: [midsuffolk.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:midsuffolk.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

.6. Planning Issues:

There were no new applications for discussion..

7.Financial Report:

a) Opening Balances at Banks:

HSBC Community Account = £2273.23

Barclays Saver Account = £3987.04

b) to note final expenditure against budget- see Spreadsheet

c) to note expenditure this period and draw cheques to the value £ 918.92

Proposed: Mrs Cranney Seconded: Mr Gibbs

8. Councillor Vacancies (1):

Another Councillor is still sought.

9. Weybread Recreational Charities:

Mr Gibbs proposed the purchase of a display cabinet to be sited adjacent to the seat at the end of Friars Meadow. The Clerk has established a license will be required therefore we must follow same procedure as for the recently completed seating area. Mr Gibbs will provide specifications/drawings for the intended site.

10. Website:

After discussion it was felt that the advice of an expert is essential before any progress can be made. Therefore it was suggested and extra-ordinary meeting, during the last week of October, be arranged to include John Malinoski – our expert.

11. Any Other Business:

Mrs Middleton asked if Anglia Water could be contacted regarding a very noisy manhole cover and foul smells in The Street adjacent to The Old Post Office/Post Office Cottages.

Mrs Middleton also asked if SCC could be contacted again regarding the potholes on the Weybread Straight (Roman Road).

Mr Jordan reported car parking which causes an obstruction at 12 Post Office Cottages. He has received 2 resident complaints.

Mr Jordan also reported excessive speeding through Weybread , usually late in the evening.

The Clerk will contact Anglia Water, SCC and Suffolk Police regarding all these issues.

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 November commencing 7.30pm

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm

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Date.....

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WEYBREAD.  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2015.  
THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Mr Gibbs, Mrs Blair, Mr Harper, Mrs Middleton, Mr Jordan, Mrs Cranney,  
Mrs Hardy, Mr G Daniels.

Mrs L. Hadingham – District Councillor and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies: PCSO S Long. Mr G McGregor (retrospectively)
2. The Minutes: The Minutes of the 15 September meeting were read, approved and duly signed.
3. Matters Arising:

Village Website – PC members had met with J Malinowski to discuss the needs and format of a village website. It was agreed a new site would be created and designed to encompass several village organisations. The meeting overview was conveyed by Mr Gibbs to all present including Mr Michael Taylor, representing the Village Hall and Mrs Margaret Bensly, representing the Parochial Church Council. All were very enthusiastic. It was agreed the subject will be further progressed and reported back to the village through the Minutes and the Newsletter.

The Newsletter – A list of possible new sponsors was suggested for 2016.

Flooding on The Street – SCC Highways have asked for photo's of any new incidents.

Speeding in The Street – Information was received from SCC Highways regarding the availability of Speed monitors. However, as the availability was so vague it was agreed that there was little that could be achieved at this time.

Parking on the pavement at Post Office Cottages – this matter has been left in the hands of the Police as all four wheels of a vehicle parked on the pavement does constitute an obstruction.

Item 10 AOB - July meeting - Mrs Hardy reported that Mrs Lisa Rose had now filled the role of Treasurer to the Village Hall Committee

4 Correspondence:

- Police Meeting – 10 December, Ipswich
- Allotment vacancy notice
- Clerk's & Councils' Direct publication
- Request for charity donations

5. Reports:

a) Chair – Nothing to report

b) Clerk- Nothing to report:

c) County Councillor:

Mr McGregor sent a very brief report advising he had driven the Highways surveyor around Weybread and local villages to review the condition of the roads.

d) District Councillor: Mrs Hadingham reported:

-Suffolk and Norfolk continue to work on the Devolution project bids. The main proposals will focus on ways to boost investments, productivity, skills, housing and education

- The building of Mid Suffolk's first council housing for 30 years commenced at Thurston in September. Three other sites will follow over the next 2-4 months.

- Community Achievements Award forms are available for nominations-download forms at [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/your-community](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/your-community)

e) PCSO 3172 Steven Long : Report read by Mr Gibbs

No crimes were reported in Weybread since the last meeting. He advised there will no longer be a Police Report. Each parish must now obtain their own crime/police data on [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)

Changes to Suffolk Constabulary are imminent and will be announced soon.

.6. Planning Issues:

There were no new applications for discussion..

7. Financial Report:

a) Opening Balances at Banks:

HSBC Community Account = £3,345.21

Barclays Saver Account = £3987.54

b) To note final expenditure against budget- see Spreadsheet

c) To note expenditure this period and draw cheques to the value £ 663.13

Proposed: Mrs Cranney Seconded: Mrs Blair

8. Councillor Vacancies (1):

Mrs Mina Goulay of Mill Farm Annexe had applied to become a councillor and had provided the Parish Council with her personal and employment history since moving to the area.

Mrs Goulay was asked to leave the room whilst Councillor's reviewed the information to hand and agreed, unanimously, that there was no reason to reject her application. The position was offered to Mrs Goulay who accepted. She was welcomed to the Parish Council.

9. Weybread Recreational Charities:

Mr Gibbs had proposed the purchase of a display cabinet (to hold some local history information and maps useful to walkers etc) to be sited adjacent to the seat at the end of Friars Meadow. However, a petition had been raised by residents of Friars Meadow, rejecting the idea. There seemed to be some misunderstanding that the display cabinet would be a full sized Notice board, similar in dimensions to the one on The Street and that this would be an obstruction to the views across the fields, rather than a 680mm (2ft 3in) high structure which would not be high enough to obscure any views. After some discussion, it was agreed that some further negotiation may be necessary. Mr Gibbs will decide how to approach the subject with residents.

10. Website:

See Matters arising.

11. Any Other Business:

Mrs Middleton reported that hedgerow trees on the Harleston Road, adjacent to the Hockey club, had fallen in recent winds

Mr Daniels reported more potholes in and around Mill Lane.

.The Clerk will contact SCC Highways regarding both issues.

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday 19 January 2016 commencing 7.30pm

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was declared closed at 8.53 pm

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