

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4 July, 2016 at the Methodist Church Hall.

- 07.16.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr N Bird, Mr M Quinn, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, , Councillor Jenny Antill and Councillor Alan Ferguson, the Clerk and 3 members of the public
- 07.16.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mr J Sones
- 07.16.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest
- 07.16.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meetings held on 23 May and 13 June were signed as accurate records.
- 07.16.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Devolution** The council was asked to endorse the 'devolution' with Norfolk, and also to agree to move on to a public consultation.

Jenny felt she could not endorse this. The money attached to the deal is trivial. The deal also envisages the creation of a third tier of local government.

A public consultation on the deal will now go ahead. The Labour Group moved an amendment so that the public was asked a question regarding an elected mayor. The exercise is an on line consultation which is open to all residents, plus targeted back up calls to ensure that the responders are not entirely self-selecting. All the papers are on the SCC website.

Consultation on the Ipswich river crossing. In the last Budget statement funding of £77.5 million was allocated by the Department of Transport to support the delivery of a major crossing scheme across the River Orwell in Ipswich. A six week consultation on the plans commenced and anyone who visits Ipswich, works there, or has a view is being asked to give their views.

Children's services continue to attract praise. The latest Ofsted Annual social care report (published today) has praised Suffolk County Council's children's services.

The report concluded that Suffolk County Council had ensured that services for children had a high profile within the council. A case study from Suffolk was included in the report. We were one of only three local authorities in the country to be singled out in this way.

4.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Devolution: Babergh DC voted in favour on Tuesday 28th June 16 by a large majority. This is not

another layer of government. The Council leaders are the “Cabinet”

Civil servants will be relocated from London to E Anglia to support the Mayor etc.

£750M over 30 years (£24M per annum) to support “growth” £100M over 5 years for infrastructure projects. £225M for annual transport budget

Appointment of New Chief Executive - As the current CE is leaving on 16 July, the process of recruitment has commenced.

Future of Babergh DC Corks Lane - This is now high on the Agenda and decision expected in the next couple of months.

- 07.16.05 **CASUAL VACANCY:** This is still to be filled.
- 07.16.06 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Invitation from James Buckle to visit his farm for a tractor and trailer tour. To be advertised in the newsletter, website and notice board.
- 07.16.07 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Comments were made regarding the appalling signage during the recent roadworks. A member of the VHMC thanked Jenny Antill for her donation from the Locality Budget.
- 07.16.08 **EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE:** The chairman reported that offers of help from residents have been received. Geoff Hinton is booked into a practical workshop. The process is ongoing.
- 07.16.09 **FINANCE:** Cheques were signed for Tree and Lawn Co £78.00 grasscutting 176/06. Elmsett & Aldham VHMC £600 donation toward cutting of the Rectory Meadow. The Parish Council agreed to donate 50% of the cost as the meadow is accessible to all residents, but to be reviewed on annual basis. Following the recommendation in the internal audit a suitable investment option is to be pursued.
- 07.16.10 **PLANNING: B/16/00795** – Poplar Hall, Whatfield Road - Remove conditions 3&4 to PP B/03/1395/FUL – to allow Charles Course or Hawker Restoration to be first occupier and Erection of Mezzanine Floor. With regard to condition 3 the parish council wondered why this needed to be removed, unless the hangar had not yet been occupied as it felt the condition had been complied with, it refers to the first occupation and not to subsequent occupants.

With regard to condition 4 no objection to the building of a mezzanine floor as shown hatched, on the application form. Any further enlargement of the mezzanine would presumably require further permission.

B/16/00779 – 1 Gate Farm Cottages – erection of two-storey side extension and erection of a detached cart lodge and alterations to existing

cottage. The parish council had no objections to the approval of the extension and erection of cart lodge, subject to adequate space being made on the site for builder's vehicles to be parked off the highway for the entire construction period. (This is not intended to prevent the off-loading of materials from HGV's that would clearly not be able to manoeuvre within the site and would only be parked for short periods).

07.16.11 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 5 September, 17 October.

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....
Chairman

Dated:-.....