

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7 September, 2015 at the Methodist Church Hall.

09.15.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr N Bird, Mr M Quinn, Mrs C Garrity, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr J Sones, County Councillor J Antill, District Councillor A Ferguson and the Clerk.

09.15.01 **APOLOGIES:** PCSO Amanda Coleman

09.15.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.

09.15.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 July were signed as an accurate record.

09.15.04 **4.1 POLICE REPORT:** PCSO Coleman did not attend the meeting but sent a report - **MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS.** Garrards Road, 10/08/15. Known person has made threats via text. Detected dealt with by way of a Community Resolution. **MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS.** Garrards Road, 22/08/15. Two previous friends have fallen out and been sending each other threatening and abusive text messages. Detected dealt with by way of an Harassment order to both parties. **DANGEROUS DOG CAUSING INJURY-** Whatfield Road, 12/08/15. Dog has attacked another dog and caused injury so bad that the dog had to be put down, this has caused the dog walker to fear for their own safety. On-going. **ARSON** - Buckles Wood, 30/08/15. Unknown person has set alight an area that was built for bugs. Finalised, no further lines of enquiries. **COMMON ASSAULT** - Hadleigh Road, 25/07/15. Two parties that don't get on have ended up being in the same area at the same time, there has been some verbal abuse and the glasses taken from the face of one of the parties. On-going.

**4.2 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:** CC Antill reported that a devolution bid had been made to government. This is a joint document in conjunction with District Councils and the PCC. **Education** – GCSE and A level results had increased slightly this year as well as SATS test results. Suffolk is now 118<sup>th</sup> out of 150. **You Can Leave Your Cap On** The Suffolk Waste Partnership has launched a campaign to encourage residents to recycle the aluminium screw tops from glass bottles such as wine, spirits and cooking ingredients, along with the glass bottles on which they came. **New vaccination programme launched to protect against meningitis** This month, SCC's Public Health team are welcoming the start of the new vaccination programme that will offer teenagers protection against meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning) caused by four meningococcal strains. GPs will be inviting all teenagers aged 17 and 18 (born between 01 September 1996 and 31 August 1997) for the vaccine. It's important that anyone who plans to go to university this

year gets vaccinated before they leave.

**Elmsett** Jenny has met with representatives from Elmsett Parish Council, Aldham Parish Council, Anglian Water, Keir, County Highways. This was a follow up meeting to the one held in August aimed at improving the situation with regard to signage etc. when roads need to be closed for water main repairs.

She is also aware of the correspondence with regards to various shortcomings in respect of the development at Church View.

**4.3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT:** DC Ferguson said that he had been shadowing the leader of the council for the Finance Portfolio which means he could become responsible for the Babergh Finance Portfolio. He also mentioned Babergh's involvement with the devolution bid but feels it will be some time before any action is taken. The Mid Suffolk and Babergh DC move is still being considered. **Planning** – Alan went on to say that planning and house building will become increasingly dominant. There is an undisputed need for additional housing of all sorts in Suffolk.

- 09.15.05 **CORRESPONDENCE: Church View** – the Chairman reported on the correspondence with the developers concerning the visibility splay, street lighting and boundary planting. Babergh's Enforcement Officer will be investigating and actioning. **Parish Website** - in answer to a question SALC has advised that information should be retained on the website for four years. **BDC – Gambling Act 2005 and Licencing Act 2003 – Local Policy Consultation** – There is an eight week consultation period and Comments should be made no later than Monday 19 October. **Airfield Liaison** – the Chairman has been invited to the next meeting to be held on 9 September. **Road Closure** – notification of a road closure – Offton Road for reconstruction of culvert arch from 21-25 September. The clerk reported that an application had been made to SALC for their payroll services. Councillors agreed in principle to this.
- 09.15.06 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No members of the public present
- 09.15.07 **ROAD CLOSURE SIGNAGE:** The chairman reported on a meeting held between CC Antill, Highways, Anglian Water and Aldham Parish Council to discuss the problems recently experienced when roads have been closed for emergency repairs. Anglian Water confirmed that works should be carried out at weekends if work is an emergency. It was also agreed that signs would be more helpful describing exactly where roads were closed and more conveniently located.
- 09.15.08 **EMERGENCY PLAN:** Nothing further has occurred, but two council members will be attending a workshop later in October regarding setting

up an Emergency Plan.

- 09.15.09 **FINANCE:** Cheques were signed in the sum of £78.00 grasscutting on 24/7 for Tree and Lawn Co Ltd. £38.50 Replacement Screen for laptop which was purchased on-line and repair carried out locally.. £24.00 for SALC – planning briefing sessions for two new councillors and £750 for Village Hall Management Committee as a contribution towards cutting the meadow.
  
- 09.15.10 **PLANNING:** B/15/00904/FUL - Coates Farm, Whatfield Road - Erection of 4 No Stables. The parish council had no objections to the granting of approval of the application subject to a visibility improvement at the access and that the use be personal to the applicant with no commercial use involved. In addition the parish council assumes that Environmental Health will approve the issue of disposal of waste  
B/15/00826/FHA - 3 Flowton Road, Erection of Porch – the parish council had no objections.  
B/15/01100 – The Old Post Office, Whatfield Road – Prune 1 Copper Beech tree by 20%. The council had no objections.  
Approval – permission has been granted to erection of single-storey lean-to side extension – Church of St Peter, Manor Road.
  
- 09.15.11 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 26 October, 7 December, and 18 January, 2016.

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....  
Chairman

Dated: .....