

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 11 May 2015 at the Methodist Church Hall.

05.15.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr Bird, Mr M Quinn, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton, Mr J Sones, County Councillor Antill, District Councillor Ferguson the Police, the Clerk and one member of the public attended the meeting.

05.15.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mrs Caron Garrity.

05.15.02 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Alan Newman was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

**Vice Chairman** – Nick Bird was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

**SALC representative** – Nick Bird/Alan Newman.

**Village Hall representative** – Mr John Sones agreed to feedback to the parish council on meetings.

The Chairman welcomed all the new councillors to the meeting and thanked District Councillor Ferguson for attending.

05.15.03 **DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** These were signed by all councillors attending the meeting.

05.15.04 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Mr Bird and Mr Newman declared an interest on planning application for Hall Farm, Elmsett – Erection of new grain store - and signed the interest book.

05.15.05 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 30 March and the Planning Meeting on 7 April were signed as accurate records.

05.15.06 1. **POLICE REPORT: PCSO** Julia Bignell attended the meeting and reported on a theft in Flowton Road of items, that were on hire from 'Speedy Hire', sometime between 13-27 April.

6.2 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:** Jenny reported that she was sorry to have missed the Annual Parish Meeting. Apart from a change of Leadership, which she tried to prevent, but narrowly failed, there is really no further news.

Elmsett. noted correspondence between your chairman and Mr Crapnell has complained about flooding. The matter is in fact one for Babergh, who own the land from which the water is coming. Babergh have been informed, but do not regard the matter as a high priority.

6.3 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT:** The Chairman reported that Robert Lindsay, District Councillor, had not been reelected at the recent round of elections, but wanted to thank him for his contribution to the meetings over the past year. Mr Feguson the newly elected councillor did attend the meeting to introduce himself.

05.15.07 **CORRESPONDENCE: SALC –** Councillor Briefing Sessions – Mr Sones, Mrs Hinton and Mr Hinton agreed that they would like to attend one of the training sessions. Clerk to arrange.

05.15.08 **BDC –** Town and Parish Council Liaison Meeting – 11 June. John Sones agreed to attend this meeting. Clerk to arrange.

**RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was a recess for public comments.

05.15.09 **EMERGENCY PLANNING:** Correspondence from Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit had been circulated to members of the parish council, together with a template to use to create an Emergency Plan. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the subject would remain on the agenda, with a view to producing an Emergency Plan/.

05.10.10 **FINANCE:** A cheque in the sum of £78.00 was signed for Tree and Lawn Co. for grasscutting on 11 March. A cheque for £320.00 SALC subs, £10 Methodist Church for Hire of Hall 11 May and a cheque for £180.84 for reimbursement of stationery – ink cartridges, accounts journal and a book to record interests.

**Defibrillator Safe** -The parish council was asked by the Primary School to consider purchasing a safe to house their defibrillator. The council had enquired as to whether the school would be happy for it to be located more centrally eg on the wall of the village hall or shop, to which they had no problem.

The issue was discussed and it was agreed in principle to fund the purchase of a safe. The village hall committee to be asked whether they would allow the defibrillator to be put on the wall of the hall.

New Signatories for bank account – it was agreed to add the 3 new councillors as signatories. The necessary form was signed and id will have to be taken to the bank to finalise.

05.15.11 **PLANNING:** Application No B/15/00369/FUL – Elmsett Hall Farm, Offton Road, Elmsett – erection of new grain store. The Chairman and Nick Bird, having signed the interest book, left the room. Mike Quinn too the chair and application was considered. The Parish Council had no objections to the application with the proviso that Babergh District Council consults with the local airfield.

05.15.10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING :** 15 June, 2015

The meeting closed

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