

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 23 May 2016 at the Methodist Church Hall.

- 05.16.00 **PRESENT:** Mr A Newman in the chair, Mr N Bird, Mrs M Hinton, Mr G Hinton and Mr J Sones, District Councillor Ferguson the Clerk and five members of the public.
- 05.16.01 **APOLOGIES:** Mr M Quinn and County Councillor J Antill
- 05.16.02 **Election of Chairman:** Alan Newman was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.
Election of Vice Chairman: Nick Bird was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.
Election of SALC Representative – Alan Newman/Nick Bird were elected as joint representatives
Election of Village Hall Rep – John Sones agreed to carry on in this role.
- 05.16.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** John Sones declared an interest on planning application B/16/00590 – Land north of Fir Tree Farm, Aldham retention of erection of stables and animal field shelter.
- 05.16.04 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 April were signed as an accurate record.
- 05.16.05 **5.1 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** (Jenny sent a report which was read at the meeting - **Devolution** This remains shrouded in mystery. I am going to a seminar on the subject this week.
- Ofsted Good or Outstanding Schools in Suffolk increase** The proportion of Suffolk schools rated as Good or Outstanding by Ofsted hit a new high of 80% in April 2016.
- Suffolk investigates setting up its own Multi Academy Trust (MAT)**
Since it seems that the Government is determined to force academisation on all schools by 2020.
- Extended weekend hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres** From Wednesday 1 June 2016, the opening hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be changing to offer site users extended hours on Sundays, Bank Holidays, and on a Thursday evening during the summer months, but all sites will be closed on a Wednesday.
- Community Transport** Newly reorganised community transport services will start on the **13th June 2016**. The area launch so local people can meet the service operator teams and find out more about how services will be provided in Babergh will be at Hadleigh Town Hall on Friday 27th May between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. I would be interested to hear from any

resident using the new service who is dissatisfied with it. There is now a councillor with special responsibility for this area and I will forward any complaints to her.

5.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: The process of staff reduction continues. Also The Chief Executive has resigned as she is moving on. One of the greatest challenges is achieving a balanced budget and for the first time in 4 years council tax has had to rise. The issue of two half empty buildings for Babergh and Mid Suffolk has yet to be resolved. Housing is emotive and challenging, but Babergh are building new council houses. Devolution has entered phase 2 in that Norfolk and Suffolk will now seek to conclude a deal on their own. Finally Alan concluded by saying that he had been appointed Portfolio Holder for Housing Delivery in Babergh.

- 05.16.06 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Notification from Police re next Police Forum 25 May at Hadleigh Town Hall. Geoff Hinton agreed to attend on the council's behalf.
- 05.16.07 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Members of the public attended to express their concerns over the provision of street lights at Church View. They felt that as the lamps had been installed they should be switched on.
- 05.16.08 **CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR:** The Chairman reported that the necessary advertisement had been posted and the time limit had expired. It was now the responsibility of the council to co-opt as soon as practicable.
- 05.16.09 **STREET LIGHTING CHURCH VIEW:** Having heard from the members of the public present the chairman outlined the situation. Before the development and during the planning stages the parish council had requested that there should be no lighting. The council had taken this decision based on comments from neighbouring residents concerned about light pollution. But, contrary to the planning permission the developer had erected street lamps and obviously the situation had changed. Parish Councillors therefore agreed that the lights should be switched on with some conditions – 1) The lights be switched on from dusk to 11pm. 2) There should be no cost to the parish council 3) Planning permission be sought and electrical safety assured.
- 05.16.10 **PUBLICITY OF DEFIBRILLATOR:** Chairman reported that he had spoken to the head teacher. He also explained that he had contacted First Responders about the possibility of organising some training by the Ambulance Service on the operation of the defibrillator. This was met favourably and we are waiting to hear what might be possible. It was therefore felt that this would be an opportunity to further publicise the availability of the defibrillator.

05.16.11 **FINANCE:** Cheques were signed for The Tree and Lawn Co for £156.00 for grass cutting on 1/4 and 26/4 2016. SALC £16.80 Payroll Services up to end of March 2016. SALC £334.71 for subs and copies of The Local Councillor. The clerk reported that the standing order for salary had been changed as we moved to PAYE. The clerk reported that the books would be submitted for internal audit for approval before the due date of 30 June.

05.16.12 **PLANNING:** Application No. B/16/00463 – Laurel Cottage, The Street, Listed Building Consent – internal alterations to form en-suite. The parish council felt that it had no role in internal alterations to the house.

Application No B/16/00590 Land north east of Fir Tree Farm, The Street, Aldham – (Having declared an interest John Sones signed the interest book and took no part in the discussion). Erection of stables and animal field shelter (retention of). The parish council had no objections to the continuation of use of the stables providing that provision was made for parking completely off the highway, possibly by setting the gate back.

Planning Permissions granted by Babergh DC - B/16/00344 – Rose and Crown, The Street, Elmsett –Erection of single storey side extension.

B/16/00220/FHA/AS – 4 Manor Road, Elmsett – Erection of cart lodge (following demolition of existing garage and summer house).

05.16.13 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 4 July, and 5 September.

The meeting closed

Signed:-.....
Chairman

Dated:-.....