

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE.

**Present:** Mr Wiley (Chairman), Rev Farrell, Mrs Cook, Mr Guylar, Mrs Parker and 1 member of the public.

**Public comment:** PCSO Pendergast advised there were 3 crimes reported between 4 September and 2 October; 1 theft of red diesel, 1 criminal damage to a caravan and 1 minor wound with intent for which an arrest has been made. Warnings on rogue traders were given. PCSO Pendergast will contact Phil Kemp to request that a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator attends PC meetings regularly.

Mrs Parker reported on the campaign to speed up broadband in the area and will draft an item for the next Diary to encourage residents to complete the online survey.

Mr Guylar asked if Councillors names can be included on the PC website. Mr Wiley will discuss with Mr Sieve.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Melvin and Mr George.

2. **To receive declarations of interest.** Mrs Parker declared a prejudicial interest in the payment to Woolpit Cricket Club as she is Treasurer and Mr Guylar declared a prejudicial interest in item 9. They both signed the interest book.

3 **To approve minutes of the meetings 6 September 2010.** The minutes were approved and signed.

#### 4. Clerk's Report

**Wooden fence Steeles Road** – MSDC has carried out repairs.

**One way Pump Area** – SCC will amend drawings and look into funding for the project. The Clerk will advise Gadd Brothers of the latest position so they are aware that work on the garden still is in abeyance.

**Insurance Claim, The Firs** – nothing to report.

**Old planning applications** – the Clerk will return to MSDC for shredding.

**Casual Vacancy** – the cut off date for electors to put forward candidates is 19 October with any election by 21 December.

**Hedge beside Heath Road cycle path** – the Clerk has contact SCC to cut back.

**Woolpit Primary School PC representative** – Rachel Gooch has agreed to be the representative and liaise with Mrs Parker.

5. **To receive correspondence/communications and deal with any matters. SALC** re SCC New Strategic Direction. The Clerk has responded that we would look at certain issues, have concerns regarding funding and lack staff and expertise. **SALC** re SCC trunk off network diversion routes. It was agreed as other villages were more affected we would not put forward a representative. **MSDC** requesting further information regarding the building erected at Clear View, Bury Road. **MSDC** information regarding the planned merger with Babergh DC. **MSDC** details for the Monitoring Service. **Mr Howard** response to casual vacancy and thanking cllrs for their support and understanding during his time as a councillor. **SCC** preparations for the coming winter. **Bank of Ireland** proposed transfer of banking to UK subsidiary. This will affect fund protection and therefore the Clerk will transfer £20,000 to the Community Account. **MSDC** estimated charges for 2011 elections. **The following item was passed to Cllrs for circulation:** Being a Good Employer Guide for Parish & Town Councils.

#### 6 Planning – to consider current applications and receive MSDC decisions.

**2862/10** Erection of steel framed agricultural grainstore. Proposed building at Clopton Green Farm, Clopton Green Rattlesden – support.

**2335/10** Work on tressT1 sycamore and T2 willow fell to ground level. Larkrise, Rags Lane. MSDC do not wish to object.

**1650/05** Proposed gypsy site for 18 families with 2 caravans per pitch, including retention of 12 day rooms and hard standing. Two Oaks, Norton Road, Elmswell. MSDC decision – permission granted.

**7. To approve accounts for payment.**

Mr K Harknett £57.46 September litter picking; Suffolk County Council £135.07 September pension payment; SPL Print £180.00 October/November Diary; HM Revenue & Customs £8.04 tax and N/I payment; Mrs P Fuller £51.60 expenses July to September; BDO LLP £334.88 audit of accounts to 31 March 2010; Woolpit Cricket Club £441.09 annual grass maintenance; MSDC £43.18 litter bin for playing field and Mr K Weston £60.00 refurbishment of war memorial. All accounts were approved and cheques issued.

**8. To approve the annual return for accounts to 31 March 2010 following receipt of the audit opinion from BDO LLP.**

The audited accounts were approved and accepted.

Mr Guyler left the meeting at 8.48 p.m.

**9. To discuss a request from Woolpit Action Group for a donation to their fighting fund and take any necessary action.**

Due to the tragic death of James Clarke an agreement has been reached with the Clarke family and representatives to cease rendering at Rookery Farm from March 2011, WAG has now changed their request. They have raised a large amount from residents and would like to reimburse them in full. The group feel it would be appropriate if Woolpit PC along with other parishes picked up the expenses incurred for work carried out by their barrister. After discussion it was agreed that WPC feel it is inappropriate to commit public funds towards this as electors in Woolpit have made a considerable contribution over the years to Rookery Farm issues. Also those residents who wished to make a contribution will have done so to the letter of request from WAG delivered to households.

Mr Guyler rejoined the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

**10. To receive quotes for the replacement electricity box on the pump garden and take any necessary action.**

Only one quote has been received. 2 further quotes will be obtained to allow a decision to be made at the November meeting.

**11. To consider the costings list received from Suffolk County Council for remedial work on G39 conflict street light units and take any necessary action.**

The list totals £14,798.76. It was agreed to wait for the meeting with Jane Storey.

**12. To receive an update on the Parish Council room in Woolpit Institute.**

The Institute Committee has agreed our terms set out in our letter 13 July. The Clerk will contact BT regarding a telephone point. Expenditure to equip and furnish the office will be agreed at the November meeting.

**13. To receive an update on Steeles Road redevelopment.**

Nothing to report.

**14. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.**

There has been a lot of glass recently; also household waste is being put in bins. The new bin has been installed in the playing field.

**15. Rookery Farm, Drinkstone – update on current issues.**

There were 88 complaints in August.

**16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1 November 2010. Noted.**

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....

