

**MINUTES OF THE WOOLPITPARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
19 JULY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE.**

**Present:** Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mr Guyler, Mrs Cook, Mr Lomax, Mrs Parker, Rev Farrell and 2 members of the public.

**Public comment:** County Cllr Storey advised that due to Government cuts, SCC will have to find extra savings of £6.4m during the current year 2010/11 and requested the Parish Council to put forward any suggestions where savings can be made. Mr Guyler advised that some of the recent road surface dressing had been unnecessary. Plans for a New Strategic Direction are progressing. The administration is committed to ensuring the School Reorganisation will go ahead. The consultation in this area has been put on hold until the Comprehensive Spending Review gives a better idea as to the money available. Cllr Storey has been contacted by the school and the Health Centre regarding parking problems at both sites and will look into how SCC can help in alleviating this issue.

P.C. Swain advised there have been 8 crimes reported between 21 June and 17 July including theft of metal, theft of a purse and mobile phone, damage to litter bin in the Millennium Garden and damage caused to the play area. The problems of youth issues, vandalism and lorries using Steeles Road were discussed.

Mrs Parker advised that the village map on Elmswell Road had fallen down. This is with Mr Guyler for reaffixing.

It was noted that the bus stop near to the garage is temporary during the redevelopment of Steeles Road.

The fence in Steeles Road and the flint wall in The Street still have not been repaired. The Clerk will contact Chris Fry, MSDC.

*Action: the Clerk*

Rev Farrell advised that an almshouse in Elmswell would shortly be available and someone with Woolpit connections would have first refusal.

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

2. **To receive declarations of interest.** Mrs Parker declared a prejudicial interest in item 8 and signed the interest book.

3 **To approve minutes of the meetings 21 June 2010.**

Folio 382 item 16 was amended to read date of the next meeting Monday 19 July. With this amendment, the minutes were approved and signed.

#### 4. **Clerk's Report**

**G39 street lighting issues** – Nigel Panting has advised that he will only meet to discuss specific units on site to see what work needs to be carried out within current policies. It was agreed that John Guyler and the Clerk would attend so that we are aware of the costs involved for each unit.

*Action: the Clerk*

**Bridge pillar, Drinkstone Road** – would appear to have been repaired.

**HGV Sign opposite Wrights Way** – SCC will arrange to cut hedge around the sign. The Clerk will contact Mr Prior to request that the hedge beside the footway is cut back as it is obstructing pedestrians.

*Action: the Clerk*

**Pump area one way reinforcement** – SCC has a drawing for Cllrs to consider however there is currently concern over funding for all projects at the moment.

**Suffolk Wildlife Trust** – has advised it is building a centre in Bradfield Woods and is holding a series of talks. The website details will be published in The Diary.

5. **To receive correspondence/communications and deal with any matters.**

**SCC changes to bus services late summer 2010.** Mrs Ward, Woolpit Tennis Club has witnessed the bottle bank lorry using the car park when emptying the bottle banks. David Ruffley has written to EDF regarding G39 issues. **Hastoe East Housing Association** advising that a shared ownership house in Hailes Meadow,

Haughley has become available if any Woolpit residents are interested. **MSDC** skin piercing etc byelaws 2010 for deposit. **Stowmarket Town Council** information of projects in Stowmarket. **SCC** copy of email to Mrs O'Connell, Headteacher Woolpit CPS regarding parent parking will be copied to Cllr Storey. **MSDC** possible integration of MSDC with Babergh DC. recycling of small electricals information. **Falcon Promotions** information on charity event 19 September. **Stowmarket TC** Stowmarket music day poster, **MSDC** countryside activities and Thornham Walks August, A day of Play and greentales on tour posters. **The following items were passed to Cllrs for circulation:** Suffolk ACRE update summer 2010; 2011 Census: Councillor Handbook; SCC Pension Fund information; Clerk's and Councils Direct July 2010; Suffolk ACRE AGM minutes 29 September 2009 + Director's report and financial statements for year ended 31 March 2010. **Product information** Wickstead Leisure, Glasdon UK

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

There were none.

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

Mr K Harknett £50.70 litter picking June; Suffolk County Council £135.07 pension payment June; Mrs P Fuller £69.46 expenses April – June; Gadd Brothers trees and landscapes £320.00 Millennium Garden maintenance May & June. All payments were unanimously approved and cheques issued.

#### **8. To consider the purchase of a replacement wreath for Remembrance Day and take any necessary action.**

It was unanimously agreed to purchase a new wreath at a cost of £16.50 and a cheque was raised.

#### **9. To consider the purchase of a further litter bin for the playing field close to the car park and take any necessary action.**

A trimline 25 litre black wall mounted bin will be purchased to match current bin and will be mounted back to back on the fence. *Action: the Clerk*

#### **10. To discuss a request to cut the hedge of the playing field adjacent to the road lower to the fence level and take any necessary action.**

The Playing Field Committee has asked Gadd Brothers to carry out the work. They have advised that they cannot do the work within the cost of the annual trim which is paid for by WPC. Cllrs unanimously agreed to the extra cost as a one off this time. This should help with the vandalism of play equipment as the area will be much more visible. The trees need to remain. *Action: the Clerk*

#### **11. To receive an update on Steeles Road redevelopment.**

Some of the first phase properties are now occupied.

#### **12. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.**

There has been a problem with broken glass recently.

#### **13. To receive a report from the footpath warden.**

Mr Eburne is going on holiday but will provide a report for the September meeting.

#### **14. Rookery Farm, Drinkstone – update on current issues.**

MSDC will be contacting the four parishes for a meeting prior to the appeal hearings in September.

#### **15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 6 September 2010**

Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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

