

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
2 DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE

Present: Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mr Guyler, Mr Jones, Mr Smith, Mr Hardiman, Mrs Parker, Mr Melvin, Mr Lomax, County Cllr Storey, Suffolk Police and Crime Commission Tim Passmore and PCSO Pendergast.

Public comment – PCSO Pendergast advised that there were 2 crimes recorded between 2 November and 2 December including criminal damage to a car in Roman Fields where all 4 tyres were slashed. 48 events calls were received during the same period including 21 related to calls on A14 Woolpit area, 4 concern for welfare of people, 1 crime related and 3 for road traffic collisions. Sgt Pederick has taken over as the Sergeant at Elmswell Police Station. Malcolm McKessar has been appointed as Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer and is contacting all NW Co-ordinators. County Cllr Storey advised that the Cabinet will be meeting 3 December. The main item the Cabinet is asked to endorse the position of SCC as a signatory and lead partner in the Greater Ipswich City Deal aimed at transforming skills, young people's employment services and business growth and support across Suffolk and Norfolk. The second main item is to approve a three year investment plan to achieve accelerated and sustainable growth in apprenticeship numbers. Part of the Cabinet meeting is again given over to a report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee. Later in the month the education scrutiny Committee will look at the recent Ofsted findings and also the education Other than at School Service. There is a full council meeting 19 December.

District Cllr Melvin has had a meeting with MSDC Chief Executive on outstanding issues in Woolpit and hopes that we will see some movement.

Mrs Parker advised that the hedge in Mill Lane at the back of properties in Cow Fair needs to be cut urgently. The Clerk will contact Orbit Housing

Mr Guyler attended the Parish Liaison meeting and the grant that MSDC gets from Government is heavily dependent on the New Homes Bonus.

Mr Hardiman advised that the streetlight by the school has been out since August. SCC has advised that it has been referred to UKPN as there is a problem with the cable/isolator.

To have discussions with the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore on policing issues in the village.

Firstly the Parish Council praised PC Brown and PCSO Pendergast for the work they do within the parish. Full and frank discussion took place about speeding enforcement, anti-social behaviour, serious sexual offences and domestic violence - what is to be done to achieve improvements. Suffolk Constabulary is looking to increase the number of front line officers, PCSOs and specials. Our concerns regarding Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Police Direct were acknowledged and steps are being introduced to improve communication from these areas of policing. Mr Passmore is meeting with the Highways Agency regarding lack of investment in the A14.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs Cook.

2. **To receive declarations of interest.** Mrs Parker declared a prejudicial interest in item 12 and duly signed the interest book.

3. **To approve minutes of the meetings 4 November 2013.** The minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Clerk's Report**

World War I commemoration – Hessett PC has been in contact and they are to discuss at their next meeting and keep us informed. It may be that we can have a combined commemoration with other villages.

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Old allotment site – the tree causing concern should have been dealt with by the landowner.

Village Christmas tree – as one set were damaged last year a replacement set is needed. Andrew Brain will sort.

Car Park – MSDC will arrange repair/replacement of the rotten bump boards.

Telephone kiosks – MSDC has confirmed that both are listed.

Flint wall – MSDC has been assessed for repair and a quote requested.

Dog & litter bins – MSDC is increasing services charges to £20 per litter bin and £25 per dog bin for 2014/15.

Land by cycle path – cars are parking on the grass area beside the cycle path cutting up the surface and putting mud on the path which makes it slippery. SCC will be informed.

Action: the Clerk

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

SCC Extinguishment Order 2013 for parts of Footpath 4 has been confirmed. **West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group** information. **Woolpit Playing Field Committee** thanks for grants for bark in the children's play area and hedge work. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** new digest 5,11,18,25 November and 2 December, Annual Meeting 18 November, Rural Opportunities bulletin, Rural Vulnerability Service transport and Broadband November and seminar programme. **MSDC** Under One Roof November, Christmas waste and recycling collections, Taxbase and Precepts 2014/15 and Parish Council workshops – precept. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 14 & 27 November. **SCC** temporary closure of Steeles Road 12 December, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014-2017. **Suffolk Constabulary** agricultural machinery marking day 8 November cancelled. **SALC** LAISU2D 7 November, LAIS1361 precepts, SCC Home Care and Community Meals consultation, NALC LGN86 The disclosure and barring service, Suffolk Preservation society changes and Mid Suffolk South Area Meeting 5 December. **NALC** Council Tax Benefit Support Grant. **Suffolk Sport** inter village rounders 2014 and Great run - Local. **Elmswell Library Friends** introduction to local pcs and fundraising efforts. Business information from Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd and CGM Landscapes.

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

3142/13 Erection of two storey rear extension. Rose Cottage, The Street – support as per discussions at the meeting 4 November.

2228/13 Demolition of 66-80 Steeles Road and erection of 25 affordable houses including associated external works and alteration to highway. Land at Steeles Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

2754/13 Change of approved use of existing café use (Class A3) to office use (Class B1) and alterations to vehicle parking and turning area. Woolpit Café, Old A45. MSDC decision – permission granted.

3013/13 Single storey side extension following demolition of shed. 29 Steeles Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

1884/13 Proposed 3no. dwellings and 1no. new access (following demolition of store building) Land adjacent to Brookfields, Heath Road going before MSDC Planning Committee 11 December.

An enforcement order has been served regarding the house in Woolpit Wood.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

Equity pc £108.00 edit Woolpit Diary December/January; Woolpit Institute £708.00 hire of room for meetings 2011-2013; Anglian Water £28.57 allotments 8/8/13-

12/11/13; SLCC £149.00 membership renewal 2014; Mr K Harknett £39.20 litter picking November; Suffolk County Council £194.12 December pension payment and W Jarvis Tree Services £222.00 tree work near car park light. All accounts were approved and cheques issued.

8. To consider the condition of the Pump Garden chains and take any necessary action.

The chains are falling apart and Mr G Baker, Quality Equipment will be asked to quote to replace like for like. *Action: the Clerk*

9. To consider a response to the consultation on Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation and take any necessary action.

Cllrs are happy with the designation as it follows the parish boundary.

10. To receive a report on the allotments and take any necessary action.

Josh Roper will be contacted to quote to move the fence in to plot 23 before volunteers can clear the outside area. *Action: the Clerk*

11. To receive an update on the Steeles Road redevelopment and take any necessary action.

Drawings have been submitted for the green area near to the bungalows. MSDC Planning Officer has asked for our opinion and recollection of meetings in 2008. Cllr Guyler’s recollection is that the central area would be fenced and gated so as to be accessible to those nearby but to hinder the use of skateboards etc. Having reviewed the plans Cllrs feel that the paths through the green area should be the other way, fruit trees should be planted rather than conifers and any shrubs should be low and slow growing, the path should be asphalt rather than tegula blocks as these can become slippery in winter and are not user friendly for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Overall the scheme needs to be kept simple but neat and tidy for residents to sit in.

Action: the Clerk

12. To discuss the redevelopment of the unity housing in Steeles Road and take any necessary action. Nothing to report.

13. To receive a report from the Litter Picker. Nothing to report.

14. To receive a report from the Footpath Warden. Roger Eburne has resigned as Tree and Footpath warden. A letter of thanks will be sent for all his work over several years. *Action: the Clerk*

15. To receive a report from the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee representative. There is a meeting next week.

16. Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting – Monday 6 January 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.28 p.m.

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