

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

Present: Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mr Guyler, Mrs Cook, Mr Hardiman, Mrs Parker and Mr Lomax.

Public comment – The Clerk read the report from County Cllr Storey. The three main agenda items for the Cabinet meeting 5 November are SCC response to the consultation on the gas fired power station proposed at eye Airfield which SCC is supporting in principal subject to assurances that the environment of Suffolk will be adequately protected, the Quarterly Budget monitoring report and the proposal to approve a budget of up to £1.6m to develop Chilton Woods on the outskirts of Sudbury. Part of the Cabinet meeting is given over to a report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee which has looked at the budget overall. A further meeting will look at individual Directorates.

The Clerk read the Police report. 2 crimes were recorded between 7 October and 1 November; theft of a mobile phone from an insecure car and theft of farm machinery parts from a field in Warren Lane. There were 20 calls to the Police during this period of which 6 relate to A14 incidents. There were no calls received on Halloween in the Woolpit area.

Mrs Cook advised that large flints are coming out of the wall in the Street. The Clerk will contact MSDC to take remedial action.

A tree in the old allotment site is at a 45 degree angle. The Clerk will contact the land owner.

Concerns were expressed regarding the report in EADT that MSDC and Babergh headquarters are to be amalgamated.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Melvin, Mr Jones and Mr Smith.
2. **To receive declarations of interest.** Mrs Parker a prejudicial interest in item 15 unity housing, Mr Guyler declared an interest in application 3013/13 29 Steeles Road and Mr Wiley declared an interest in the email for the proposed planning application for Rose Cottage, The Street. All signed the interest book.
3. **To approve minutes of the meetings 7 October 2013.** The minutes were approved and signed

4. **Clerk's Report**

Police Commissioner – Tim Passmore is attending our meeting 2 December to discuss policing concerns.

Healthwatch Suffolk – information that if we become a member we get a quarterly newsletter. Cllrs did not feel it was necessary.

Community Speedwatch – a complaint has been received that Beyton are able to use their equipment in areas not approved in Woolpit. The Clerk has requested investigation by the Police.

south&heartofsuffolk.org – has agreed to add a link to our website.

Parish Liaison Meeting 27 November - Mr Guyler will attend.

Local Council Tax reduction scheme workshop 12 November – Cllrs are unable to attend but this is to be covered at the Parish Liaison meeting.

WW1 commemorations - The RBL branch at Drinkstone is no longer active. Haughley & Stowmarket are our nearest branches. Mrs Parker has seen some details about commemorations recently and will look at these before we take the matter further.

Telephone boxes – the Clerk has found the minute folio in 1991 regarding the listing of the telephone kiosk by the church. And will contact MSDC to see why it is not on their records.

Woolpit Institute – a telephone call has been received from the new treasurer of Woolpit Institute Committee advising that the books are out of order and will take
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some time to get back into a good format and up to date. The Clerk has been asked to check WPC records for when rooms have been hired for meetings and to raise a cheque to cover the period.

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

Community Action Suffolk local launch events November. **SALC** subscription rates for 2013/14. **SALC** invitation to AGM 12 November. **MSDC** textile collection scheme update. **BT** paperless bills. **The following items were circulated to Cllrs:** Clerks & Councils Direct November. SALC AGM documentation and annual report 2012/13, LAIS1358 scrap metal dealers LAIS 1359 Sustainable Communities Act and LAIS1360 Standing Orders, forthcoming courses, Gypsy & Travellers short stay provision across Suffolk and Council Tax support funding survey. SCC Trading Standards alert doorstep traders. Suffolk Constabulary agricultural machinery marking session 7 & 8 November. Healthwatch Suffolk information. Community Action Suffolk enewsletter 9 October and funding newsletter 10 October. Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities bulletin 9 October, Rural Vulnerability Service Broadband and fuel poverty October, news digest 14, 21 & 28 October. MSDC Community Support and Funding workshops 2013, Local Council Tax Reduction scheme for Town and Parish Councils 2014/15, Town & Parish Council newsletter October. Fit Villages play bowls roadshow and November roundup. Dogs Trust micro chipping campaign.

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

2754/13 Proposed change of use of existing building for café use (use class A3) to office use (use class B1) and alterations to vehicle parking and turning area. Woolpit Café, Old A45 - support.

Mr Guyler left the meeting at 8.04 p.m.

3013/13 Single storey side extension following demolition of shed. 29 Steeles Road – support.

Mr Guyler rejoined the meeting at 8.06 p.m.

3032/13 Fell oak tree. Churchgate House, The Street – support.

Mr Wiley left the meeting at 8.07 p.m.

Drawings sent to MSDC for a planning application for Rose Cottage, The Street have been received from the agent. Cllrs agreed to consider these in anticipation of receipt of a request from MSDC. After perusal of the plans, Cllrs agreed to support the proposal on receipt of paperwork from MSDC providing there are no alterations to the drawings.

Mr Wiley rejoined the meeting at 8.11 p.m.

2679/13 Erection of porch extension. 7 Cornmill Green. MSDC decision – permission granted.

2614/13 Erection of two storey extension with accommodation in roofspace incorporating a dormer window over existing garage. Copperfield House, Old Stowmarket Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

Councillors were given an update on enforcement issues at Costcutter, the house in the woods and Lawn Farm.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

The payment of £1126.71 to Suffolk ACRE Services for insurance premium 2013/14 was ratified. Equity pc £108.00 edit Woolpit Diary October/November; Woolpit Playing Field Committee £225.00 grant for hedge/tree work 2013; D E Rooney £104.00 allotment tap repairs and non-return valves; Mr K Harknett £42.00 October litter picking; Suffolk County Council £207.57 November pension payment; Suffolk County Council £58.00 street light unit 23 The Green and Mid Suffolk District

Council £20.00 small lotteries license renewal 2014. All accounts were approved and cheques issued.

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8. To consider the response from Woolpit Recreation Ground Committee to our letter regarding the Children's Play area and take any necessary action.

The Committee has advised the mitigating factors of why they had to replace the bark before receiving a response from WPC to their grant request. This was due to complaints and the ROSPA inspection. Having considered these factors it was agreed to make a grant of £500.00 towards the new bark for what is a valued amenity in the parish.

Action: the Clerk.

9. To consider a grant to Woolpit Recreation Ground Committee for hedge and tree work to the recreation ground for 2014-2016 inclusive and take any necessary action.

It was proposed, seconded and carried to make a grant of £300.00 per annum on receipt of a copy of the invoice from the contractor.

Action: the Clerk

10. To discuss a suitable date for Community Action Suffolk to talk to Councillors on the Good Neighbour Scheme.

It was agreed that the APM 7 April 2014 would be the most suitable and representatives of appropriate local groups can be invited to attend.

Action: the Clerk

11. To consider issues at the car park and take any necessary action.

Cllrs visited the site and agreed that the trees need to be cut back around the light. Woolpit Playing Field Committee has been advised that WPC will take and fund this action. Litter is better at the moment and one youth has been issued with a fine under Section 59 for inconsiderate driving. Some of the bump boards are broken and the Clerk will contact MSDC for repair/replacement.

Action: the Clerk

12. To review the amount spent on the village Christmas tree and take any necessary action.

It was agreed to increase the budget to £150.00

Action: the Clerk

13. To receive a report on the allotments including any rent increase for the farmed area and take any necessary action.

Mrs Parker and Mr Smith have met to look at moving the fence to make plot 23 the last allotment. The land outside the fence will need some work to remove weed trees and old sheds for which volunteers will be required. R & P Baker will be asked to quote for moving the fence and mowing the area and keeping it clear for one year after which it will be reviewed. It was agreed to increase the farmed allotment rent for 2013/14 by the same amount as individual plots. There are still a number of renewals to be confirmed but it is known that one plot will be available from January 2014. The Clerk will chase all outstanding rents. As the waiting list is now short, an advert will be placed in the next Diary advising of this.

Action: the Clerk

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

MSDC is aware that trees are only 2 metres from the properties facing Green Road and the properties have been built to plan. The contractor is on target to finish building in December. There are problems regarding the back kerb edge between the path and the properties.

Mrs Parker left the meeting at 9.04 p.m.

15. To discuss the redevelopment of the unity housing in Steeles Road and take any necessary action.

A generic letter sent out to all tenants of unity housing in various parishes has caused concern. MSDC has confirmed that none of the properties in Woolpit have been designated for repair rather than demolition. MSDC Planning Committee has approved the plans for Tranche 1 and work will commence in February 2014.

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Mrs Parker rejoined the meeting at 9.07 p.m.

16. To receive an update on the Community Speedwatch Scheme and take any necessary action.

Jonathan Blomfield has taken over as co-ordinator from Debbie Brown.

17. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.

Nothing to report.

18. To receive a report from the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee representative.

Nothing to report.

19. Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting – Monday 2 December 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute.

Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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