

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
3 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE.

Present: Mr Guyler (Chairman), Mr Lomax, Mrs Cook, Mr Hardiman, Mrs Parker, Mr Wheatley, Mr Howard and 5 members of the public.

Public comment: Mr Wheatley advised that Trevor and Val Howling are retiring from The Bull after 25 years.

Mrs Cook requested further bollards along the Street from the Bull to the entrance to Meadows field as cars are regularly mounting the pavement. This will be referred to SCC. *Action: the Clerk*

Mr Guyler advised that the trees in Meadowlands needs trimming. This will be referred to MSDC. *Action: the Clerk*

Mr Hardiman reported that the metal covering of cables on a telegraph pole in Steeles Road has been removed, The Clerk will report to BT. *Action: the Clerk*

Mr Howard asked if SCC were going to reinstate the 30 mph markings on the road surface in The Street. Further road surfacing and associated work is to take place 12-14 October.

District Cllr Storey advised that a motion to move the headquarters of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk to Endeavour House in Ipswich was passed by 26 votes to 12. A staff consultation will now occur and detailed proposals for setting up satellite offices (hub and spoke) in both districts and for disposal of the existing offices in Needham Market will begin. Devolution continues to be a topic for debate and there is due to be a council meeting to discuss the latest proposals on 17 November. The Local Government Boundary Commission will be carrying out an electoral review of MSDC. The aim will be to recommend ward boundaries which give each councillor roughly the same number of electors. MSDC reported on the first quarter of this financial year with an overspend of £51,000. The main areas of variance were an underspend in staffing and overspends in IT and charges relating to the waste freighters. MSDC has purchased Needham Market Middle School site for redevelopment into housing. It is hoped that this will include a significant amount of affordable housing.

County Cllr Storey advised proposals were put to the Cabinet meeting last month for a change to how changes to speed limits are funded. The recommendation that was passed at the meeting on 13 September were for requests for new speed limits or changes to speed limits are to be passed to the local county councillor, and, if they are supportive, then all costs of developing the changes, including preparations for the Speed Limit Panel, would be funded from the councillors Local Highways Budget. The forecast outturn for the year to 31st March 2017 is £6.9m higher than the approved budget, 1.4% of the net budget. There is also a forecast overspend of £3.1m against the budgets which are funded from the Dedicated Schools grant. Trading Standards are currently considering an option of a joint service with Norfolk County Council.

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

2. **To receive declarations of interest.**

Mrs Parker declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at Melbury, Green Road as a near neighbour.

3. **To approve minutes of the meetings 5 September 2016.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Clerk's Report**

Abbotts Meadow – SCC has inspected the sinking pavements and raised a job order to rectify the defect.

Street Sweeper – interviews are to take place this week.

Woolpit Diary – there has been an issue with the October/November issue which has gone to the printers today.

Fly tipping – has taken place at the bottle bank area and been reported to MSDC.

Mill Close – a resident reported a tree near to property which needs trimming. This has been reported to SCC who has inspected and advised that no work is necessary at this time but will continue to monitor.

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

A resident has requested new lorry prohibition signs at either end of Broomhill Lane as several HGVs have recently tried to access the lane. This will be passed to SCC.

The gardener has asked for the dead tree and lower branches of cherry trees to be removed in the Millennium Garden. Quotes will be sought. *Action: the Clerk*

The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: **SALC** Men's Shed project, LAIS1392 Neighbourhood Planning, LAIS1393 Precept Consultation, Local Council Awards Scheme briefings, AGM invitation, Adapted sport and wellbeing event. **SCC** Suffolk Pension fund Annual Employers meeting 7 October, temporary closure The Street 12-14 October, Employers newsletter September. **MSDC** Town & Parish Council newsletter September. **Rural Services Network** news digest 5, 19, 26 September, 3 October, Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband and fuel poverty September, spotlight on older people, Rural Economy spotlight, free seminar – Rural Economies. **Community Action Suffolk** news 7 & 21 September, invitation to CAS Annual Awards event, courses October & November. **Public Sector Executive** news 8, 19, 22 & 26 September. **Suffolk Police** PCC & CC Public meeting 20 September, PCSO recruitment. **UK Power Networks** 105 national number. Resident reporting damage caused by lorry The Street. 1 copy correspondence regarding Rags Lane development.

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

3433/16 Erection of two storey and single storey side extension, Brookshill, Broomhill Lane – support.

3570/16 Retention of existing close boarded fence. Erection of amended fence line at 1.58 m high (following partial removal of existing fence), Eastview, Mill Lane – support.

3931/16 Outline permission sought for the erection of 1 detached dwelling, Melbury, Green Road – object, any dwelling on the indicated site would necessitate the removal of trees, shrubs and hedgerows to the detriment of this wooded area which is an open aspect coming from the main area of the village, need further details of where a dwelling would be sited within the defined marked area, outside the current settlement boundary.

0611/16 External & internal alterations as specified in Design, Access and Heritage Statement (retention of). Lawn Farm, Warren Lane. MSDC decision - Listed Building consent granted.

2524/16 Erection of a 1.8m fence, Emu Cottage, Mill Lane. MSDC decision – permission granted.

3490/16 Prior approval of Proposed Change of Use of agricultural building to dwelling house (use Class C3), Barn at Grassy Lane Farm, Warren Lane. MSDC decision – prior approval granted.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

Mr K Harknett £57.60 litter picking September, Laura Bayly £60.00 Millennium Garden maintenance September, Business Services at CAS Ltd £974.60 insurance premium 1/10/16-30/9/17, Mrs P Fuller £164.60 salary for work re Neighbourhood Plan + expenses July-September, HM Revenue & Customs £407.44 Tax & N/I July-September, Suffolk County Council £232.02 pension payment September. The following items were paid by standing order Mrs O Johnson £192.00 September salary, Mrs P Fuller £683.94 September salary.

8. To consider a community energy project for Woolpit and take any necessary action.

Woolpit Parish Council fully supports the production of a study to investigate the feasibility of a community energy project. The Council will support the subsequent installation of a suitable scheme if the study shows a benefit to the village and funding can be procured.

9. To receive a report on the meeting with Hopkins Homes regarding development of Street Farm.

Hopkins Homes asked to meet with Cllrs to advise what they are proposing which is likely to include 450 properties, a commercial area, small retail area, school area and a link road to the A14. Hopkins Homes are in the very early stages of their plans and will come back to the Parish Council with further details at a later date and are not planning a public exhibition at the moment.

10. To consider a response to the SALC survey on public service delivery in Suffolk and take any necessary action.

Mrs Cook, Mr Wheatley and the Clerk will complete.

Action: the Clerk

11. To consider a response to the precept 2017/18 referendum consultation and take any necessary action.

As this affects councils with a precept of over £500,000, Cllrs do not wish to respond.

12. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The enthusiastic group continues to gather and evaluate evidence for the plan. 220 responses to the pop-up events have highlighted concerns regarding traffic, housing and footpaths/cycle routes. The historic content of the village is currently being looked at. A public exhibition of the work so far and where the group are at will take place on 12 November.

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

Tenancy renewals are due 1 November at the increased cost of £8 per half plot £16 full plot. The tenants who received letters regarding untidy plots have taken action in most cases.

14. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.

There has been glass around the hut and cigarette stubs in the car park. Mr Hardiman will talk to Costcutter about their current litter picking arrangements.

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

The Village Hall website has been hacked and the committee are trying to get a new one up and running. The new committee are keen and enthusiastic. The next meeting is 14 November.

16. Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting – Monday 7 November 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute. Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.51 p.m.

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