

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Parish Room**

1. **Present from the Council:** Peter Chaloner [Chairman] Roger Blyth; Philip Hope-Cobbold; Ceri Larman; Kate Burt; Claire Peck; Pat Trinder [Clerk]
2. **Present from the Public:** Frank Hilder; Claire Young; Stephen Bayfield; Stephen Burroughes [County Cllr.]
3. **Apologies for Absence:** Carol Poulter [District Councillor] Tony Eaves;
4. **Declaration of Interest:** None declared.
5. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were unanimously adopted and signed as a correct record. *[Proposed by the Chairman; Seconded by Cllr. Ceri Larman]*
6. **Matters Arising from the 13<sup>th</sup> February Council meeting:**
  - a. **[i] Community Area Update:** Philip commented on the loose wiring left exposed on the new stiles, which were a safety hazard for anyone trying to climb over. Kate also thought this was a potential danger to the public and agreed to ask Kiwi Services to rectify the problem. *[Noted: Clerk to be advised of any additional charges]* Philip also reported that a post on the older existing stile needed replacing and he had found a considerable amount of plastic/rubber debris left on the grass, which he surmised was as a result of dogs chewing balls or toys. **[A.P. Kate; Clerk]**  
**[ii] Improvements to community area play facilities:** The Chairman reluctantly thought that this initiative had stalled and in his view it was important for someone to spearhead the project, to move matters forward with continued momentum. Councillors acknowledged that Tony had done a tremendous amount of work to date, but his present work commitments often prevented him from attending meetings. In principle, councillors did not wish to abandon the project and it was hoped that progress could be made at the next meeting. In the meantime, the clerk agreed to contact Tony to discuss the matter. **[A.P. Clerk]**  
With regard to the associated car parking provision, it was noted that there had been no news about the proposed site meeting with the Planning Officer, which was disappointing. *[Clerk to contact Carol Poulter]***[A.P. Clerk]**
  - b. **Maintenance of highways/pavements/footpaths:** The Chairman referred to the Council's request for work to be done to clear overgrown footpaths in the parish, which was still outstanding and Stephen Burroughes agreed to chase the matter up again. Referring to the Council's previous discussions with Highways regarding possible measures to reduce traffic speed through the village, Stephen pointed out that the County Council's 'schedule of work' operated on a 3-year basis and therefore any projects that LGPC wished to take forward must be submitted for consideration at the earliest opportunity. There was a lengthy discussion on traffic activated signs, which would require volunteers to change and recharge batteries and Stephen commented again on existing shared speed reduction signs locally. Frank Hilder referred to the community speed watch initiative, which he thought was an effective way to reduce traffic speed through villages. The Chairman thought this might be a viable option, although two or three teams of 3 people each, would be required to work in conjunction with councillors, to operate the scheme. Stephen offered to fund the necessary equipment and after further debate, it was agreed to put a piece in the next edition of the Ebb and Flow, seeking volunteers.**[A.P. Clerk]**  
*Church Road Corner: Existing 'Children at play' sign obscured by overgrown hedge at No. 4 Streetfield: : Proposed action to get hedge cut back not yet done. Clerk to pursue direct with DC/Housing Assoc [Flagship Housing] [A.P. Clerk]*

- c. **Sizewell C Update:** Nothing further to report.
- d. **Provision of dog bag dispenser along permissive path leading from Shop Lane:** The Chairman confirmed that he had received the dispenser, plus fittings. Kate agreed to ask Craig [Kiwi Services] to put the necessary post in, at the agreed location; dispenser to be fixed to the post thereafter.  
Stephen Bayfield expressed his concern at the increase in dog fouling in the village and the fact that some dog owners did not take responsibility for clearing up after their pets, despite the provision of dog waste bins, etc. in prominent positions. The Chairman acknowledged that this was an ongoing problem which would be monitored. **[A.P. Kate/Clerk]**
- e. **Request for repair and/or replacement of ‘Shop Lane – No Through Road’ Sign:** The clerk had received notification that the sign would be replaced; further details awaited. **[A.P. Clerk]**
- f. **Cleaning of traffic mirrors above the bus shelter on A12:** The Chairman was pleased to report that this had been done, and councillors thanked the volunteers who had done the work.
7. **Suffolk County Councillor’s Report:** Copies of Stephen Burroughes’ written report had been circulated and taken as read and received. Stephen expanded on one or two issues in the report and confirmed that he would be standing for re-election at the forthcoming County Council elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Claire Young asked if speed reduction flashing signs could be put in Church Road to slow traffic down. The Chairman thought that the speeding problem was made worse by the heavy goods vehicle that used Church Road to access the A12. Cllr. Claire Peck commented that there was a more appropriate route to access the A12, via Parkgate Farm, and suggested that ‘Not Suitable for HGV’ signs should be put at both the Church Road/A12 junction and also the Church Road/Tinkerbrook junction. After further discussion, Stephen Burroughes agreed to look into this proposal. **[A.P. Stephen Burroughes/Clerk]**
8. **District Councillor’s Report:** Nothing further to report.
9. **Planning:** Nothing further to report.
10. **Finance:**
- a. **Financial Update:**
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| The amount in the current account is: | £ 54.72           |
| The amount in the deposit account is: | <u>£ 4,752.24</u> |
| <b>Total:</b>                         | <b>£ 4,806.96</b> |
- b. **Invoices for payment:**
- JRB Enterprise Ltd: New dog dispenser + fixings  
+ carriage [Subtotal: £129.15 + VAT: £25.83]..... Amount: £ 154.98
- After payment of the above invoice [**£154.98**] the combined amount held in the accounts is **£4,651.98**.
- c. **VAT Reclamation for 2016/17:** The clerk reported that an amount of £202.05 would be claimed. **[A.P. Clerk]**
- d. **E-ON – Increase in Deemed Contract Rates effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April’17:** The Council had received notification of a proposed unit price increase from 14.40p per kWh to 15.75p per kWh w.e.f. 1.4.17. The clerk has sought alternative quotations from other suppliers, without success, primarily due to the low consumption of approx. 540 units p.a. On a Proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to remain with the existing supplier and absorb the price increase.
11. **Litter Pick 2017:** The Chairman commented on the success of last year’s event, which he hoped could be repeated this year. On a Proposition by the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that this year’s Litter Pick would be held on **SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL’17**, those taking

part to assemble at the Parish Room at 10.00 a.m. Clerk to book the Parish Room; advertise the event in the next edition of the Ebb and Flow, and contact SCDC to order a supply of high visibility vests, bag hoops, litter pick sticks, recycling and black sacks, rubber gloves, etc. Peter agreed to put posters in the parish noticeboard and other prominent locations, and include details on the Council website. **[A.P. Clerk/Chairman]**

**12. Any Other Business:**

- a. Suffolk Coastal Waveney District Councils: Adoption of Local Plan documents; details circulated via email. Information noted.
- b. S.A.L.C. – Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2017-18. Letter circulated via email; Information noted.
- c. Ceri presented her apologies for the April meeting.

**13. Date of next meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 8.00 p.m.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Signed as a correct record.....

Peter Chaloner  
Chairman

DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017