

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

1. PRESENT- Mr P Mortimer, Chairman, Mr G. Elliott, Mrs B. Vidion, Mr T. Godbold, Mr P. Schwier, Mrs S. Glaysher, Mr G. McEvoy.

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES – Mrs S. Hatchman, Mrs L. Silvester (Clerk)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS –None

3. MINUTES – The minutes for the meetings held on 8th July 2013 were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The matter of the Cemetery extension will be pursued at a later meeting.

Mr Schwier said that the verge on the corner of Fressingfield Road outside The Gables is overgrown and is restricting view around the corner.

It was suggested that The Clerk write to the owner asking them to cut the shrubs back.

6. REPORTS

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Marilyn Curran

Mrs Curran said that the Town and Parish newsletter had been circulated. This highlighted the need for cost cutting initiatives.

The plans for rebuilding Mill Villa had been submitted and are being considered by the planning department.

There is an opportunity to meet the Police and Crime Commissioner on the 7th October in Stowmarket.

The Council is keen to increase the recycling of textiles that are not good enough to go to Charity Shops. Mrs Curran will bring bags for this to the next meeting.

Mrs Curran was asked where to dispose of glass. This will be looked into.

It is hoped that the Parish Liaison Meetings will resume this autumn.

The Local Government Finance settlement is unfair to rural communities. A petition was signed by Councillors.

PCSO STEVE LONG

There has been one reported crime since the July meeting. Criminal damage occurred to a property on The Street overnight on July 14th. It is unknown what caused the damage and it remains unsolved.

The Mid Suffolk north team welcomed two new officers who began on 16th September. PCSO Abi Durrant who will work in Eye Town and PCSO Kane Martin who will take over the Worlingworth and Stradbroke wards.

The next Priority Tasking meeting will be at Weybread Village hall on 1st October at 7.30pm.

Councillors said they would like more details of the damage to property in The Street in July. The Clerk will be asked to try and find out more.

OPEN FORUM

Peter Twiss had reported that a mattress had been dumped at the bottom of the pond. This has now been cleared.

The street light outside Church Cottage is on all night and not as the rest of the village lights only in the evening. This has been reported to Suffolk County Council.

6. FINANCE

The following payments were approved. Proposed by Mr G. Elliott. 2nd Mr Schwier.

£105 – Joey Peck, grass cutting
£220 – Terry Scholey, maintenance
£220 – Terry Horton, maintenance
£320 – Mrs L. J. Silvester, Clerks Salary
£80 - PAYE

The Audit has been completed and approved and there is no charge for this as our annual income is low.

7. PLANNING

Application No.2364/13 - MILL VILLA Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing.

Mr and Mrs Edwards told the meeting that the house had been demolished due to the poor condition of the building and foundations. Mr Edwards said that a full structural survey obtained before purchase said that it was not a mortgageable property. He is hoping to start rebuilding when the enforcement notice is lifted.

Councillors commented that as it had not been a listed building they had no objections to the plans as it would be the same as was previously passed i.e. to add extensions.

The Clerk will register approval to Mid Suffolk.

8. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE FOR METFELD UNITED CHARITIES

Mr Nick Rudge was appointed for a further term of 3 years. Proposed by Mr Elliott and 2nd by Mr Godbold.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mr Schwier said that the hedge alongside The Wilderness on Christmas Lane was overgrown and intruding onto the road.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr McKeen and Mr Grant-Thomas (the Gables) asking both householders to cut back the hedges.

The site behind the bungalows on Field Close is also overgrown with brambles. Mr Schwier said that he will clear some of these to help keep the gardens of the bungalows tidy.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - Most of this was circulated among the Councillors.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Monday 11th November 2013

The meeting closed at 8.05pm