



## **EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham on **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors: C Woods (Chairman)  
D Turner  
D Brenig-Jones  
H Stanford  
J Henderson-Hamilton  
S Budd  
B Heard  
K Wilkinson

In Attendance County Cllr Hicks  
District Cllr Morley  
J Blackburn – Clerk

### **ES106/18/19 – PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

### **ES107/18/19 – APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Challinor.

### **ES108/18/19 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Budd declared an interest in item 13 on the Agenda.

### **ES109/18/19 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **ES110/18/19 – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AND 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and the Planning meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **ES111/18/19 – POLICE REPORT**

The Police were not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

### **ES112/18/19 - COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR M HICKS**

Cllr Hicks reported that people in Suffolk were being invited to take part in the latest round of consultation about Sizewell C nuclear power station. Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council had stressed the need for everyone to take an active part in the consultation, which was launched by EDF Energy on Friday, 4 January 2019. The stage of the consultation process would seek views on the development needed to enable construction, and EDF Energy had revealed proposals and various options for road and rail improvements in the area that would be affected by the construction of such development. He added that Earl Stonham could be affected as it would

be on the route which could create more traffic along the A1120. Therefore, he felt that the people of the parish should have their say.

Cllr Hicks reported that Blacksmiths Lane would soon have speed strips laid down to check the speeding of vehicles. The results would be fed back to him and if they showed a problem, he would then take the issue further.

In relation to the issue with the Church Lane junction onto the A1120 and the danger when turning in or out of the junction, Cllr Hicks stated that he would ask Highways to have a look at the site and see what they would suggest in order to alleviate the problem.

#### **ES113/18/19 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR S MORLEY**

Cllr Morley reported that the District Council were working towards paperless Council Tax billing and that payments for Council Tax could now be carried out online.

She also reported that there had been a survey of Polling Stations in the readiness of the forthcoming elections in May.

#### **ES114//18/19 – CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing further to report other than what was already on the Agenda.

b) **CLERK’S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk reported on the Council’s current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 was £8,835.49.

c) **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Salary (Jan)	£213.58
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Expenses (Jan)	£31.88
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Salary (Feb)	£213.58
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Expenses (Feb)	£20.00

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £479.04 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk. It was also agreed that a payment of £231.84, wooden posts for the village green, be made to Porch Builders and a payment of £123.60, Councillor Training for Cllr B Heard, be made to SALC be ratified.

The following receipts were also noted:

03.12.18	Mace Decorating	Recorder Advertisements	£30.00
		Reimbursement of Recorder	
03.12.18	Amy Alldis (Zumba)	Advertisement	£10.00
05.12.18	Amy Alldis (Zumba)	Recorder Advertisements	£30.00

d) **FINAL BUDGET 2019/20**

**It was AGREED:** that the Final Budget be approved.

e) **PRECEPT 2019/20**

**It was AGREED:** That the Precept 2019/20 of £6,400 be approved

## **ES115/18/19 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Ref: DC/18/05414 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE**

**OF CONDITION(S)** - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

OL/124/91 and 0608/92 Reserved Matters (Barn conversion) without compliance with condition 2 (Approved Plans and Particulars) - Fen Barn, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8QE

Following a brief discussion, members felt that this application was similar to application DC/17/04139, which was refused by the District Council on certain grounds. As that one had been refused, then members felt that this one should also be refused.

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council object to the application. **Clerk to action.**

## **ES116/18/19 - PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no decisions to be noted.

## **ES117/18/19 – FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk explained that Footpaths should be a permanent item within each Agenda even though separate Footpath meetings were held twice during each year.

Cllr Woods reported that he had spoken with most of the land owners in relation to the fingerposts and various footpaths which were on their land, and where the footpaths should be and fingerposts should point. Most of the land owners had been in agreement with what needed to be done.

FP141 – sign missing – **Clerk to report.**

FP at top of Wicks Lane – **Clerk to report.**

It was noted that there seemed to be a lot of dog fouling on the footpaths at the moment, and perhaps some signage needed to be thought about to help put a stop to the problem.

## **ES118/18/19 – ALLOTMENT**

It was noted that the allotments need checking before the end of March as to whether any issues were present or whether all was ok. One or two remain in a poor state and need attention.

## **ES119/18/19 – VILLAGE HALL**

It was noted that a fund-raising event, 'Chocs Away' was taking place on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February and the next Pub Nite was due to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Some refurbishment of the village hall was hoped to take place in the summer.

## **ES120/18/19 – POSTS AROUND VILLAGE GREEN**

Cllr Budd stated that she would measure what size the posts needed to be, have them cut, and then deliver them to Cllr Heard who would install them, with the help of Cllr Woods. Reflectors would also be used on them for safety reasons.

## **ES121/18/19 – WEBSITE**

A report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, from the website host. If anyone had any photographs that could be put onto the website, of events held within the village, or scenes of the village, to let the website host have them.

**ES122/18/19 – DEFIBRILLATOR**

Cllr Henderson-Hamilton reported that the East Anglian Daily Times had put together a website where all defibrillator locations could be located within the county. These could be found at <https://defibsearch.co.uk>

Cllr Heard reported that the defibrillator’s cabinet had been reading various minimum and maximum temperatures when monitored with a temporary thermometer. As the cabinet should not go below 7 degrees the results showed that there could be an issue.

The Clerk confirmed she would contact the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) for advice.

Cllr Heard confirmed that whilst he was away, Cllr Wilkinson would carry out the weekly checks and inform the Clerk of any problems.

**ES123/18/19 – JUNCTION OF A140 WITH A1120**

Cllr Morley reported that she had spoken to the legal team on the issue of the machinery at this junction and the poor state it was in. She had given the legal team the Clerk’s details who should hear back from them in the near future.

Members were concerned that a business was being run at this site and was doing so without planning permission.

**It was AGREED:** That the Clerk contact Planning Enforcement regarding this issue.

**ES124/18/19 – GRIT BINS / HEAPS**

**It was AGREED:** That no grit bins were needed within the parish.

**ES125/18/19 – A1120 – CHURCH LANE JUNCTION**

This item was discussed earlier on in the meeting with Cllr Hicks.

**ES126/18/19 – COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Cllr Heard reported that he had attended the Parish Councillor training, which had been very interesting and very detailed. He had written to SALC to thank them for the course. He had typed up his notes and had given all Parish Councillor’s a copy.

**ES127/18/19 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

- Footpath towards the A140 – hedges were in a poor state making the path very narrow.
- Street light adjacent Perfect Perennials not working again.

**ES128/18/19 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.07pm.

Chairman: ..... Dated: .....