

# EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council held remotely on  
Monday 1 June 2020 at 7.30pm.

**Present: P Baker (Chair), D Williams, M Gibson, S Norman, P Clarke, R Jones (Notes)**

**Guests: J Finch (Suffolk County Council)**

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Tristan Wood
- 2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this Agenda** - None
- 3. Reports from Suffolk County Council and Babergh/Mid-Suffolk Council:**

Councillor Finch reported the following:

Covid-19 – General reminder to keep following social distancing guidelines and not get complacent.

Recycling – Centres across the County re-opened on 14 May with enhanced safety measures in place.

Only essential waste permitted which cannot be stored or disposed of by other means and access by appointment only.

Chambers Buses Sudbury – Current reduced service to be increased from 1 June as more people start to return to work and school.

Primary School Allocation – More than 98% of Suffolk children had been offered their preferred choice of Primary School.

Sizewell C power Station – Council leaders had written to EDF Energy urging them to ensure appropriate consultation with local communities as part of the planning process. Concerns that Covid-19 could prevent full and proper consultation.

Parking Management – Councils taking a 'common sense' approach to parking enforcement during the current pandemic. Focusing on stopping dangerous and obstructive parking which could hamper key services.

Councillor Bryn Hurren provided a written report on behalf of Babergh/Mid-Suffolk DC, the contents of which were read and noted.

#### **4. Footpath Cutting Update**

SCC had confirmed that only two cuts would take place in 2020, at the end of April and August. In view of this, it was agreed that EPC engage a local contractor to arrange for a third cut to be carried out. This would normally require three contractors to submit an estimate for the work before the job could be allocated. P Baker to look into this further in consultation with the Clerk. Councillors were urged to keep an eye on footpaths to ensure that the extra cut could be carried out at an appropriate time. It was suggested that a meeting with a SCC representative be arranged for Autumn 2020 to plan for the PC to take over all footpath cutting from 2021, and to rectify the confusion over which sections of path were being cut and why. A section of path between Beech House and Sherbourne Street was currently overgrown.

#### **5. Planning Matters:**

5.1. Planning applications received - DC/20/01945 1 School Corner – Erection of two-storey side/rear extension - No Objections

5.2. Planning Decisions Received – Walnut Tree Cottages – Permission granted for the erection of a single-storey rear conservatory

5.3. Other Planning Matters - None

#### **6. Financial Matters**

6.1 The Statement of Finances & Orders for Payments were approved, and the accounts checked and

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agreed as follows:

Business Savings Account as at 30 April 2020	£2,529.17
Business Current Account as at 31 April 2020	<u>£6,766.79</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£9,295.96</u></b>

Payments received:

Babergh District Council £2,969.00 (1<sup>st</sup> part precept)

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
d/d	£23.80	Eon	Electricity
100913	£324.00	Community Heartbeat Trust	Battery & Pads for Defibrillator
100914	£62.40	Community Heartbeat Trust	Emergency Phone Rental
100909	£185.93	SALC	Membership Fee
100908	£21.60	SALC	6 months payroll provision 1/10/19 - 31/3/20
100907	£231.60	Babergh DC	Dog/Litter Bin Emptying 2019

Still waiting for confirmation from Community Heartbeat Trust as to whether the emergency phone was essential as there had been signal problems making it unusable. It was agreed to await confirmation before making payment. Concerns were expressed over the cost of bin emptying. The Clerk to pursue this matter with BDC.

6.2 Other financial matters – Barclays Bank had written to refuse the request for Telephone Banking due to discrepancies on the mandate.

**7. Other (Urgent) Business** - None

**8. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13 July 2020.** Details to be agreed dependant on social distancing guidelines.