

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council held remotely on Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: P Baker (Chair), P Clarke, T Woods, S Norman, M Gibson, R Jones (Notes)

Guests: J Finch (Suffolk County Council)

1. **Apologies for absence** - None

2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest** - None

3. **Reports from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council**

3.1. Councillor James Finch reported the following on behalf of SCC:

COVID-19 – 'Test and Trace now imperative in containing and reducing the spread of the virus. SCC now had more local control and was forming its own control programme overseen by a board of local Council leaders. In addition, Suffolk Corona Watch, an on-line data gathering facility had been set up to enable residents to find information about the spread of the virus locally.

Temporary concessionary travel arrangements had ended on 6 July with people not travelling for work purposes being encouraged to travel after 9.30am. Bus companies under increasing pressure as passenger numbers were very low.

First business to benefit from SCC's Renewable Energy Fund had had solar panels installed. Other businesses were encouraged to apply for grants from the Council.

Fostering and Adoption sessions were now taking place on-line and the number of applicants had increased along with an increased need for the service.

Resurfacing of part of Mill Green had now been completed. This had been brought forward following pressure from EPC but SCC had not been able to fit in the second section starting at Hilly Farm.

3.2. Councillor Bryn Hurren sent belated apologies for not attending.

4. **Reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public** - None

5. **Minutes of the Meeting of 1 June 2020** - Approved

6. **Highway and Footpath matters**

6.1. Footpath Cutting – As neither P Baker nor Richard Jones had been able to contact David Gotts, Paul Machin had been offered the work, dependant on whether he could carry out the cut within the next week or so as SCC was due to carry out a second cut. It was agreed to ask SCC when the next cut was likely to take place to establish whether this 'extra' cut should be done before or after. Clerk to try again to contact David Gotts as he had previously seemed very keen to do the work.

6.2. Other highway and footpath matters – Overgrown hedge at Pumping Station still not cut back. Clerk to investigate

7. **Planning Matters**

7.1 Planning applications received - DC/20/02755 - Application for Outline Planning Permission. (Access to be considered) Erection of 4no. new dwellings, associated parking and access. Concerns were expressed about the potential amount of vehicles/ traffic (8-10 cars) that could be generated and the possible impact on services such as water, drainage and electricity, which were already stretched. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft and circulate a proposed response before submitting to BDC.

7.2 Planning decisions received - DC/19/03648 - Well House Round Maple Edwardstone – Appeal dismissed

7.3 Any other urgent Planning Matters – Christmas House and Forge Cottage. Councillors had been

expecting to discuss these applications, but they were not on agenda. Clerk had been having difficulties with e-mails going into Junk folder and being automatically deleted which may explain why he had not seen them. Clerk to speak with BDC.

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 Statement of Finances, Orders for Payments and Quarter 1 Accounts - Approved

8.2 Insurance cover – It was agreed to continue with Zurich Municipal as insurers for 2020/21

8.3 Any other financial matters – None

9. Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence - None

10. To set future Agenda items - None

11. Date of the next meeting - Monday 14 September 2020