

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council held remotely
on Monday 16 November 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

Guests: J Finch (Suffolk County Council), B Hurren (Babergh District Council)

1. Apologies for absence - None

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this Agenda – P Clarke declared an interest in item 7.1 :and East of Mill Green

3. Reports from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council

3.1. Councillor James Finch reported the following:

Covid-19 rates increasing across Suffolk and spreading fastest through people mixing with others in their homes. More important than ever to follow the guidance to try to enable people see their families at Christmas. Concern was expressed over 'mixed messages' being given in schools regarding when masks should be worn. Councillor Finch to investigate.

SCC had provided financial help of £600,000 so far to various schemes across the County to help individuals, communities and businesses in hardship. **Suffolk Support and Advice Line set up to offer guidance on 0800 068 3131**

EDF Energy had put forward new plans for its Sizewell C nuclear power station in an attempt to reduce the number of HGV's that would be using the County's roads, following objections from Local Authorities, stakeholders and residents. A 30-day consultation process would be taking place to gauge the reaction to the new proposals.

SCC was launching a campaign to encourage more people to take up Cycling and Walking following the increase in take up in both activities during the coronavirus lockdowns and restrictions.

'Virtual' Fostering and Adoption sessions taking place on 2nd and 3rd December.

3.2. Councillor Bryn Hurren reported the following:

BDC needed to fill a £1m hole in the budget which meant Council Tax would increase by 3% and other charges may need to be increased or introduced to make up the shortfall. On the positive side, BDC Financial Staff had been extremely diligent in ensuring the Council's funds were invested wisely and this was helping to lessen the blow.

Funds were being made available to help local businesses and residents in financial hardship with £1,300 being given to businesses that were paying business rates and had been unable to trade for a month. The Council had already given out around £20m to help with Business Rates and other costs.

The Council's Joint Local Plan was finally coming to fruition having been endorsed by Full Council. Provide it passes the relevant planning inspection in Spring 2021, it should be in place by the end of next year.

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

5. Minutes of the Meeting of 14 September 2020 - Approved

6. To consider highway and footpath matters

6.1. Footpath Cutting – Clerk had received confirmation from SCC that EPC would assume responsibility for footpath cutting in the Parish in 2021. Councillor's Baker, Norman and Woods to form sub-group to confirm which paths should be included in the schedule.

6.2. Footpath Leaflet Update – Councillor Woods presented a proposed plan for discussion which was well received. It was suggested that a number of other paths be incorporated into the map to enable people who would like to take a shorter route to also benefit. It was suggested that Daphne

Clark, as the local historian, be contacted to help with the historical aspect of the leaflet. Councillor's Woods and Gibson to walk the route as part of the process.

6.3. Other highway and footpath matters - None

7. To consider Planning Matters

7.1 Planning applications received

Land East of Mill Green Application for Reserved Matters - DC/20/04471 - Submission of Details Application (Reserved Matters) and Conditions 4 Ecological Details, 5 Ground Floor Levels, 6 Visibility Splays, 7 Parking and Turning, 8 Refuse Bins and Collection Areas, 9 Surface Water Discharge Prevention Details, 10 Materials, 11 Landscape Protection for Outline Permission DC/19/01568. Appearance, Scale, Layout, Access and Landscaping for the erection of 1 no dwelling.

The Council resolved to remain neutral in this matter

Elm Cottage, Willow Corner Application for Planning Permission - DC/20/04912 Householder Planning Application - Erection of two new front hipped dormers.

The Council raised no objection to this application

Christmas House, Sherbourne Street - Application for Planning Permission - DC/20/04983 - Householder application - Erection of a 1.8m boundary fence. (Retention of)

The Council resolved to support this application

7.2 Planning decisions received – Although no decisions had been formally received, it was noted via the District Council's website that Outline Planning Permission had been granted for DC/20/02755 Land West of Mill Green and DC/20/03565 Tudor Cottage, Mill Green

7.3 Parish Statement – Councillor Gibson and the Clerk had been researching what other similar sized Parish Council's had produced, and a Neighbourhood Plan from Aldham Parish Council had been circulated as an example of what could be done. Aldham had received a Government grant to pay for the cost and had used a local consultant to carry out much of the work. It was agreed that a plan would be useful as it would become part of the planning process and could help protect against development but it was stressed that it would need buy in from the wider parish community. Councillor Gibson to contact the consultant and to speak to the Chairman of Aldham PC and report back to the next meeting.

7.4 Any other urgent Planning Matters - None

8. Financial Matters:

8.1 The Statement of Finances & Orders for Payments were approved as follows:

Business Savings Account as at 31 October 2020	£2,530.20
Business Current Account as at 31 October 2020	<u>£6,617.82</u>
Total	<u>£9,148.02</u>

Payments received:

2nd part of precept BDC £2,969.00

Bank Interest £0.35

Cheque no	Amount £	Payee	Purpose
d/d	£35.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee
d/d	£24.07	e-on	Electricity Jul - Sept 20
100919	£520.24	R J Jones	Clerk's Salary July – Sept 20
100920	£44.40	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Salary
100921	£22.80	SALC	6 months payroll Apr – Sept 20
100922	£10.00	R J Jones	Clerk's Expenses Oct – Nov 20
100923	£25.00	Royal British Legion	Donation for Remembrance Day Wreath

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8.2 Charitable Donations were agreed as follows:

£300.00	Edwardstone PCC
£375.00	Millenium Green Trust
£350.00	Edwardstone Parish Hall
£100.00	East Anglia Air Ambulance
£150.00	Boxford Playing Fields

8.3 Other financial matters - None

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

10. Future Agenda items – Neighbourhood Plan. Footpath Leaflet

11. Schedule of meetings for 2021 – Agreed as follows:

Monday 18 January 2021

Monday 15 March 2021

Monday 17 May 2021 - AGM

Monday 19 July 2021

Monday 20 September 2021

Monday 22 November 2021