

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall
on Monday 18 November 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: P Baker, S Norman, P Clarke, T Woods, M Gibson

In attendance: R Jones (Clerk) B Hurren (BDC)

1. **Apologies for absence** – D Williams

2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this Agenda** - None

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

3.1. Councillor James Finch did not attend.

3.2. Councillor Bryn Hurren reported the following:

Through Ipswich CAB, BDC was asking for people in receipt of Winter Fuel Allowance who did not require the payment to return the money for re-distribution to those in need. Over £100,000 could be raised through this scheme. Councillors were asked to spread the word locally for people not requiring their allowance to contact the CAB.

Free swimming for under 16's during the Christmas school holidays at pools in the District.

BDC to provide a free Tree to be planted for any child born during 2019. This includes adoptions and still births.

Fly-Tipper in Semer fined £1,500 as part of BDC crackdown on Fly-Tipping.

Proposal to change the name of BDC had been dropped.

BDC taking over local parking enforcement. SCC to ensure visible road markings in place.

BDC had difficulties in sourcing venues for Polling Stations for the forthcoming General Election due to pre-arranged Christmas events and bookings.

4. **Reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public**

Councillor Norman expressed concerns over difficulties in parking at times in the Long-Stay Car Park opposite Sudbury Waitrose.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting of 16 September 2019** - Agreed

6. **Highway and footpath matters**

6.1. *Footpath Cutting* - None

6.2. *Future Footpath Cutting*

It was agreed in principle that the Council should take over the footpath budget from SCC, subject to a suitable contractor being found. SCC would pay 5p per metre which would total £202.70. P Baker to arrange quote from local contractor. Need to ensure contractor has Public Liability Insurance of £10,000,000. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would consider the current footpath cutting schedule and map and decide what footpaths the Council would want to include once funding was transferred. Cllr Norman pointed out that money had already been earmarked by the Parish Council in the past for extra footpath cutting if required.

6.3. *Footpath Signs* – Councillors to collate list of broken signs for next meeting.

6.4. *Any other highway and footpath matters* - The Council noted that the plastic tree collars had not yet been cleared from the wood on footpath 9. It was hoped that this would be done once coppicing was complete.

7. **Defibrillator Training** – Clerk to speak to White Horse Pub as a potential venue then report back to B Hurren to contact trainers. Clerk to contact Defibrillator providers to arrange annual service/check.

- 8. Home Security** – Deferred to next meeting
- 9. Neighbourhood Plan Update** – No further update
- 10. Members Register of Interest Submissions** – Still some outstanding. Clerk to contact BDC
- 11. Planning Matters**

11.1 Planning applications received – None

11.2 Planning decisions received

Well House, Round Maple. New Vehicular Access – Refused

Quicks Barn, Priory Green. Agricultural to Dwelling – Prior Approval given.

Land South West of Sherbourne Street. Erection of Dwelling – Withdrawn.

11.3 Any other urgent Planning Matters - None

12. Financial Matters:

12.1 The Statement of Finances & Orders for Payments and Q2 accounts were approved and the cheques signed as follows:

Business Savings Account as at 31 October 2019	£2,527.02
Business Current Account as at 31 October 2019	<u>£6,815.18</u>
Total	<u>£9,342.20</u>

Payments received:

BDC - £2,911.50

Bank Interest - £1.26

Cheque no	Amount £	Payee	Purpose
100892	£25.00	Royal British Legion	Donation for Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath
100893	£10.00	R J Jones	Clerk's Expenses Oct – Nov 19
100894	£21.60	SALC	6 months payroll provision
Direct Debit	£24.07	e-on	Electricity Jul – Sept 19
Direct Debit	£35.00	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration
100895	£300.00	Edwardstone PCC	Donation
100896	£375.00	Millenium Green Trust	Donation
100897	£350.00	Edwardstone Parish Hall	Donation
100898	£100.00	East Anglia Air Ambulane	Donation
100899	£150.00	Boxford Playing Fields	Donation

12.2 Donations and s137 payments for 2019/20 – Agreed as above

12.3 Any other financial matters - None

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

14. Future Agenda items – Street Party 2020

15. Date of the next meeting

Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm