

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council held at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 26 July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: P Baker, S Norman, M Gibson, R Jones (Notes)

Guests: B Hurren, J Finch

1. Apologies for Absence – T. Wood, P Clarke, D Williams

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

3. Reports from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council

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

Covid19 – Infections increasing significantly in Suffolk and residents being encouraged to undertake regular rapid flow tests. Business' being asked to sign up to yes2test scheme committing to workforce testing.

Suffolk Special Educational Needs and Disability Services(SEND) – Independent review of SEND being carried out by a team from Lincolnshire following concerns expressed by a group of parents and carers of children using the service. Review should be completed by mid-August.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service – Three new 'State of the Art' vehicles purchased at a cost of £360,000 which will help officers manage operations more efficiently from incident scenes.

Fostering and Adoption – Virtual Foster Care events taking place on first Wednesday of every month at 7.00pm and virtual Adoption events on first Thursday, also at 7.00pm. Bookings made via SCC website.

3.2 Councillor Bryn Hurren reported the following on behalf of BDC:

Hadleigh Pool – Official opening took place on 5 July.

Joint Local Plan – Progressing well and hoping to be made statute in early 2022.

Covid19 – BDC had distributed £27m to local business and community groups to help them survive the pandemic and lockdown. New business premises being built in Hadleigh but certain towns have set up a 'Virtual High Street' where customers can browse and buy locally on-line.

CIFCO – Commercial property investment company set up by BDC to help generate extra income to be invested locally. Funded through low interest loans from the District Council with the aim of offsetting reduction in central Government funding. Working well at present but as with any investment, there are risks involved.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of 17 May 2021 - Approved

5. Planning Matters:

5.1 Planning applications received – DC/21/02870 Christmas House, Sherbourne Street. Householder Planning Application - Erection of a 1.15m picket fence in place of 1.8m boundary fence. (Retrospective) – Noted

5.2 Planning decisions received and noted:

Priory Farm, Priory Green. : Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/00148 - Condition 4 (Great Crested Newt Method Statement)

DC/21/02870 Christmas House, Sherbourne Street. Householder Planning Application - Erection of a 1.15m picket fence in place of existing 1.8m boundary fence. Planning Permission granted.

DC/21/02653 Sherbourne House Farm, Sherbourne Street. Change of Use of part of buildings as a physiotherapy practice and as a studio. Planning Permission granted.

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5.3 Other urgent planning matters - None

6. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mike Gibson gave the following update:

£9,900 funding now received and meeting taking place of interested local residents on 29 July with the aim of forming a steering group to oversee the project.

7. Highway & Footpath Matters

7.1 Footpath Cutting – Garden Arbs had now carried out the second cut with the third due in August.

7.2 Footpath Leaflet – No update

7.3 Other Highways & Footpath Matters

Footpath 16 - Following an exchange of correspondence between EPC and the owner of Priory Farm, all parties were now waiting for official confirmation from SCC that the path should be reinstated to its original course. Councillors agreed unanimously that this should be the case. The Clerk to write to Kevin Verlander at SCC to encourage a quick resolution.

Footpath 10 – Path overgrown through farmers land (Park Farm) and footbridge rotting at Tinywent corner. Chairman to telephone farm owner and Clerk to write to him asking for footpath to be cleared. Clerk to log footbridge repair with SCC.

8. Chairman's & Clerk's reports and correspondence - None

9. Financial Matters:

9.1. Statement of Finances & Orders for Payment were approved and the cheques signed as follows:

Business Savings Account as at 30 June 2021	£2,530.38
Business Current Account as at 30 June 2021	<u>£14,634.05*</u> (£4,734.05)
Total	<u>£17,164.43*</u> (£7,264.43)

*Current Account includes grant of £9,900 towards cost of Neighbourhood Plan which is for this purpose only. Balance minus this amount in brackets.

Payments received:

Groundwork UK £9,900.00* (Neighbourhood Plan Grant)

Bank Interest £0.06

Cheque no	Amount £	Payee	Purpose
d/d	£23.80	e-on	Electricity Apr - Jun 21
100947	£554.16	R J Jones	Clerk's Salary Apr – Jun 21
100948	£60.40	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Salary Apr – Jun 21
100949	£87.98	R J Jones	Clerk's Expenses Jun – Jul 21

9.2. Review of Charitable Donations – Deferred to next meeting due to low attendance.

9.3. Other Financial Matters – None

10. Future Agenda Items – Review of donations

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.30pm

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