

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2019 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: Councillors M Childs(Chair), P Baker, S Norman, C Britcher, P Clarke, S Flack

In Attendance: R Jones (Clerk), Councillor Bryn Hurren (BDC)

1. Apologies for Absence – Councillor D Williams – approved.

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest on any Item on the Agenda – None

3. Reports from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council

3.1 Councillor James Finch did not attend but submitted a report which was read and noted. Councillors were pleased that the grant to the CAB would remain the same in 2019/20 due to a collaboration between SCC, NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group. However, concerns were expressed that SCC had still cut its contribution by 50% and it was still unclear where future funding would come from.

3.2 Councillor Bryn Hurren reported the following:

Council Tax increase worked out at approximately £80 for a Band D property which was more than previously estimated. A persistent 'fly-tipper' had recently been prosecuted and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment. It was hoped that the publicity from this case would deter others from committing similar offences.

The Planning Application to build 58 new homes on the site of the old BDC headquarters in Hadleigh was being discussed at a meeting in Hadleigh Guildhall on 25 March.

BDC grant to Sudbury CAB was £34,000 and to Ipswich, £6,000.

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

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 January 2019 - Approved and signed.

6. Highway and Footpath Matters

6.1 *Footpath Cutting Issues* – None

6.2 *Footpath Signs* – SCC no longer replacing broken waymark signs. May just be until the end of the financial year. Clerk to write to Kevin Verlander at SCC to confirm the position.

Action – R Jones

6.3 *Other Highways and Footpath Matters* - No action taken on previously reported issues.

Dog waste bags now being dumped through the hole in the bridge previously reported.

Email received by Clerk from a member of the public concerned by a 'Bull in Field' sign at the entrance to a public right of way. Clerk to investigate and respond to correspondent.

Councillor Baker raised the issue of the large number of broken plastic tree collars in the wood on footpath 9 near Edwardstone Hall. It was agreed that he and Councillor Clarke

would approach the owner informally to see whether they could be cleared and disposed of.

Action – R Jones

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Hurren reported that he had spoken to Paul Bryant from BDC Planning who had advised caution at this stage. It was agreed to defer this matter until after the forthcoming elections.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Planning Applications Received – None

8.2 Planning Decisions Received - None

8.3 Other Urgent Planning Matters - None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment and Accounts to Date

The Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment were approved.

The Accounts were checked and approved as shown:

Business Savings Account as at 31 January 2019	£2,523.24
Business Current Account as at 31 January 2019	<u>£5,049.35</u>
Total	<u>£7,572.59</u>

Payments received: Nil

Cheque no	Amount £	Payee	Purpose
1000869	£15.40	R J Jones	Clerk's Expenses Feb 19 – Mar 19
1000870	£15.00	SALC	Clerk's Election Briefing 20/2
1000871	£21.60	SALC	6 -months Payroll Service Oct 18 – Mar 19
1000872	£469.40	R J Jones	Clerk's Salary Jan – Mar 19
1000873	£18.20	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Salary to 5.4.19
1000874	£300	Edwardstone PCC	Donation (see 9.3)
1000875	£375	Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Donation (see 9.3)
1000876	£350	Edwardstone Village Hall	Donation (see 9.3)
1000877	£150	Boxford Playing Fields	Donation (see 9.3)
1000878	£100	East Anglian Air Ambulance	Donation (see 9.3)

9.2 Sudbury CAB – deferred to November as funding for 2019/20 now unaffected.

9.3 Donations and s137 payments - agreed as shown in item 9.1

9.4 Clerk's Salary – Proposed and Agreed to increment from SP18 to SP19 with effect from 1 April 2019

9.5 Any other Financial Matters - None

10. Chairman's and Clerk's Reports and Correspondence

10.1 Parish Council Elections – Clerk reminded Councillors about the process for applying for re-election.

The Chairman reported that she would not be standing and Councillors Britcher and Flack confirmed, as previously advised, that they would not be seeking re-election. Councillor Baker expressed a vote of thanks for the contributions made by Councillors Britcher and Flack during their terms of office.

11. Future Agenda Items

Neighbourhood Plan (July 2019), Footpath Signs, Donation to Sudbury CAB (November 2019)

12. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 13 May 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting and EPC AGM

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.29pm