

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday
16 July 2018 at 730pm.

Present: S Norman (Chair), P Clarke, S Flack, D Williams

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren (BDC), R Jones

1. **Apologies for absence** – M Childs, P Baker, C Britcher – approved, J Finch.
2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest** in any item on this Agenda – none
3. **Reports**
 - 3.1. **Report from SCC** – J Finch had circulated his report, covering a consultation on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education services for children and young people, a major review of highways maintenance in Suffolk, bringing affordable solar power to Suffolk and details of the website roadworks.org where live information on planned and emergency roadworks can be found.
 - 3.2. **Report from BDC** – B Hurren explained the current proposals for the regeneration of the former BDC buildings in Corks Lane, Hadleigh. BDC has published its Annual Monitoring Report showing a housing land supply of 6.7 years, which meets the government requirement of 5 years. The Goodlands appeal will be in Ipswich starting on 21 August. Boxford are moving on with producing a Neighbourhood Plan, with a meeting on 25 September at Boxford Village Hall. He explained that grants are available with the sums increasing if neighbouring villages join together. D Williams had met with Boxford's representative and P Roberts of Groton PC and is happy to move this forward. He will report back following the meeting. S Norman confirmed that she would be prepared to assist. B Hurren will liaise with D Williams.
4. **The Minutes** of the Meeting of 21 May 2018 were approved and signed, proposed D Williams, seconded S Norman.
5. **New Clerk** – Following the earlier interview, the Council resolved to approve the appointment of Richard Jones as the new Clerk, commencing on Monday 23 July. He will liaise with A Robinson regarding handover. The Council approved the £23 + VAT cost of SALC's Clerk's Introductory Training Session on 2 August, which may be shared with Groton PC. The PC welcomed Richard to the Council.
6. **Highway and Footpath Matters**
 - 6.1. **Footpath cutting** – Steve Britcher has kindly offered to maintain the war memorial area free of charge, including grass cutting. The PC recorded its thanks to him.
 - 6.2. **Broken Footpath signs** – BH said that there were several on the footpath from Tye Went Corner. There is also an issue with the middle sleeper on the bridge there. P Baker is on holiday at the moment but will be asked to look at the footpaths on his return. S Norman said that the first footbridge at the bottom of the field on footpath no 5 from Sherbourne Street needs the wire mesh replaced. The Clerk will report this.
 - 6.3. **Grit bins** – Councillors agreed to look at the location of existing bins and establish whether these were in the right location and whether any new ones were required. B Hurren said that

rather than purchasing new bins it could be worth making simple wooden enclosures. The Clerk is to look at the cost of new grit bins in any event.

- 6.4. **Work parties for highways issues (SCC Self Help)** – D Williams said that it would be possible to get a group together to carry out any work required. It will be necessary to liaise with SCC regarding insurance.
- 6.5. **Verges** – these have not yet been cut. The Clerk is to ask SCC when this will take place (copying in J Finch). SCC has confirmed it will replace the missing 30mph sign in Sherbourne Street.

7. **Reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public** – none.

8. **Planning matters** - none

9. **Financial Matters**

- 9.1. The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments was approved as under and the cheques were signed, proposed S Flack, seconded P Clarke. The accounts to date were checked and approved.

Business Savings Account as at 30 June 2018	£2520.72
Business Current Account as at 30 June 2018	<u>£5599.81</u>
Total	<u>£8120.53</u>

Payments received – Barclays interest £1.26, HMRC VAT reclaim £62.31

Cheque no	Amount £	Payee	Purpose
100843	75	J Rodger-Brown	Maintenance of War Memorial 2017-18
100844	27.50	Groton Parish Council	Half cost of job advert in Hadleigh Community News
100845	482.35	Anita Robinson	Clerk' salary 1.4.18-30.6.18
100846	2.40	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's salary
100847	17.59	Anita Robinson	Clerk's expenses
d/d	19.07	e-on	Electricity 1/4/18-30/6/18

- 9.2. The adequacy of the budget for 2018-19 was considered and approved.

10. Chairman's and Clerk's reports and **correspondence** – no issues.

11. **Future Agenda items** – Neighbourhood plan, location of grit bins, footpath signs, ideas for work parties.

12. **The next meeting** will be on Monday 17 September at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Chairman

Date