

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday

17 July 2017 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** P Baker (Vice Chairman), S Norman, S Flack, P Clarke

**In attendance:** A Robinson (Clerk), J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BDC)

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from C Britcher and M Childs (holiday – approved)
2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest** in any item on this Agenda – none
3. **Reports:**
  - 3.1. J Finch (SCC) had circulated his report prior to the meeting, covering the Ipswich Park and Ride launch, a new organisational structure for Suffolk Highways, the availability of roadworks information at [www.suffolk.roadworks.org](http://www.suffolk.roadworks.org), the Tour of Britain in Suffolk, Raising the Bar awards and the announcement of Samuel Ward Academy as Suffolk's first Research School. B Hurren asked whether J Finch could look at the position with the large pothole on the C720 between Groton and Lindsey which has been reported by both Groton and Lindsey Parish Clerks on several occasions, but has still not been repaired after about a year. J Finch will chase this up. The Clerk said that G Peacock had asked for an update on broadband provision at Priory Green and J Finch promised to provide this as soon as possible.
  - 3.2. B Hurren (BDC) confirmed that the move to Endeavour House would take place in September with the first meeting on 19 September. A boundary review is to take place, reducing the number of District Councillors from 43 to 31. Regarding the Goodlands application, he advised that the application for Phase 2 is on hold due to outstanding issues, such as the spoil heap, from Phase 1. There has been much opposition to the proposals, in particular due to the traffic issues on Swan Street. He confirmed that a grant had been secured for the Parish Hall Disabled Toilet to be repaired. The phone mast on the A1071 is still not working and he is chasing up as to why this is.
4. **The Minutes** of the Meeting of 15 May 2017 were approved and signed.
5. **Councillor vacancy** – No applications had been received since the last meeting. The vacancy will continue to be advertised with a notice to be inserted in the BRN.
6. **Electoral review** – the Clerk advised that the initial round of consultation ends on 14 August 2017.
7. **Highway and Footpath Matters**
  - 7.1. **Potholes** – S Flack again expressed concern about the state of Mill Green Road. SCC has advised that this road will be considered for resurfacing but will be prioritised against other locations with more or less need.
  - 7.2. **Speeding traffic** – the Clerk reminded Councillors that the Police are happy for any issues to be reported to them for investigation.
  - 7.3. **Footpath cutting** – following a request from the PC, the path from Tinywent towards the Church has now been cut. Thanks are to be passed to Richard Abrey for arranging this. P Baker advised that the wires at the stiles on this path have been moved to accommodate dogs. The PC resolved to ask SCC to cut the footpaths in the village early in May and then early in July rather than late May and August as at present, and to ensure that the whole path is

cleared including the overhanging sides to allow for clear access.

8. Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public- none.

9. **Planning Matters**

9.1. Planning applications received – B/17/01153 Wells House, 1A Mill Green CO10 5PZ – erection of 2 storey rear extension – the PC had no objection to this application.

D/17/02740 – Fletchwood, Sherbourne Street CO10 5PE – erection of single storey rear extension and garage (following demolition of existing), amended design to that approved under B/16/01721 – the PC had no objections to this application.

9.2. Planning decisions received – none.

10. **Financial Matters**

10.1. The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments was approved as under and the cheques were signed. The accounts to date were checked and approved.

Business Savings Account as at 30 June 2017	£2517.76
Business Current Account as at 30 June 2017	£5226.58
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£7744.34</u></b>

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
100813	462.26	Anita Robinson	Clerk's salary 1/4/17-30/6/17
100814	5.40	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's salary
100815	73.49	Anita Robinson	Clerk's expenses
100816	42.00	B Hurren	Noticeboard repairs
100817	19.20	SALC	Clerk's networking and training session 13/6/17
d/d	16.96	E-on	Electricity charges 1/4/17-30/6/17

10.2. The adequacy of the budget for 2017-18 was considered and approved.

10.3. The Clerk asked 2 Councillors to sign a letter to the Bank requesting monthly statements from both accounts as this was not happening regularly, which impacted on the audit dates.

11. **Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence** – there were no issues arising from the correspondence.

12. **Future Agenda items** – footpaths, phone mast

13. **The date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Monday 18 September 2017. There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38 pm.

Chairman

Date