

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on  
Monday 21 September 2015 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** S Norman, C Britcher, M Childs, S Flack, P Clarke, P Baker

**In attendance:** A Robinson (Clerk)

1. Following the sudden death of J Robinson, S Norman agreed to stand as Chairman for the remainder of the financial year and was unanimously elected.
2. Apologies for absence – there were none. The County and District Councillors had been asked not to attend this short meeting.
3. Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this Agenda – there were none.
4. Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 2015 – these were approved and signed.
5. Casual Vacancy – this was declared. The Clerk will notify BDC and advertise the vacancy in the usual way.
6. Highway & Footpath Matters
  - 6.1. An email had been received asking the Parish Council to consider the provision of bridleways in the village. The Council was not in a position to arrange for bridleways to be established and the Clerk will provide the contact details of the SCC Rights of Way officer in case he can be of assistance to the parishioner.
  - 6.2. An up to date copy of the Footpath Cutting Schedule and maps had been received from SCC, though they had not answered the Clerk's questions regarding costings and contractors. She will chase them up on this.
  - 6.3. S Norman reported that a footpath sign had been knocked over in Groton Street and the Clerk will report this.
  - 6.4. Potholes are starting to appear again. The Clerk will report the pothole at the drain in Slabbs Lane again, the pothole in Mill Green near Hazel Cottage, and the area at Hilly Farm which is breaking up again.
  - 6.5. The Clerk was also asked to report the large puddle which keeps forming outside Tudor Cottage again.
7. Urgent reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public – there were none.
8. Planning Matters:
  - 8.1. Planning decisions received  
The Clerk had received notification of the granting of permission for the Sand Hill Development and for the retention of the holiday chalets at the White Horse Inn.

## 8.2. Any other urgent Planning Matters

A letter had been received today from a resident in Sherbourne Street who objected to the proposals for the mobile phone mast in at Sherbourne House Farm. The Council had discussed the proposals at their meetings in May and July 2015 and no members of the public had attended to discuss the issues or contacted the Council with their views. The Parish Council was in support of the application which would bring improved mobile phone coverage to the villages. The Clerk will write to the resident explaining the Council's position, and will put a note in the BRN reminding parishioners that information regarding Parish Council meetings and planning applications received can be viewed on the Parish Council's website.

## 9. Financial Matters:

### 9.1. To consider and approve the Statement of Finances & Orders for Payments

The Council's financial position was reported as follows:

Business Saver Account as at 28 August 2015	£2515.90
Business Current Account as at 28 August 2015	<u>£3262.85</u>
Total	£5778.75

In addition the second instalment of the precept had been received, meaning that an additional £2812.50 had been paid into the Current Account.

The Council approved the Statement of Finance and the Orders for Payment below:

Cheque no	Amount	Payee	Purpose
d/d	£12.22	E-on	Electricity (amended figure – bill originally issued for £23.26)
d/d	£35	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration
100762	£501.99	Anita Robinson	Clerk's salary and tax refund July-Sept 2015

### 9.2. To approve and accept the Annual Return

The external auditors had finalised their report and confirmed that there were no matters of concern. The Council approved and accepted the Annual Return which will be displayed on the website and on the notice board in accordance with the regulations.

9.3. Transparency Code – the Clerk advised that the promised government funding to assist with the costs of complying with the Transparency Code were now available by application for grants. The Council resolved that the Clerk should apply for the cost of providing a laptop, and for the hours she has worked and will work this financial year in ensuring that the Council complies with the Code.

10. Proposed defibrillator in the telephone kiosk – at the July meeting the Council had

resolved to proceed with this project. Donations towards this project in Cllr Jim Robinson's memory were being collected by the Clerk who has already received over £1500. The Council agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the representative from Community Heartbeat Trust to attend the November meeting and move this forward if possible. P Clarke and P Baker were both willing to help with practical issues regarding the refurbishment of the phone box.

11. Chairman's & Clerk's reports & correspondence

The Clerk will complete the questionnaire from Community Action Suffolk regarding rural services and will highlight the difficulty of getting to Sudbury from Edwardstone. The Community bus goes only to Hadleigh. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact B Hurren with queries regarding car sales in Boxford and occupation of land in Newton Green

12. Future Agenda Items – phone box, potholes, footpath cutting

13. Date of the next meeting – 16 November 2015.

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

Chairman

Date