

BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Parish Council Meeting held at Bucklesham Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 7th March 2019

Present

Cllr Ruth Johnson (Chair)
Cllr Georgina Burgess
Cllr David Riddleston
Cllr David Brinkley
Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield
Mrs A Buggs Clerk
Neil Salisbury Hastoe
7 members of the public

15.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rhea Gardner.

16.19 Declaration of interest

Cllr Heather Owen and Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield both declared an interest in Item 4 of the agenda.

17.19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 2019 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18.19 Matters arising from the minutes

All items arising from the minutes form part of the agenda.

19.19 Report from representative from Hastoe

The Chairman introduced Neil Salsbury from Hastoe to the meeting. Neil said that the proposal was twelve affordable houses and six houses to be sold on the open market. Hastoe would now commission an architect to draw up a plan showing the proposed layout. Following discussion Parish Councillors believed the number of open market houses was too high. Cllr David Brinkley proposed, seconded Cllr Georgina Burgess that the original number of properties be built; 12 affordable houses and 4 houses to be sold on the open market – all in favour. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Ruth Johnson**

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

Cllr Patricia O'brien – Suffolk County Council

Budget proposals to increase SCC portion of the council tax for 2019/2020 by 4% were agreed by Full Council on 14th February. As I have reported in the past, demand for services continues to grow, and containing spending within agreed limits, whilst at the same time maintaining services, is increasingly challenging. Transformation of services is currently underway and working with other authorities and public sector partners is key to reducing spend and making services more efficient.

There is so much overlap with NHS, police and borough and district councils. Working together in partnership will benefit services enormously.

Recognising the growing population within Suffolk has been demonstrated by plans to expand six existing primary schools and two high schools. However, this will depend on new housing. There is a possibility of ten new schools when the large developments, such as Adastral Park take place. An all-thru school is planned for AP for children aged 4 – 16.

SCC is implementing changes to its School Travel Policy from September 2019. The Council has already written to all schools and Town and Parish Councils with information about the policy changes and how they may affect families in their area.

Consultation is to take place in the summer to gain the public's view upon a northern by-pass for Ipswich. Discussions about an Ipswich norther route have been well documented over the years with opposition focused on the despoliation of the affected countryside.

I have been appointed to a Policy Development Panel that is looking at Children's Centres in Suffolk. This is to find out if they are situated in the right place and reaching the vulnerable children/parents that they were aimed at. I visited two today (28th) Ravenswood and Hillside both situated in troubled areas of Ipswich. I was impressed by the staff in both and the range of facilities offered, particularly at Ravenswood. However, I understand some of the services are offered at nearby health centres and thus the need catered for. SCC must avoid duplication.

The Police and Crime Panel that I chair continues to look at challenging subjects. On 15th March we are questioning the Commissioner on Serious Sexual Offences and Solved Rate Performance plus Seven Forces Collaboration.

The solved rate re serious sexual offences is discouraging. The difficulty, people change their minds about testifying.

Seven Forced Collaboration involves forces from Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Bedfordshire, Kent, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. They meet to discuss ways of working effectively in partnership.

I have sent all my parishes my representation re the SCDC Local Plan.

Cllr Susan Harvey – Suffolk Coastal District Council

I responded to the local plan asking that Innocence Farm be removed as the information from the Hosking report the council was basing this on was not sound. Also the consideration of air , noise and light pollution is unacceptable. I suggested more suitable sites for this on the other side of the Orwell Bridge were more suitable if it is indeed justified at all.

I shall be responding negatively to the Sizewell C consultation. This will take 12 years to build and will totally pollute large areas which so much of our tourism dependents on. I am also passionate about the wildlife in these areas. Minsmere is an absolute gem in our local crown. Why risk damaging that permanently? No amount of mitigation will make up for this loss. More ways of producing electricity should be investigated thoroughly making use of our natural resources.

Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield that she had been told that the local bus service would cease in April. Cllr Patricia O'brien said she was not aware of the bus service ceasing but would investigate and report back to the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr Patricia O'brien**

Presentation to Cllr Susan Harvey – Suffolk Coastal District Council

Cllr Ruth Johnson thanked Cllr Susan Harvey for all her hard work and the support she had given to Bucklesham since she became a District Councillor. Cllr Ruth Johnson wished Susan well for the future and presented her with a card and also a gift of a rose bush for her garden.

Cllr Ruth Johnson reconvened the meeting and said that Questions would be taken at the end of the meeting.

20.19 To discuss Orwell Green (Land to the North and South of Bucklesham Road)

No further updates available.

21.19 To approve the Standing Orders / Procedures for 2018/2019

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council should minute the acceptance of the Standing Orders Procedures each year.

It was proposed by Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield seconded Cllr Heather Owen that the following Standing Orders should be accepted – agreed. **Action: Clerk**

Code of Conduct
Freedom of Information
Asset Register
Grant Policy
Complaints Procedure
Financial Regulations
Internal Audit Procedure
Standing Orders
Publication Scheme
Risk Assessment

22.19 Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council should minute the appointment of the Internal Auditor each year. It was proposed by Cllr David Riddleston seconded Cllr Georgina Burgess that Mr Trevor Brown should be appointed – agreed. **Action: Clerk**

23.19 Community Council

Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that a meeting would be held on the 8th March with Rosemary Watson and Mike Rogers for the handover of the Community Council documents to take place. Cllr Ruth Johnson stated that the Community Council would continue be run as a charity and become a fund-raising group for the village. A notice had been put in the Bugle stating that the Community Council would be run by members of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Ruth Johnson**

24.19 Bucklesham School Report

Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that she had written to the Headteacher of Bucklesham School welcoming her to Bucklesham village. The Headteacher would be providing Cllr Ruth Johnson with a report on the school to appear in the Bugle. The Headteacher has invited members of the village to

go to the Harvest Lunch and she would like the Parish Council to provide names of people who might like an invite. Following discussions Cllr Ruth Johnson proposed, seconded Cllr Georgina Burgess that the Parish Council make a donation of £25.00 to the school in September towards the cost of the lunch – all in favour.

25.19 To discuss holding a First Aid Course

Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that she had been approached by a villager Rachel Gowers to hold a First Aid Course on the use of the defibrillator. The course would be delivered by East Anglian Air Ambulance who will provide training free for a donation to their organisation. It was agreed that Rachel Gowers would organise the course. It was agreed to offer a one-hour course at a cost of £10 per person (20 people maximum) plus £25 for the hire of the village hall. Cllr Ruth Johnson proposed, seconded Cllr David Brinkley that the Parish Council sponsor the course at a total cost of £225.00. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Ruth Johnson**

26.19 Local Council Elections 2nd May 2019

The Clerk reported that she had received the election papers for councillors to complete if they wished to stand for election for the next four years. The Clerk reported that if councillors completed the forms she would check and fill in the electoral roll numbers. The Clerk stated that she had agreed to take all completed papers to Suffolk Coastal District Council on Friday, 22nd March at 10.00 am. It was agreed that papers should be delivered to the Clerk by Thursday, 14th March 2019. **Action: All Councillors / Clerk**

27.19 SCDC Local Plan

It was reported that the Local Plan had been circulated.

28.19 To discuss the Village Spring Clean

Cllr Ruth Johnson stated that Suffolk Coastal District Council would be conducting a 'litter pick' in the village on Friday, 22nd March 2019 and that the Parish Council had organised a local 'litter pick' on Saturday, 6th April 2019. It was agreed that the Parish Council would request SCDC to specifically cover Tenth Road, Nacton Lane and Hall Road. **Action: Cllr Ruth Johnson**

29.19 Appointment of Trustee to the Archer Cartwright Charity

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Rosemary Farrow stating that Cllr Heather Owen's term of office as a trustee on the Archer Cartwright Charity is ending. Cllr Heather Owen agreed to stand for a further term of office. Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield proposed, seconded Cllr Ruth Johnson that Cllr Heather Owen continue as a trustee – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

30.19 To consider re-joining Suffolk Association of Local Councils

The Clerk reported that the decision had been made some time ago by the Parish Council to cancel their membership of Suffolk Association of Local Councils but continue to be a member of the Local Council Public Advisory Service. However, the Clerk said that recently she did not feel the Parish Council were receiving sufficient support in view of the wide-ranging issues now being dealt with by the Parish Council. Following discussion Cllr David Brinkley proposed, seconded Cllr Georgina Burgess that the Parish Council re-join SALC and cancel their subscription to LCPAS – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

31.19 Renovation of the Play Equipment

All Parish Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the Rospa Report which was conducted at the beginning of 2019. Cllr Ruth John reported that although the Rospa Report appears to have a lot of issues reported none of the play equipment is dangerous. Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that the cargo net has been replaced. Discussions took place regarding the top having snapped off the netball post. It was agreed that the netball post should remain in place. The question was asked whether Tarmac would fund repairs to the play equipment and Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that Tarmac would not fund ongoing maintenance only new equipment. **Action: Cllr Ruth Johnson**

32.19 Sizewell C

It was reported that the Sizewell C enquiry will run until the 29th March 2019.

33.19 Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the football fees for the two teams using the playing field had not been received. It was agreed that the Clerk should send another reminder to the two secretaries. **Action: Clerk**

34.19 To discuss Innocence Lane

Cllr David Brinkley reported that Bucklesham is one of the five parishes who got together to oppose the development of Innocence Lane. It has now been suggested by Chairman of Trimley Parish Council that each of the five parishes contributes £200.00 to be paid to the Clerk of Trimley Parish Council in recognition of her work on the project. This remuneration had not been agreed before the work commenced. Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield proposed, seconded Cllr Georgina Burgess that Bucklesham Parish Council could not contribute to this goodwill gesture – all in favour. **Action: Cllr David Brinkley**

35.19 Planning

DC/19/0831/OUT Russet Cottage Main Road Bucklesham – Erection of two detached dwellings with garaging.

It was noted by the Parish Council that Suffolk County Council Highways have objected to this application on the following grounds.

This proposal would lead to a significant increase in use of the existing access. This is unacceptable due to its detrimental impact on highway safety as visibility from the access does not meet the requirements outlined within the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). For this development 90 metres to the nearside edge of the carriageway would be expected in both directions, measured 2.4 metres from the edge of the carriageway at the centre of the access. The position of the neighbouring dwelling as well as the geometry of the carriageway leads me to believe that this would not be achievable.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should also object to this application on the grounds of dangerous access and a significant increased number of vehicles using the existing access.

36.19 Finance

Receipts

VAT £1,431.37

Payments (to be approved this meeting)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses January 2019 (excluding tax) £200.00

Clerk's Salary & Expenses February 2019 (excluding tax) £268.78

Norse Commercial Grass Cutting £176.40

Georgina Burgess – Plant £27.45

Ipswich Borough Council – Rospa £296.86

Foxhall Village Hall – Hire of the hall for Parish Council Meetings £75.00

Suffolk Association of Local Councils – Annual Subscription £240.79

Bank Balances

Current Account £4,707.94

Deposit Account £4,513.37

Cllr Heather Owen proposed, seconded Cllr David Riddleston that the above expenditure should be approved – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

37.19 General Matters

1. Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield requested that the Clerk write to Norse requesting that they do not cut the plumb hedge until September 2019. **Action: Clerk**
2. Discussions took place regarding new councillor training courses. It was agreed that this item should be discussed following the Parish Council elections in May 2019. **Action: Clerk**

38.19 Date of next meeting

Thursday, 16th May 2019 Annual Parish Council Meeting / Annual Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Signed..... Date

QUESTION TIME

1. Further discussions took place with members of the public regarding clarification of the Hastoe development.
2. The village bench will be moved away from the drive of the new residence on Main Road.
3. Lorries Nacton Lane. Cllr Ruth Johnson said that she had reported the use of Nacton Lane to relevant parties. A notice will be put in the Bugle explaining to residents how they report on line lorries using Nacton Lane.

4. Signs will be put up in the village advertising the spring clean on the 6th April. The spring clean will start at 8.00 am at the Village Hall.
5. It was reported that Orwell Green is not in the Local Plan and as far as Cllr Susan Harvey is aware it will not be included.
6. A member of the public asked whether the Tree Warden was aware of the money which is allocated to him for use. Cllr Heather Owen said that he was.
7. A member of the public stated that he felt very strongly that what happens in neighbouring parishes affects all the parishes on the peninsular and that parishes should support each other.

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