

Minutes of an ordinary meeting (corrected) of Debenham Parish Council held on Monday, August 17th 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at Dove Cottage.

Present: Cllrs L Cockerton (in the chair), G Baxter, R Blackwell, J Farthing, F Winrow-Giffin, V Payne, temporary RFO Mrs D Bedwell, temporary clerk Mrs C Williamson District Cllr K Guthrie, PC Bales and five members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Baldwin and Voller, County Cllr Alcock
2. **To receive declaration of acceptance of office:** Cllr Farthing's declaration of acceptance of office, signed prior to the private meeting on August 10th 2009, was received.
3. **Declarations of interest with regard to items on the agenda and additions to register:** none
4. **7.33 p.m. Suspension of standing orders:** *Meeting open to allow members of the public to speak*

- 4.1 **Mr Dale Lawrence** advised the meeting of intentions to hold an **Apple Day in the village, during October.** Apples picked and brought by residents could be juiced and the service paid for by tithe – which would be sold to spectators. There would be poetry, art, an apple recipe competition and apple identification by an expert. He was advised that if he wished, he could apply to the council to use the Market Green and advertise on our website.
- 4.2 **Police: a report** had been emailed to the temporary clerk, which would be forwarded on (see attachment). A brief report was made: there was a new Police Officer, PC Pursehouse. The police had assisted SCC with an evaluation for signage improvement of Chancery Lane.
5. **Cllr Cockerton** advised that she had received a complaint about **parking on the Green space opposite the URC Church.** PCSO Bales said he would look into it.
- 5.1 **Cllr Guthrie was asked about the travellers seen at Eye:** they had been moved on from Brome. MSDC were working to get enough sites of travellers in the area.
- 5.2 **Cllr Winrow-Giffin thanked PCSO Bales** for the work done in chasing up the **problems on the walking route** to school sorted out in time for the new term.

7.45 p.m. standing orders resumed. PCSO Bales left the meeting

6. **Minutes of meeting held on July 20th :** Re Minutes 16, re DLC: it was agreed to delete and replace with: 'no time to discuss so deferred'. Cllr Winrow-Giffin proposed, seconded by Cllr Blackwell, that the minutes be adopted, all in favour.
7. **To consider renewal of membership of Suffolk Wildlife Trust:** a debate took place on the need and benefits of membership. Cllr Baxter proposed, seconded by Cllr Payne, all in favour, that the membership be renewed for another year at a cost of £30.00
8. **Accounts**

7.1 Cllr Payne proposed, seconded by Cllr Farthing, all in favour that the following accounts be paid:

Mrs Sillett, July 1 st – 15 th 18 hours:	£129.78
Mrs Sillett, July 22 nd – 12 th August 24 hours, @ £7.20 minus 18p incorrectly invoiced for July 1 st – 15 th)	£172.62
M Sillett 20 July to 14 August 68 hours @ £7.20 minus £3.17 incorrectly invoiced for 6 April to 17 th July)	£486.43
Impact Landscapes: 6 Jul-2 August	£333.50
Allianz – addition of public lavatories	£59.27
B and G Services 4 weeks: 6 July – 2 August	£705.64
Membership renewal of Suffolk Wildlife Trust	£30.00
Mrs D Bedwell, fees	£474.24
Mrs D Bedwell, expenses	£101.50

7.2 Payments received:

Allotment plot 5A	£8.78
Headstone for inscription Mr Keeble	£36.00
Burial of ashes, Mr and Mrs Pugh	£48.00

8. Planning matters:

8.1 Approvals: 1773/09: Blood Hall Cottage, Kenton Road – erection of garden room with attached boiler room / wc

8.2 Refusals: none

8.3 Applications:

1403/09 and 1404/09: 6 Chancery Lane, retention of oil tank and fencing (in conservation area). Cllr Payne declared a personal interest and took no part in the debate. This is a retrospective application. After much discussion, Cllr Winrow-Giffin proposed, seconded by Cllr Farthing, one abstention, all others in favour, that the refusal be recommended for the following reasons:

A hedge had been removed although in a conservation area and replaced with laurel – not in keeping with the location

Vehicle access and parking had not existed on the site before recent works took place

The area has flooded extensively in the recent past

Any hardstanding would have to be permeable because of the flood risk

The turning into the new parking area is difficult

The proximity of the oil tank to the river is of concern

(8.26 p.m. Mrs Bedwell and a member of the public left the meeting)

2169/09: Telephone Exchange, Aspall Road – retention, completion and continuation of the use of telephone repeater building as tourist accommodation, roof extension, chimney and external alterations. This is a retrospective application. Discussion took place receiving information when necessary from members of the public and Cllr Guthrie. She advised she had met with the applicant and that it lay outside the village envelope so was outside MSDC policy. It was being developed as a holiday let, otherwise it would not even be considered by MSDC. She said that the roof had been raised – member of public said by 700mm or so. He also said that vehicular access was good – it had been used almost daily by the post office/telephone services. **Cllr Farthing proposed, seconded by Cllr Payne, that refusal of the application be recommended because:**

It is outside the village envelope

Pedestrian access to the village or elsewhere is very dangerous

Although we support tourism in the area, it may be converted to residential use especially in the current financial climate.

Cllr Baxter proposed an amendment that this council should support the application because:

We want to support tourism although would not want further holiday dwellings to be built on the site

Conversion of the building would make it a useful property which might deteriorate if not converted and used

Pedestrian access on to the B1077 should be taken into consideration, being both limited and dangerous.

A vote was taken the amendment first: 4 in favour, two abstentions. The amendment was therefore carried.

8.4 Planning Correspondence: WITHDRAWN – 1529/09, land adjacent to 7 Lock Close- change of use to form garden land plus erection of fence.

9. **Play area repairs to surface: to receive quotations and agree next course of action.** Three quotations had been received and were compared . Cllr Winrow-Giffin proposed, seconded by Cllr Baxter, all in favour, that Monster Play’s quotation of £1980.00 be accepted and they be requested to carry out the work as soon as possible – Cllr Winrow-Giffin would contact them and arrange this as soon as possible. Cllr Payne advised that we must ensure that public safety would be taken into consideration when the work was carried out.

10. **Chair’s urgent business:** any items not on this agenda but of such urgency as to merit, in the Chair’s opinion, immediate action.
 - a. **Request to install speed limit on Aspoll Road.** A letter had been received by Cllr Cockerton from Mr D Gosling detailing his reasons for considering a speed limit necessary. It was agreed that we supported his concerns. Enquiries should be made and County Cllr Alcock should be copied in.

11. Cllr Winrow-Giffin asked that the raised manhole cover at the back of the post office be lowered as a resident had recently had a bad fall after tripping on it.
12. The temporary clerk was reminded to obtain quotations to cut down the dead tree on the cemetery boundary at Priory Lane.
13. Cllr Winrow-Giffin was concerned that there were still no white lines at the junctions on Little London Hill and Priory Lane areas since resurfacing had been completed.
14. Cllr Cockerton told the council about the meeting on September 15 about the environment. It concerned allotments and she hoped that a member of council could attend as she could not. It would take place at Debenham Leisure Centre.

15. **Any other business:** information exchange only

16. **Dates of next meetings:** September 14th (Ordinary), 21st (Finance, Employment and Planning)

17. **Temporary exclusion of press and public:** *That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning legal issues; potentially sensitive personnel content.*

After the closed session, the meeting ended at 10.15p.m.

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