



MUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at Mutford Village Hall on Wednesday 7th October 2015 Commencing at 7.00pm

70/15 Present

Cllrs, Paul Randle, Shirley Cole, David Greenacre
J. Armstrong (Clerk) 1 member of the public

71/15 Appointment of Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman it was agreed that Cllr Mrs S Cole would Chair the meeting

72/15 Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Carl O'Brien (Chairman), Neil Glendinning, Theresa Robinson, Martin Warnes, , WDC
Cllr Kevin Springall, SCC Cllr David Ritchie, PCSO Julia Quantrill.

73/15 Declarations of Interest

None

74/15 Minutes of the meeting of 2nd September 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Randle, seconded Cllr Greenacre that the minutes of the meeting of 2nd September 2015 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

75/15 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

60/15 The clerk reported that there had been no progress as yet, on the issues relating to the bridleway or the parking on Mill Road. The clerk will follow up
The concrete lumps and tyres have been removed from the paddocks on Chapel road.
It was reported that the paddock on Chapel Road had a post box at the gate, it was also mentioned that there was a post box on a paddock on Church road. The clerk was asked to make initial enquiries. A further issue of an amenity block at Beulah Hall was discussed as there was an opinion that the block had been used as residential.

The meeting was adjourned for questions and comments from the public and reports.

76/15 Questions and comments from the public

The road sign for Chapel Road at the junction by the church has been damaged. The clerk was asked to bring it to the attention of the highways.

77/15 SCC Report

There was no SCC report.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

78/15 WDC Report

Cllr Springall apologised because of other council commitments, in a written report Cllr Springall reported on the preliminary discussions about devolution and co-operation.

79/15 Police Report

PCSO Quantrill had sent a written report for the month there had been one reported crime concerning fly tipping on Dairy Lane. PCSO Quantrill also requested that residents should be vigilant and if they notice vehicles or people they do not recognise near a property the owners of which are away they should dial 999 and report the matter to the police.

The meeting was re-opened by the Chairman

80/15 Correspondence

- a) Letter from Suffolk Police concerning police attendance at council meetings. The clerk read a letter from the Chief Constable about changes to the police attendance at meetings which indicated that this service would be cut as a result of budget issues in the near future.
- b) Telephone scam incident from Anna Lincoln. Mrs Lincoln said that she had received a telephone call concerning a security system that could be installed at home. This turned out to be a scam. The clerk reported that he had passed on the letter to the Police. Cllr Randle suggested that it could be passed to Ivan Jacob for inclusion in the next Church newsletter
- c) Invitation to Suffolk Partnership meeting from the ESP partnership to be held in November had been received.
- d) Letter from SALC concerning Transparency fund. The clerk reported that he had received information and a claim form from SALC to allow the council to claim for the expenses incurred as a result of the requirement for a website under the transparency regulations.

81/15 Finance

81/15/1 Outstanding invoices

On a proposition from Cllr Randle, seconded by Cllr Greenacre the following invoices were approved for payment

Council Insurance for 2015/16 £278.95 payee Came and Company cheque number 000112

Playground inspection and bin emptying September 15 £40 payee Robin Mills cheque number 000113

81/15/2 The clerk reported that external audit report had been received and it had included a recommendation to update the asset register as soon as the payment had been finalised. This was noted by the council. The clerk will take the matter up with the auditors.

81/15/3 VAT Reclaim. The clerk reported that he had made the VAT reclaim for the period 1/4/13 to 31/3/15 amounting to £611.04

81/15/4 Grant for VAS sign. The clerk reported that the grant of £1000 towards the cost of the speed sign from Cllr Ritchie's local highways budget would be paid directly into the council's bank account.

81/15/4 Account Balance. The clerk reported that the bank statement for September had not been received as yet and that he would apprise members of the balance as soon as it was.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

82/15 Planning

82/15/1 Planning Applications

DC/15/2823/FUL construction of 46 biodiesel generators and associated infrastructure for Lark Energy at Ellough was considered. Concern was expressed by members about issues of noise and pollution as indicated in the environmental health officers response. Concern was also expressed about the projected hours of operation which council considered were grossly understated. Further comments were made that it was rumoured that the generators were already on site and that projected hours of operation were to be between 02.00 and 04.00 hrs 7 days per week.

It was agreed that council would reject the application with concerns about noise, pollution and hours of operation, these particularly should be restricted should the issues of noise and pollution can be substantiated with clear independent evidence acceptable to environmental health. The clerk was asked to respond on the necessary forms.

82/15/2 Outcome of planning applications

There were no outcomes

82/15/3 Waveney Development Plan Review Meeting Because of the low attendance of members it was agreed to postpone the report of the meeting until the next council meeting.

83/15 Any other business

83/15/1 Playground Report.

The damage to the rubber edge to the cradle swing has not yet been carried out. Robin Mills said that the rubber on one of the cradle swings is disintegrating due to the rusting of the bar around the seat. The clerk will contact the company and resolve the two issues. There were no other issues regarding the playground.

83/15/2 Council website

The clerk reported The website can be accessed using **mutford.onesuffolk.net**. This will be publicised in the next church newsletter.

83/15/3 VAS Signs The clerk reported that two of the poles had been put in but one had caused some resistance from the resident at the site on Hulver Road. The clerk will look to resolve the issue by considering alternative sites with the highways engineer.

84/15 Requests for items for the agenda of the next meeting

None .

85/15 Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th November 2015** at Mutford Village Hall **7.00pm**.

Cllr Randle gave his apologies for this date. The clerk said he would discuss with the Chairman alternative dates.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____