



Mutford PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

held at Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall

on Monday 6th November 2023 at 7pm

97/23 Present

MPC Cllr Warnes (Chair), Cllr Glendinning (Vice-Chair), Cllr Greenacre, Cllr Read, Cllr Wilby, Cllr Simpson

In attendance Angela Colbridge (Clerk), ESC Cllr Rivett, ESC Cllr Scrancher
Members of the public x 3

98/23 Apologies for absence

SCC Cllr J Cloke

99/23 Declaration of interest personal or prejudicial to this agent

There were no declarations of interest

100/23 Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 9th October 2023. It was proposed by Cllr Glendinning, seconded by Cllr Wilby that the minutes of the meeting of 9th October 2023 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

101/23 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

None

102/23 Chairs Item

None

103/23 Reports

103/23/1 East Suffolk Council

Flooding - ESC Cllrs informed Council that the following numbers can be used for advice for households affected by recent flooding: Normal working hours 0333 016200, Out of hours 0800 4402516. There are various measures in place to support affected households and businesses including: £500 cash grants to help with immediate relief; Council tax relief; Business recovery grants; up to £5000 towards protection from future flooding.

Leaders update - £4.2m government grant to ESC for brownfield land for future housing at the old Sanyo site in Lowestoft. There is a £900,000 investment into the vacant Old Town Hall on the High Street in Lowestoft.

Discussions on the new direction of the District Council are going to full council at the end of the month.

A new policing structure is expected to be announced in December.

ESC Cllrs were asked for an update on the construction of the Gull Wing Bridge in Lowestoft. The final piece of the bridge is currently under fabrication and welding and expected to arrive in January 2024. It is expected that the bridge will be open in Q1 or Q2 of 2024.

103/23/2 Suffolk County Council

The Clerk received SCC Cllr Cloke's report for the month of October 2023 just before the meeting and will circulate the report to Councillors.

103/23/3 Police – The Clerk reported the following updates from the Police.Uk website:

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August 2023 - 1 x reported crime on or near Chapel Road (Other theft - includes theft by employee, blackmail or making off without payment).

104/23 Correspondence

104/23/1 East Suffolk Council - 3 proposed Public Space Protection Orders

Views on the proposal to renew three PSPO's in the East Suffolk district are being requested, including Exclusion of dogs from Aldeburgh Beach, Landguard Point Nature Reserve and Dogs on Leads (General).

104/23/2 Beccles Aerodrome - Reply to residents concerns

The Clerk read out a reply from the aerodrome following concerns raised by a resident of a significant increase in air traffic and very excessive noise from one particular aircraft. As there is currently no resolution to the concerns raised, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact neighbouring parishes to find out if they have similar resident concerns.

104/23/3 Email from Passenger Transport, Suffolk County Council

Following receipt of a request for residents views on local bus routes, the Clerk confirmed that there had been a strong response from Mutford residents for a bus route to be re-introduced through the village. The Clerk will look for support from Suffolk County Council and forward the positive response to the Passenger Transport team.

104/23/4 Email from Norfolk County Council - Carriageway resurfacing works the Parish of Fritton with St. Olaves

The Clerk informed council that Mutford is on the alternative route list for this closure which is due to be in place between 20:00 and 06:00 from 13th to 17th November 2023.

104/23/5 Suffolk Highways - Junction of Dairy Lane and Eades Lane

Suffolk Highways asset team have no issues with this area and therefore, any works would have to be funded by the Parish Council, the County Councillor or both. The Clerk will obtain pricing from Suffolk Highways.

105/23 Finance

105/23/1 Approval of Outstanding invoices

R Mills Playground Maintenance October 2023 £30

Clerk expenses - Postage stamps £16

Clerk wages - September/October 2023 £500

Replacement cheque to cover cancelled cheque number 428 for Clerk expenses - Stationery £8.60

Roberts & Son newsletter printing November 2023 £40

Proposed by Cllr Glendinning, Seconded by Cllr Greenacre

105/23/2 Account balance

The Clerk noted a rolling estimate of £11,342.63

105/23/3 The Clerk noted a receipt of a CIL payment from East Suffolk Council - £99

105/23/4 Precept Request 2024/24 The Clerk noted that the Precept Request for the next financial year has been received and needs to be provided to East Suffolk Council by 26th January 2024. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

106/23 Planning

106/23/1 To consider any planning applications

None

106/23/2 To receive outcomes of planning applications from ESC

DC/23/2817/FUL Conversion of barn to form two residential dwellings following Class Q prior approval including change of use of surrounding land to garden land. Oakes Farm, Mutfordwood Lane, Carlton Colville, Suffolk, NR33 8HG - **Awaiting a decision**

DC/23/3586/FUL Proposed Tractor Store Land South of Woodford Farm, Mutford Wood, Mutford, Suffolk. **Awaiting a decision**

106/23/3 Other Planning Matters

SCC/0124/22W - Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure, Land at Copland Way, Ellough, Beccles, NR34 7TL -

The Clerk updated councillors that this application is still pending a decision.

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V.C.Cooke - Application for an environmental permit

The Clerk noted that the public consultation period has now concluded.

The Clerk informed Council that there were no objections to the consultation on the Discharge of conditions 6 (colour of flue stack) and 7 (construction management plan) for application SCC/0063/22W.

107/23 Speedsign - Handover update

Cllr Warnes informed Council that he has not as yet discussed the handover of the Speed Indicator Device with the resident who has offered to take over responsibility of it. It was suggested that Council should agree the handover to the resident who has volunteered to take over responsibility of the speed sign. **It was proposed by Cllr Read, Seconded by Cllr Simpson** that J Benham take over responsibility of the speed sign.

108/23 Telephone box/Book swap

It was reported to Council that the book swap in the old telephone box is in need of a general sort out and for a volunteer to maintain this amenity going forward. D. Benham has offered to add this into the next edition of the Mutford News. A discussion was held on the idea of offering to pay to cover volunteer expenses of up to £20 a month.

109/23 Community Litter Pick

The Clerk confirmed that the equipment for the community litter pick on Saturday 11th November had been collected from East Suffolk Services and that any rubbish sacks will be collected from ESSL on Monday 13th October. D. Benham will check with the Village Hall Committee a location where the rubbish sacks can be left for collection.

Adjournment for questions from members of the public

A member of the public asked for it to be minuted that The Paddocks, Mutfordwood Lane, was not being used as a permanent residence following a complaint that this was happening and that East Suffolk Council planning officers are aware of the situation and are happy that there is no breach of restrictions taking place.

110/23 Any other business of which due notice has been given

The Clerk noted that the spring bulbs, which were awarded to the Council earlier in the year, had been collected from East Suffolk Council and would be handed over to the Church Warden for planting.

111/23 Requests for items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

None

112/23 Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7:56 pm.

Signed Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____