

GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 16th January 2020 at 7.30pm
The Lord Thurlow Village Hall**

Mr. A Peake – Chairman*

Mr. R. Barker – Vice-Chairman*

Mrs. N. Calderbank*

Mr. B. Fitch*

Mr. I. Sadler*

Mrs D. Stick*

Present: All marked*

Mrs S. Austin took the minutes.

No members of the public in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Record Councillors' apologies for absence

All in attendance.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Barker in respect of being on the P.C.C. and Village Hall Committee.

3. Suffolk County Councillor

Cllr Storey sent her apologies a report had been received and circulated to Councillors which included: Suffolk fire and rescue service rated 'good' in Government inspection, new bridleway opens up traffic free link, scrutiny previews the budget figures for 2020/21 and scrutiny looking at SCC relationship with Kier – highways.

District Councillor

Cllr Meyer attended and gave a report which included: Mid Suffolk Councillors consider budget for 2020/21, Councils to consider move to clamp down on Council Tax fraud, Needham Market visitor centre and café agreed, 1000 endangered animals, more than £791k funding boost for communities, planning enforcement service update and councils £420k three-year guarantee to support citizens advice. Cllr Meyer advised the new recycling centre was now open. Cllr Barker asked how far the local plan was Cllr Meyer advised the local plan is still in committee stage and had not come back to full council as yet. A question was also asked on climate change and it was confirmed Mid Suffolk had declared a climate emergency, a task force had been set up and will report back to full Council in March. Hydrogen cars and high-speed chargers for electric cars were briefly discussed.

Public Forum

No members of the public in attendance.

4. To Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting as a True Record

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2019 were signed as a correct record.

5. Reports

- i. **General Highways:** The Clerk had reported the grit bins in Daisy Green which needed filling to SCC. The pot holes on the corner with School Road and outside Ashfield House on Elmswell Road had also been reported. To report again the collapsed drains on Elmswell Road.
- ii. **Community Speed Watch:** Cllr Stick gave a report a copy is available.
- iii. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Stick had sent a link to the latest Neighbourhood Watch report to all Councillors.
- iv. **Broadband:** Cllr Sadler updated Council on the possibility of installing ducting on Braziers Lane Council discussed it was felt it maybe too expensive for each household. Cllr Barker to investigate ownership of Braziers Lane. To place on next agenda.
- v. **Clerk:** The precept form had been sent to MSDC and an acknowledgement of receipt had been received.

6. Annual review of provision of dog waste bins:

Council discussed and all in agreement to keep all the dog waste bins insitu.

7. To consider footpath map:

Council discussed Cllr Peake to look at re-styling the footpath map, to place on next agenda.

8. To consider re-printing 'Here but not Here' booklet:

Council discussed Cllr Peake proposed re-printing 10 copies seconded by Cllr Calderbank all in agreement.

9. Update on history of schooling/education in Great Ashfield event:

Cllr Stick updated Council they had received a lot of help from people all over the world. The booklet will be set out in the same style as the 'Here but not Here' booklet currently the new booklet had eight chapters and 57 pages so far.

10. Update on War Memorial/Roll of Honour:

Cllr Barker advised the next PCC meeting would be held this month and will report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. Cllr Barker advised they were hoping to read out all of the fallen in the Church on either 8th May or over that weekend. A brief discussion on VE day and VJ day which was confirmed as 15 August.

11. Correspondence

To circulate: Clerks & Councils Direct

Circulated:

- i. MSDC spring clean Suffolk 2020 – council discussed and agreed a village spring clean to take place on Saturday, 4th April, Cllr Peake to place an article in the next Newsletter.

12. Planning

Cllr Peake to contact district Cllr Meyer in regards MSDC refusal of application from Rookery Barn.

- i. **No planning applications had been received.**

13. Finance Report and to consider the payment of invoices

The deposit account held £802.54 at 29th December 2019, the current account had a cleared balance of £3,588.60 at 29th December 2019.

Cllr Barker proposed payment of invoices seconded by Cllr Peake all Councillors in agreement for the payment of invoices below:

- i. I.C.O. subscription 2020-21 £40: A cheque no: 374 was raised for £40
- ii. Village Hall rent invoice: A cheque no: 375 was raised for £128
- iii. No further invoices had been received

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Calderbank suggested placing in every Newsletter a link to report pot holes, Cllr Peake to add this to the text. Cllr Peake to approach a resident who may be interested in being co-opted to Council.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 19th March 2020 in the Lord Thurlow Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.