

GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 24th November 2016 at 7.30pm
At the Lord Thurlow Hall**

Mr. A. Peake – Chairman*

Mr. R. Barker – Vice-Chairman*

Mrs. N. Calderbank*

Mr. B. Fitch*

Mrs. D. Stick*

Mr. R. Watts*

Present: All marked*

Mrs S. Austin took the minutes. One member of the public attended
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Record Councillors' apologies for absence

All Councillors in attendance

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest received

3. Visiting Speakers

- i. County Councillor: Cllr Jane Storey did not attend her November report was circulated.
- ii. District Councillor: Cllr Roy Barker attended and gave a report which included: MDSC have voted to move to Endeavour House, Cllr Barker advised he had voted against the move. No planning applications currently in the parish. Cllr Barker advised Suffolk Constabulary to only attend annual meetings. Hare coursing is currently a problem in the area, if anyone sees anything call 999. The waste calendars are out and a number have been placed in the village hall and church for residents, Cllr Barker to copy more if needed. Badwell Ash is currently joining with Hunston and Walsham le Willows to help combat speeding in the villages. Council briefly discussed speeding and community speed watch.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 20th October 2016 had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record of proceeding.

5. To consider Co-Option of Councillor

A member of the public considering putting themselves forward as Councillor to place on next agenda.

6. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. General Highways: the clerk read out a response received from Stowmarket cycling club. A letter had been sent to Portable Space (Blacks) in regards to Lorries in Daisy Green but no reply had been received. A member of the public had contacted the clerk to express their

concern on visibility at the junction from Norton Road onto Elmswell Road particularly following the accident that occurred there. Council discussed the clerk to inform SCC of the visibility concerns. The chair to contact Cllr Storey re the highway issues she agreed to at the meeting in September.

- ii. Speeding in Village: Council discussed the clerk to download the self assessment form for a possible mobile speed sign and guidance from SCC, the chair to complete for the next meeting. The chair to contact Cllr Storey re speeding issues she agreed to at the meeting in September.
- iii. Broadband provision in Village: Cllr Barker reported he had collected uplift and download speeds from local villages.

7. Clerks Report

One Councillor vacancy remains.

8. To confirm dates of Parish Council meetings for 2017

Council agreed to the following dates: Thursday 26th January, Thursday 30th March, Thursday 25th May, Thursday 28th September and Thursday 30th November.

9. Annual Financial Risk Assessment review

Council discussed and all in agreement no change was necessary and was dually signed.

10. Annual Asset Risk Assessment review

Council discussed and all in agreement no change was necessary and was dually signed. Cllr Barker advised the glue on the Doomsday book held in the church was going and may need rebound again. The clerk to contact the resident who organised the previous rebinding to organise a quote to get it rebound.

11. To consider adoption of Internal Control Statement

Council discussed and all in agreement to adopt the Internal Control Statement which was dually signed.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence to be circulated to Councillors: Clerks & Councils Direct, Thedwastre North November report, Waste collection calendar and Waste collection Christmas dates.

13. Update on Village Sign

Cllr Barker advised he had asked for a quote for the remedial works. To place on next agenda.

14. Update on recently planted trees in Village

Cllr Fitch to obtain the list of recently planted trees. Cllr Fitch and Cllr Peake to inspect the trees.

15. Planning

- i. **Any applications decided:** Application No: 3856/16 Primrose Cottage, Daisy Green – Granted 9.11.16

16. Finance Report and consider budget for precept

It was advised there would be no grant available for 2017/2018. Cllr Calderbank reported the reserves held were currently £2393 in the deposit account. Council were happy with the level of reserves. Council discussed budget and precept and all agreed to keep the precept at the current level of £1890 the precept form was dually signed.

17. To consider payment of invoices

All Councillors in agreement for the payment of invoices.

- i. **Profile inv: 116893 £20 Newsletter costs:** a cheque no: 294 was raised for £20
- ii. **No further invoices had been received**

18. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Watts highlighted the problem of horse waste on the road/pavement. Cllr Barker on behalf of the village hall thanked everyone who supported the village hall silent auction at which £1800 was raised. Cllr Stick reported the two day Councillor training had been very valuable and enjoyable. Cllr Calderbank advised the verges throughout the village needed skirting out, the clerk to report to SCC. The clerk to place 30mph signage for bins and concealed entrances on the next agenda.

19. Date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting was confirmed as Thursday, 26th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Great Ashfield Parish Council
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