

GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th January 2016 at 7.30pm
At the Lord Thurlow Hall

Mrs. S. Orford – Chairman*

Mr. S. Miles – Vice-Chairman*

Mrs. N. Calderbank*

Mr. B. Fitch*

Mr. R. Barker*

Mr. A. Peake*

Mr. R. Watts

Present: All marked*

Mrs S. Austin took the minutes.

Two members of the public attended (see attendance book)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Record Councillors' apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Watts

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Barker declared an interest in item 13i

3. County Councillors Report

Cllr Storey did not attend a report had been received and was circulated.

4. District Councillors Report

Cllr Barker gave his report which included: The Community Locality Awards £1000 has been given to each of the village halls in Cllr Barkers ward including Great Ashfields which will go towards the refurbishment. 'Cleaning for the Queen' programme has been brought out from Keep Britain Clean for HM The Queens 90th birthday. Cllr Miles advised beacons were being lit on 21st April to celebrate HM The Queen's birthday. MSDC housing stock, following Government legislation Council rents must now be dropped by 1%. MSDC grant from Government has been cut by 38%; MSDC may increase their section of the Council tax by 1.8%. The wind turbine at Wyverstone has been with the Inspectorate for over 18 months and MSDC are still waiting for the result. Cllr Barker advised he had put forward the names of two residents from Great Ashfield for a Community Award. The two residents have done a considerable amount towards the local community.

5. Suffolk Constabulary Report

No Officer attended and no report had been received.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26th November, 2015 had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record of proceedings.

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7. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. General Highways – Holland Hill is currently closed for Highways works and School Lane will be closed from 9th – 11th February for the passing place to be installed. The clerk to report two potholes outside Ashfield House, Elmswell Road to SCC. It was advised the flooding across the road at Daisy Green, a resident is dealing with the problem.
- ii. Pension Auto Enrolment Update – The clerk advised the automatic enrolment declaration had been completed.

8. Clerks Report

The automatic precept referendum will not apply to the parish sector in 2016/17. Information on the UK Power Network support for vulnerable residents in power cuts has been circulated through the Newsletter and Village Hall email list.

9. Correspondence

For circulation: Clerks & Councils Direct, letter from Suffolk Age UK, Cllr Storey's January report, letter from Suffolk Constabulary re match funding for PCSO's, UK Power Networks notification of workshops. Council agreed to nominate the Chairman Cllr Orford to complete the form for possible attendance at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

10. Great Ashfield Newsletter

Council discussed and agreed to continue its funding. Council agreed to review the costs annually in September. To confirm a resident local historian is keeping a copy of the newsletter. Cllr Calderbank circulated the proposed invitation for the village tea party on Saturday, 11th June 3.30 – 6pm to celebrate HM The Queens 90th birthday. Council discussed and agreed for the invitation to go in the next Newsletter. A member of the public suggested informing the Village Hall committee to possibly arrange a pub evening event as well.

11. To Consider Donations

Council discussed and agreed to donate funds towards the village tea party celebration of HM The Queens 90th birthday, to approach Cllr Storey for a possible donation towards this event.

12. Dog Waste Bins Ongoing Costs

Council discussed and were happy to continue with dog waste bins but to review annually in January.

13. Planning

- i. **Application No: 3918/15 Former Grampian Harris site, St Edmunds Drive, Elmswell – application for approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 0846/13 relating to appearance, landscaping layout & scale:** Council discussed Cllr

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Peake proposed objecting seconded by Cllr Orford all in agreement with the comment: Great Ashfield Parish Council object due to the scale of the proposal due to the traffic congestion it will cause. It is already difficult to travel from Great Ashfield to the A14 through Elmswell due to the existing traffic congestion issues. This will be further exacerbated with a single access from this site together with the increase in train traffic.

- ii. **Application received after the agenda had been sent out: Application No: 4449/15 Odessa, Westley Way – Alteration and retention of existing annexe** – Council agreed to a parish council meeting on Monday, 8th February 5pm at The Limes to discuss.
- iii. **Planning decisions received: Application No: 3809/15 Ashfield House, Elmswell Road single storey rear extension to existing annex accommodation** – Granted 9.12.15

14. Finance Report and to consider payment of invoices

All Councillors in agreement for the payment of invoices

- i. **Renewal annual ICO data protection £35:** a cheque no: 278 for £35 was raised
- ii. **SCC street lighting inv: 9177536 £313.51:** a cheque no: 279 for £313.51 was raised.
- iii. **No further invoices had been received**

15. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

General Highways to be placed on next agenda. Cllr Barker advised he had not had time to do anything yet on the village sign but will attend to this, to put on next agenda. Cllr Barker reported on the Amenity land and the complaint from residents which had gone to the ombudsman. Cllr Barker reported on the refurbishment works at the village hall. The clerk to find out whether a Parish Council can loan monies to a village hall for a short period of time, to place Village Hall update on the next agenda. Cllr Miles advised he was trying to arrange for the Elmswell history group to come to the village hall to give a talk on the 1st World War airfield site. Cllr Orford reported a number of footpath signs are missing or broken, the clerk to send the contact details of the Rights of Way Officer at SCC. Cllr Orford and Cllr Miles wished to visit the Waste Recycling plant at Great Blakenham, the clerk to arrange.

16. Date of next meeting

A planning meeting to be held on Monday, 8th February at the Limes. The next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, 31st March, 2016 in the Lord Thurlow Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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