

GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 28th November 2019 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 Calderbank in regards item 14i.

3. Suffolk County Councillor

Cllr Storey sent her apologies a report had been received and circulated to Councillors which included: New and improved recycling centre to open next month, new and improved public right of way set for reconstruction, SCC leader announces cabinet reshuffle, SCC meeting 17 October, Suffolk's gritting fleet gets personal and Braking point returns to help young adults stay safe on Suffolk's roads.

District Councillor

Cllr Meyer attended and gave a report which included: General election 12 December, Haughley and Thurston adopt Neighbourhood Plans, more free swimming for youngsters, fly-tipper billed more than £1,500 for dumping waste in Stowupland and Free recycling talks for residents. Locality budget deadline extended to end of January, Cllr Meyer to send a grant form to the Clerk.

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 19th September 2019 were signed as a correct record.

5. Reports

- i. General Highways: The dip on Elmswell road caused by a collapsed drain/sewer had been reported to SCC who had advised that it does not warrant remedial action at this time. Cllr Peake advised a resident had been pushed off the road onto the verge by a large lorry going through the village, to advise resident to report to the police. Cllr Fitch advised nearly all drains are blocked on Elmswell Road and needed jetting, the Clerk to report to SCC. Cllr Calderbank highlighted a number of ditches are full of debris, to send

landowners a letter if necessary. Cllr Calderbank to speak to a householder in regards water on Elmswell Road. Cllr Sadler to report the state of the road in Daisy Green to SCC.

- ii. Community Speed Watch/Speedar calibration: A report had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Stick updated Council there were 14 volunteers split equally between Great Ashfield and Long Thurlow. Speedar calibration Cllr Peake advised the cost was £60 + VAT plus £10.50 postage each way. It was confirmed the Speedar is currently accurate but will need to be calibrated next year. It was advised there were two batteries both of which currently last each session but will need to be replaced at a later date. There are still some 30mph bin stickers available.
- iii. Neighbourhood Watch/Police: Cllr Stick had a breakdown of membership by postcode these were not evenly distributed. To place an article in the Spring Newsletter, to also carry out a leaflet drop. The Annual meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch was briefly discussed.
- iv. Clerks Report: The Christmas bin collection had been circulated. The Clerk attended the 'Shaping Suffolk' conference on planning a report on it had been received and circulated to Councillors.

6. Review of Peace Day Commemoration

Council felt it had been an excellent event. Cllr Barker advised the Village Hall would like to thank all the team who carried out the catering at this event.

7. Update on history of schooling/education in Great Ashfield

Cllr Stick gave an update; the new book is in draft and will include sections on the village, evacuee's, the teachers and Dagmar currently there is no deadline. Cllr Stick advised there was still a need to contact a number of local people to liaise with Cllr Barker to facilitate this. To place on the next agenda.

8. Update on War Memorial/Roll of Honour

Cllr Barker advised the PCC had held a meeting and had contacted the War Memorial Trust asking various questions on procedures. Cllr Peake confirmed there were 12 people from the village with 8 already on the Great Ashfield church memorial and 4 on memorials elsewhere and should all 12 be contained on the Great Ashfield memorial. Cllr Barker advised the PCC were checking the minutes of PCC meetings at the time to see what they contain. Cllr Stick felt a grove of trees could be planted in memorial.

The Roll of Honour was briefly discussed, Cllr Barker to speak to the former Chair of Badwell Ash to ascertain who they had used to have their Roll of Honour restored. To place on the next agenda.

9. To consider Emergency Officer for Great Ashfield

Cllr Barker was confirmed as Great Ashfield's emergency officer. Cllr Meyer to send the Council a template to use to set up an emergency plan.

10. To agree tree planting in village

Cllr Fitch advised the Council on tree planting, Council agreed to plant at least 12 trees using whips/posts/sleeves and protection for the roots at an approximate cost of £100. It was hoped to plant the trees in January 2020.

11. Annual Internal Control Report & Statement

The Internal Control Report and Statement had been circulated to Councillors and all in agreement it was correct and the Chair signed both the report and statement.

12. To consider meeting dates for 2020

The Clerk advised the village hall was available on the following dates at 7.30pm:

Thursday, 16 January

Thursday, 19 March

Thursday, 21 May Annual Parish meeting starting at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting

Thursday, 17 September

Thursday, 19 November

All Councillors in agreement for meetings on the above dates.

13. Correspondence

To circulate: Clerks & Councils Direct

Circulated:

- i. SCC Christmas lighting – Council all in agreement to leave the lights as they are with part night lighting where programmed to do so.
- ii. Local Government Boundary Commission SCC review - Noted

14. Planning

- i. **Application DC/19/0490C9 Tudor Lodge, Elmswell Road – Erection of Cartlodge:**
Council discussed Cllr Peake proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Stick all in agreement no objection
- ii. **Application DC/19/04711 Rookery Barn, Daisy Green – Erection of greenhouse & garden shed. Installation of satellite dish, antenna, pv cells & air source heat pump:**
Council discussed Cllr Sadler proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Peake all in agreement no objection.
- iii. **Application DC/19/04712 Rookery Barn, Daisy Green – Listed Building Consent as above:** All in agreement no objection
- iv. **Application DC/19/04494 Ashfield Hall, Wetherden Road – Change of use to provide additional accommodation:** Council discussed Cllr Sadler proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Peake all in agreement no objection.

No further planning applications had been received.

15. Finance Report and to consider the payment of invoices

The third quarter against budget had been circulated to Councillors. The deposit account held £802.33 at 28.10.19, the current account had a cleared balance of £3,697.40 at 10.10.19.

All Councillors in agreement for the payment of invoices below:

- i. To consider budget 2020-21: a draft budget had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Meyer to find out whether there were any CIL monies available to Council. Council discussed the budget and Cllr Sadler proposed adding £600 to the reserves for future events seconded by Cllr Barker it was also proposed £800 to be placed in reserves toward the replacement of speed equipment all in agreement.
- ii. To consider precept 2020-21: Cllr Sadler proposed a precept of £2415 seconded by Cllr Peake all in agreement it was noted the precept remains the same as the previous year.
- iii. MSDC bin emptying additional payment 1.4.19 – 31.3.20 £28.80 dog bins were briefly discussed, the clerk to contact MSDC for usage: A cheque no: 371 was raised for £28.80
- iv. Community Action Suffolk website subscription £60: A cheque no: 372 was raised for £60 made payable to S. Brown as paid by card as CAS no longer accepting payment for invoices by cheque.
- v. Profile Newsletter printing Winter Newsletter: A cheque no; 373 was raised for £20
- vi. No further invoices had been received

16. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Calderbank highlighted the state of the pavements in the village, to place Spring Clean on the March agenda. Cllr Sadler advised some of the salt bins appeared not to have been filled, the Clerk to check with SCC. Cllr Sadler briefly updated Council on Broadband to place on the next agenda.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 16th January 2020 in the Lord Thurlow Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.