

GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 30th March 2017 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. Four members of the public attended
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Record Councillors' apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Calderbank

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Barker in respect of item 9

3. Visiting Speakers

- i. County Councillor: Cllr Jane Storey did not attend the February report was distributed to Councillors
- ii. District Councillor: Cllr Roy Barker attended and gave a report which included: Mid Suffolk District Council had set the budget with a 5p a week increase on their section of the Council Tax otherwise it had been a quiet time at MSDC.
- iii. Public forum: A resident advised a committee had been put together in 2008/9 to try to get a play area for the village unfortunately this had not been possible. The funds which had been raised have been sitting in the bank, the committee members have all agreed they would like to contribute all the funds approximately £750 to the parish council to go towards signage to help combat speeding in the village. Council thanked the committee and suggested they hold onto the monies until the posts for signs were installed. The Chair updated the meeting on what had been achieved so far with potential sites for vehicle activated signage x 3 in Great Ashfield, x2 sites in Badwell Ash and x3 sites in Long Thurlow. The potential sites for Great Ashfield and Long Thurlow have been sent to the SCC contractor to agree and Council is awaiting their decision before they can move forward. Council is still awaiting template from Cllr Storey to try and extend the 30mph area and implement an environmental weight limit in Daisy Green. It was asked if Council could also ask for Elmswell road to have an environmental weight limit. Council was happy to ask for this but it would be up to SCC to agree for this to happen. Council were also hoping for the installation of dragon's teeth and gates at the beginning and end of the village on Elmswell road which Cllr Storey had agreed to help fund. It was reported the 30mph signs of the bins in Long Thurlow seem to be making a difference to the speed of traffic.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23rd February 2017 had been circulated, and were signed as a correct record of proceeding.

5. To consider Co-Option of Councillor

No member of the public had come forward to be considered, to place on next agenda.

6. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- i. General Highways Report: The clerk reported the drains on Elmswell Road had been jetted the safety barrier outside No.1 Elmswell Road and the drainage problem at Daisy Green had been reported to Highways
- ii. Speeding in Village Report: This had been covered in item 3
- iii. Tree Warden Report: The Chair advised there was a tree warden vacancy in this area if anyone was interested to contact Babergh/Mid Suffolk district council. The vacancy to be sent out on the village hall email list.

7. Clerks Report

Nothing to report.

8. To Consider Beacon – 11th November 2018

Council agreed to plan a beacon, subject to the landowners permission, the clerk to register this with the Pageantmaster Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018

9. Update on Village Sign

Cllr Barker advised he had not received a quote as it was a difficult job to price. Council discussed and agreed they were happy for Cllr Barker to organise the works up to a cost of £250. To place on the next agenda.

10. To Consider the Re-binding of Millennium Book

The clerk read out email received from Cllr Storey who was happy to contribute £200 towards the cost of the re-binding. A further email was read from the Finance Officer Cllr Calderbank confirming £300 was available for the re-binding. Council discussed and Cllr Barker proposed accepting the estimate No. 4 - To make a new book using spare sheets and endpapers, full bind in leather, raised bands on spine, tooling to front cover, gold block title, coloured headbands and ribbon marker for £500 Cllr Stick seconded all Councillors in agreement. It was agreed by all Councillors the leather to be dark red and gold. Council discussed the existing damaged book and agreed if possible to split the book into two ring binder sections one section on the history of the village and one section on the houses which would be available for residents to borrow. J. Constantine to organise with the bookbinder a new bound book using the spare pages and to ask about ring binding the damaged book. Cllr Peake and J Constantine to try and access the files on the old disc holding the millennium book information with the possibility of printing abridged copies and/or uploading the information onto the One Suffolk site.

11. To Consider Anti-Dog Fouling Signage

The clerk advised a booklet on 'Dealing with Dog Fouling' had been received from MSDC. Aluminium signage was available to purchase as well as free vinyl signage which had been asked to be sent to the clerk. Council discussed and agreed Cllr Barker to put up the free signage near the church.

12. Correspondence

To distribute Cllr Storey report, Clerks & Councils Direct, SALC training schedule, The Local Councillor x 2 and better broadband subsidy scheme.

13. Planning

- i. **Application decided by the planning authority had been received** - Application No: 0291/17 Meadow Farm, Elmswell Road – demolition of existing single storey outbuilding erection of replacement single storey outbuilding comprising garaging, storage & home office, repair & infill boundary wall – Granted 7.3.17
- ii. Two planning applications had been received after the agenda had been issued. Council agreed to hold a special planning meeting on Thursday, 6th April at 7pm in the village hall.

14. Finance Report and payment of invoices

All Councillors in agreement for the payment of invoices.

- i. **Clerks Salary and Expenses of £23.64 to 31.3.17:** A cheque was raised no: 302 for £303.64
- ii. **HMRC payment:** A cheque was raised no: 303 for £70
- iii. **No further invoices had been received**

15. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

To place salt boxes on the next agenda, Cllr Stick suggested producing a new village welcome pack this could include footpath map, church guide and contact list, the clerk to update the original welcome pack contact list to place on next agenda. It was also suggested there was a need for a contact person if a resident noticed or had problems within local fields. Cllr Barker to look into this. It was advised there was a large static caravan parked on land at Howards Meadow, Cllr Barker to report this to the planning enforcement department at MSDC.

16. Date of next meeting

A Special planning meeting to be held on Thursday, 6th April 2017 at 7pm with the next scheduled meeting being confirmed as Thursday, 25th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Great Ashfield Parish Council

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