

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 19th. July 2012 in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors R Compton (Chairman) S. Freeman, & J. Pryke & the Clerk, G. Kimmerling
In attendance SCC Cllr. Bellfield, and 3 members of the public.

The meeting commenced in Open Session.

Suffolk Acre have told the Village Hall Committee that the Parish Council cannot claim back the VAT on work done to the hall so they are going ahead with the improvements. The Parish Council is waiting for a reply from HM Revenue & Customs as the hall is owned by the Parish Council, but managed by the Management Committee.

Della Hughes asked for 3 years of Minutes in electronic form for the web-site.

SCC Cllr. Bellfield gave a report from SCC – included in the Minutes folder. SCDC are continuing to work closely with Waveney DC and amalgamating departments where possible. It was disappointing that only one tender was forthcoming for the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe and this was not satisfactory. The Spa is set to close in December.

The Clerk read out the Police report from P.C.S.O. Chattenberry– included in the Minutes folder.

The Clerk will contact Highways re flooding in Shop Road and the junction of Manor Road & the main road. She will keep Cllr. Bellfield informed of progress.

The Open Session concluded at 7.50 and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

Agenda Item	Discussion/Detail	Action
1. Apologies for absence	Cllrs. Angwin – away & Pennington – another meeting and PCSO Chattenberry	
2. Declarations of Interest	None	
3. Minutes		
Meeting held on May 17 th . 2012	Proposed by Cllr.Pryke seconded by Cllr. Freeman & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes as a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes.	
4. Matters outstanding from the Minutes		
a) Wildlife Area	Cllr. Compton is meeting Sfk. Wildlife Trust on 8 th . August to look at the pond area by the concrete road. Mr. Taylor must approve any plans. This could be a site for another doggie bin.	Cllr. Compton to meet Sfk. Wildlife Trust on Aug. 8 th .
5. Finance		
i) Financial statement as at 19/07/12	Copies given to all Parish Councillors	
ii) Approve invoices for payment	G. Kimmerling – Clerk’s salary £223.12 (No tax payable as overpayment of £55.60)(463) G. Kimmerling – Clerk’s expenses £8.19 (VAT 83p) (464) Della Hughes – newsletter & keys £41.89 (465) PROPOSED Cllr Pryke, seconded Cllr. Freeman & agreed by the Parish Council. All chqs dated 19/07/12 & signed by Cllrs. Compton & Freeman	
iii) To consider any other financial matters	Accounts sent to the Auditors as required.	
6. Planning		
i) Planning Decisions		Page121

	<p>C11/1719 Snipe Vineyards, Snipe Farm Road Change of use of Annex to Holiday Accommodation. SCDC permission- premises to be used for holiday letting only; no more than 56 days per person/s; up-to-date register. C12/0373 land & Buildings North of Moat Hall, Martins Lane. Demolition of farm Buildings & erection of holiday accommodation, parking places & swimming pool. SCDC Refusal – Proposal will result in new buildings divorced from any settlement – contrary to NPPF & policies AP8 & AP30 of SCDC Local Plan; Proposed buildings not sympathetic to the surroundings & detrimental to rural area. C12/0761 Catts Hill Farmhouse, Clopton Green Various internal alterations & new French doors. SCDC Listed Building consent.</p>	
ii) Planning Applications		
	None received.	
iii) Other Planning Issues	<p>C11/2283 The Meadow, Hill Farm, Drabbs Lane. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State for the Environment – Ref APP/J3530/A/12/2169548 date 07/02/12. Appeal was turned down.</p>	
7. Suffolk Local Code of Conduct for Members	<p>SALC had drawn up a Suffolk Local Code of Conduct for Members in accordance with S26 to 37 of the Localism Act 2011. PROPOSED by Cllr. Freeman, seconded by Cllr. Pryke & agreed by the Parish Council to adopt this Code. The Clerk has advised SCDC of all Parish Councillors details & E-mail addresses. SCDC will contact them in due course.</p>	<i>SCC Cllr Bellfield left the meeting after this Agenda item.</i>
8. Village Design Statement		
	Cllr. Angwin had told Cllr. Pryke that he is still waiting to finalise the VDS.	
9. Queen's Diamond Jubilee.		
	This had been an excellent event with over 100 villagers attending. Peter Day & Tony Dockerell had provided the music, and various helpers had provided an excellent tea. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to everyone involved.	
10. Speedwatch		
	<p>Cretingham had wanted to join the Speedwatch but some of their volunteers had initially refused the CRB checks. They now have a new leader so may be back on track. Tuddenham are in the process of joining the group & Woodbridge may also join in the future. Various other locations in Clopton had been suggested but Drabbs Lane is mostly 60m.p.h. with the 30m.p.h. signs less than ½ mile apart (not enough). The middle part of Shop Road could be checked but it would be difficult.</p>	
11. SALC	No report	
12. Correspondence	None	
13. Questions to Chairman		
	<p>A question was asked about a Bye Law relating to dogs and cars not being allowed on the Village Hall land. This could have been passed in the 1980's and there was once a sign on the site to this effect. The Chairman explained that the Clerk has handed in her notice as she is moving away. The post will be advertised.</p>	<p>Clerk to look into the Bye Law in the records. Clerk to advertise her post.</p>
Next Meeting	Next meeting Thursday September 20 th . 2012.	

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____ Page 122