

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Woolverstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 January 2016 at Berners Hall.

1 Apologies

Mr P Patrick (BDC), Mr M Bostock, Mr S Quantrill, Mr D Wood (SCC), NB no police presence

Present: Mr S Pearce(Chair), Mrs A Glading (RFO) , Mrs E Iskander, Mr L Mayer, Mr P Mayhew, Mrs J Young, Mrs R Blackburn (Clerk), Mr D Davis (BDC), Ms L Deville (Ipswich High School), Mr T Ingram (Shotley Parish Councillor),.

2 Declaration by any Councillor of any prejudicial interest in the content of the meeting.  
None.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Were agreed as a true record, proposed by Mr P Mayhew and seconded by Mrs J Young.

4 Police Report

No report

5 Babergh DC Report

Mr D Davis advised the meeting that there would be a budget briefing on 14 January, and that the Community Infrastructure Levy report would be considered for adoption in January.

6 Matters Arising

- It was noted that there would be a petition to sign in Shotley and in Holbrook, relating to the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service plan and consultation process.

- Community Speedwatch. Awaiting availability of police to train the Speedwatch volunteers. The speed gun and protective clothing have been purchased, and the signs are about to be delivered.

- Speed survey due to take place in mid January.

- Ms deville advised that the police have visited the school to talk about traffic management. The School have advised their bus contractors that if there are any speeding issues there contracts would not be renewed. They are also working on encouraging the use of coaches and now have an increased take up of 70% of pupils.

- Scattered Orchard Project. 5 trees are arriving imminently, delivery to Home Farm. Ms L Deville suggested that the school groundsmen could plant them. Mrs J Young would mark where, on Horseponds Green, they should be planted.

- Village Plan. Questionnaire has been printed and will be circulated. The process is lengthier than originally thought but suggested by the Chairman and agreed, that the process could be started by getting answers to the questionnaire, and then getting an analysis done.

- Signage at Spring Lodge. Application will be made to the Planning Department

- Ganges Update. The Section 106 agreement has now been signed.

- Nursery Development. The Section 106 Agreement has now been signed. The Council were advised that there is no change to the terms of the original agreement, the recent issue relating only the developer questioning the amount of S106 payment outstanding and this has now been resolved. However, noted that there remains some misunderstanding as to the ownership of the 'open space' triangular area at the entrance. This needs to be clarified to ensure it is properly maintained.

Mr Davis advised that the remedial work to the wall would be done but there was no set time table.

Concern was raised about the colour of the bricks – no attempt, apparently, to blend lighter and darker shades of brick, as had been done on the houses already built. Mr Davis undertook to find out.

- The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations

Ipswich High School are planning celebrations, date to be confirmed but possibly 12 May, 2 to 4pm.

- Good Neighbours Scheme

At the previous meeting Mr D Wood offered to arrange a talk to be given by the Harkstead Scheme Organisers at our next meeting.

JY

Mr D Davis

Mr D Wood

7 Correspondence  
None requiring discussion.

At this point Ms L Deville was invited to bring the Council up to date with School plans. There will be a camp festival in July, date to be fixed but probably 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, when 60 girls from each of the 24 GDST schools will attend. If successful this year, this will become an annual event. The residents will be advised and asked not to walk in the school grounds over that weekend.

8 Finance

A report had been circulated to the Councillors by the RFO, copy attached.

9 Berners Hall

The tenants have vacated the house. A survey has been done and a lot of renovation work identified. Mr P Mayhew advised that Mr G Mayhew has a farm worker needing accommodation and He would be able to carry out any renovation work needed to the house and garden. There have been a number of approaches from potential tenants.

10 Planning

Items covered under Matters Arising.

11 Any Other Business

Mr D Davis advised that he had made enquiries at the District Council with regard to their plans for the almshouses, and confirmed that there was no intention to sell.

Mrs J Young expressed concern that the habitat for stag beetles would be threatened by over zealous hedge trimming.

The village pavements are getting overgrown. Consider clearing them as part of our Litter Pick weekend.

The meeting closed at 2102.

Arrangements were then made with regard to the distribution of the Village Plan Questionnaire.

Signed .....

Chair

