

## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council Wednesday 11th January at 7:30pm at Berners Hall.

#### 1 Apologies

Mr P Mayhew, Mr M Bostock, Mr S Quantrill.

Apologies were also received from: District Councillors D Davis and P Patrick and County Councillor D Wood.

#### 2 Present

Mr S Pearce (Chairman), Ms A Glading, Ms E Iskander, Ms J Young, Mr L Mayer, Mr A Golding.

Mrs D Parkinson also present as Clerk.

Also present Ms L Deville representing Ipswich High School (IHS) and Mr and Mrs M March (members of the public).

#### 3 Declaration by any Councillor of any prejudicial interest in the content of the meeting

None received from those present.

#### 3a Comments from the public

Mr and Mrs March provided the parish council with an update on their view on the developments at the Walled Garden site.

#### 4 Agree Minutes of the last full meeting **9th November**, and extra meeting **14th December 2016**

9th November - Proposed by Mr L Mayer, seconded by Ms A Glading

14th December - Proposed by Mr A Golding, seconded by Ms E Iskander.

#### 5 Matters arising

##### a. Speed Limit extension

The communication from a local resident was discussed. It was noted they expressed disappointment about the lack of support from the County Councillor for extending the 30mph speed limit at the Chelmondiston end of the village.

##### b. Speed survey

Mr S Pearce reported that he has spoken to the Highways team responsible for the speed survey and is awaiting a response from John Simpson / Mike Mottram (County Council Highways) so that a new monitoring strip could be sited in an appropriate location.

Ms J Young asked if it was possible to use the village Speedwatch team as a monitoring system at the other end of the village in the interim to build a case? Mr S Pearce advised that there were restrictions on how the Speedwatch team could operate and he believed that only the Police could do

another roadside assessment at that location in the village. Mr A Glading explained that previously when the Police conducted a roadside assessment they found 80% of cars doing more than 40mph, which is what secured the speed camera van from the Police.

It was AGREED that Mr S Pearce will contact Mike Mottram and [whoever is the new contact at] the Police and ask for their suggestions.

Ms L Deville reported that 71% of IHS girls now travel by bus. IHS have a new Eco Committee who are going to focus on transport as a first priority. IHS will remind all site visitors to respect the speed in the village by email. All IHS bus companies are required to have trackers so every bus can be checked if speeding is suspected. The speed limit awareness will continue to be promoted in the bi-weekly newsletter to parents every term.

**c. Horsepond's Green**

The Horsepond's Green working party will be Saturday 18 February 10am - 12 noon. This will be communicated in the Woolverstone Newsletter with a request for volunteers. All welcome.

**d. Phone Box**

No news regarding this.

**e. Berner's Hall**

No issues arising.

## **6 Finance**

Ms A Glading proposed that the precept for 2016/17 be unchanged. There will be no grants this year. It was AGREED the precept will be £2619.

SALC annual subscription invoice has been received and it was AGREED that we would continue to subscribe.

An invoice has been received for legal services in relation to the Ganges appeal for £7669.08. It was AGREED Mr S Pearce will seek a detailed receipt to enable VAT to be reclaimed as appropriate.

Action: Mr S Pearce will look into what ongoing costs are associated with the Speed Watch campaign.

Action: Mr S Pearce will talk to Mr S Kent regarding the grass cutting bills that have yet to be received for Horsepond's Green.

Action: Ms A Glading will provide a forecast expenditure report for 2017/18 at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## 7 Planning

### a. **Walled Garden B/16/01566 : 2 issues**

- 1) Mr S Pearce proposed the Parish Council follow up the notion of criminal damage in respect of the listed buildings
- 2) The justification for allowing the original development outside the village envelope was for the protection and preservation of the Walled Garden. And the only justification for increasing that permission from 2 to 4 houses was the same. The primary purpose for the permission seems to have been lost.

AGREED: Mr S Pearce will contact District Councillor D Davis and ask him to request the application goes before Babergh's Planning Committee.

### b. **New applications: no issues**

### c. **HMS Ganges**

The judge considering the leave to appeal has yet to issue a decision. It is expected imminently.

Mr S Quantrill has provided a full fee breakdown and analysis of legal fees and associated costs which was read out. It was proposed by Mr S Pearce that the Berner's Hall Committee be approached for support. It was AGREED that additional fund-raising would continue to be pursued. Mr S Pearce will be attending a meeting with BHMC with a proposal.

## 8 Any other business

a. Correspondence was received regarding:

**11 November 2018 "Battle's Over"**. Should Woolverstone have a beacon to light for this event "to commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing the harvests home and ensuring the nation did not starve". And where should we have it? It was AGREED that we should have a beacon and maybe Mr Mayhew's land or Ipswich High School could be suitable venues. Mr P Mayhew has been nominated as Beacon Co-ordinator in his absence. Ms L DeVille has requested that he liaise with her as it's quite possible that IHS would collaborate.

Action: The Clerk will update Mr P Mayhew

b. Correspondence was received regarding:

The **#GBSpringClean event** that will take place from March 3-5, 2017. This coincides well with Woolverstone's annual litter pick that will take place again this year on 4-5 March.

c. Ms J Young asked for an update regarding the **village survey / village plan** and Mr S Pearce confirmed that the village survey has been completed. Next steps to be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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