



## **MINUTES**

### **Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at Berners Hall**

1. **Apologies:** Simon Quantrill, Mark Bostock, Peter Patrick, Alison Gladding
2. **Attendance:** Phil Mayhew, Elspeth Iskander, Simon Pearce, Derek Davis, David Wood, Kathryn Deaton, Jen Young
3. Declaration of any prejudicial interest – none.
4. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – approved.  
Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – approved. Proposed – Elspeth Iskander. Seconded – Jen Young.
5. **Matters Arising.**  
New members will be contacted over Christmas and asked to attend the January meeting.  
Data protection officer – this will be discussed further next year as the requirements evolve.  
Widows cottages – Simon Pearce is to write and express concern on the state of the buildings and has the full support of the residents. Derek Davis advised that the buildings have been inspected and action is to be taken.  
Simon Pearce submitted the Parish Councils thoughts on the boundary commission proposals. He stressed the history and requirement for us to remain linked with Holbrook as the area of local services such as High School and Doctors.  
Planning – the Walled Garden building has been given retrospective planning permission, allowing the garage to be converted in to living accommodation. Mark Bostock is to draw up a list of enforcement issues and we will reply to the planning department.  
Homeless Bus – there have been four people on the bus with a further two joining. There has been a lot of support locally for this. There are however reservations and complaints which have been expressed to David Wood.
6. **Report from Councillors and District Councillors**  
**David Wood:**

The budget has been set for the coming year with a 5% increase in council tax increase with a deficit of 27 million.

The Citizens Advice budget has been cut by £25,000 which will have an impact.

The Education and Learning Infrastructure plan has been released and if all the building takes place Suffolk will need a further 25 schools.

The AONB consultation starts on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan and David Wood has asked for this to be supported.

He also sent apologies for the next meeting in January.

### **Derek Davis:**

The council will hold a full meeting on Tuesday, stating that money should not be spent on a merger of the Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. It is felt that a telephone poll is not sufficient on which to base such a key decision. The opposition group have decided that if all the councillors cannot vote on this the plan is for a motion of no confidence in the leader. Other options have not been considered fully and currently no-one can see the supposed 13 million savings.

District Councillor, Peter Patrick however feels that the merger should go ahead as business has moved forward and savings are already being made. If the leader is "removed" he feels he will be unable to continue in his current position.

### **7. Neighbourhood Plan. Making a Start.**

a. Do we want to work by ourselves or with others?

b. Is the area we want covered the full extent of the Parish boundary?

Simon asked for those present to start considering these questions and to come with thoughts in January. Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan provides a good guide.

### **8. Review of the Year**

Deferred.

### **9. Friends of Woolverstone: fund raising activities for the year.**

Myrtle and Mint – this was a successful day.

Punch and Pie – approx. £250 was made. It was a good, enjoyable event.

Bagnalls – we cannot hold a music event this year – they need a year planning.

Jazz Concert – Jen Young is currently looking at an event in the second week of June (9<sup>th</sup>) at the Ipswich High School.

Another option is a Classic Car and Motorcycle Rally in the grounds of Ipswich High School once they have finished for the Summer.

On Remembrance Sunday there is often a ploughing competition, Jen Young has been discussing this with local farmers.

Jen Young has asked for more people to join her in organising fund raising activities.

### **10. Finance**

No further expenditure.

### **11. Planning**

Trees at Royal Harwich Yacht Club – the council are happy for the trees to be cut down but would ask that four replacement trees are planted in exchange.

### **12. Correspondence**

Simon Pearce unlocks the Church on Saturday and locks it again on Sunday. The PCC have decided that the Church will remain unlocked for a trial period. It was discussed and

agreed that Simon Pearce would write and advise that the Parish Council was not comfortable with this arrangement.

13. **AOB**

Jen Young asked what had happened to the historical Flag which was gifted by the “old boys” of London Nautical Training School for safe-keeping to St Michaels’ Church. This either needs to be restored or kept in a safe place. Simon Pearce is to take this up with Rev Clement.

Meeting closed at 2105

Signed:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.

Date:

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