



MINUTES

Meeting of Woolverstone Parish Council

Thursday 8th February, 7.30pm at Berners Hall

1. **Apologies:** Peter Patrick, Jen Young, Simon Quantrill, Lorraine Deville
2. **Attendance:** Simon Pearce, Phil Mayhew, Allison Gladding, Elspeth Iskander, David Wood, Derek Davis accompanied by trainee journalist, Jenna.
3. **Declaration of any prejudicial interest** – none.
4. **Minutes**
14th December 2017 – proposed Phil Mayhew and seconded Elspeth Iskander.
11th January 2018 – proposed Elspeth Iskander and seconded Allison Gladding.
5. **Matters Arising.**
Widows cottages – the roof will be fixed and include both of the privately owned properties at each end of the row. There is a full list of improvements.
Walled garden – there are outstanding issues with this area and Simon Pearce is due to meet with Mark Bostock to compare and collate issues. Elspeth Iskander raised issues with planning for the grand house and potential use and building within the walled garden. Derek Davis and Simon Pearce will try and meet with a member of the planning department on site and review what is happening.
Referendum on the merger of the two councils – there are to be four meetings over the coming months. Simon Pearce advised Peter Patrick that to make a decision on the merger was very difficult if both sides are not presented clearly.
Simon Pearce asked for someone from Babergh to come to the next meeting to establish exactly what housing requirement there is in Woolverstone. Derek Davis advised that the requirement is for social housing not simply for housing.
St Michael's church – it has been asked that the gate to the grounds is kept closed to stop rabbit, hare and muntjac entering. The 24/7 opening of the St Michael's church is nearing the end of the three month trial. Simon will ask Rector for feedback.
Jazz Festival and Vintage Car Festival are being planned.

6. **Report from Councillors and District Councillors**

David Wood:

There is to be a 5% increase in community charge.

A letter has come to the Parish Council asking what they can do to assist the council (grass cutting etc.)

Simon Pearce asked why accidents were not being reported.

Phil Mayhew asked for an update on the "homeless" bus. David Wood advised this was no further forward. Derek Davis advised that the people on the bus needed to be "clean" on arrival and away from temptations within Ipswich. A key issue is the two caravans on the lower layby are being grouped with the bus on the upper layby and the lower layby is littered with rubbish.

Derek Davis:

Babergh are in partnership with Solo Housing who match people who are being made homeless and those who have space within their property. Phil Mayhew queried what the liability was for the council in case of robbery or incidents occurring.

Ganges – the bid for funding of 8.2 million for the development was unsuccessful. Building is expected to start in May. Elspeth Iskander asked about the construction traffic and building, was there to be limits on traffic movements? Derek Davis advised that this was currently being discussed. Simon Pearce asked for a copy of the management plan. Derek Davis agreed to send this through.

7. **BAPTC Feedback**

Covered in matters arising.

8. **Neighbourhood Plan. Making a Start.**

Covered in matters arising.

9. **Friends of Woolverstone: update**

Covered in matters arising.

10. **Finance**

Discussion took place over what sum (precept) the Parish Council was going to ask Babergh for in 2018. Phil Mayhew proposed a 2.8% increase in line with the decrease made in the previous year. It was agreed that there should be an increase of 3% which equates to £78.00 which in reality is only .2% increase given the previous years decrease.

Need to note that precept needs to be discussed at January 2019 meeting.

Allison Glading confirmed the balance remains the same as no payments have been made since December 2017.

11. **Planning**

Royal Harwich Yacht Club – it is agreed by the Club that in cutting down four trees they will replace the same number as a minimum.

Ipswich High School – they have asked for permission to erect two sheds between the hard standing and the swimming pool. Agreed: No objection.

12. **Correspondence**

Lorraine Deville of Ipswich High School invited the council to attend a production at the school. They will also help with the litter picking on Friday 2nd March on the Marina Road.

Derek Davis suggested that we ask the members of the homeless bus to get involved.

13. **AOB**

Phil Mayhew asked if Simon Pearce still required assistance with the hedge and tidying the area by Horsepond's Green. Derek Davis suggested we contact Anglia Water with a view to some filter system in the water as this comes off the road and so contains fuel and salt. The snowdrops have now come through that were planted last year.

Allison Glading asked what the road works outside the High School were for. Simon Pearce advised this was to increase the electric supply to areas of the village around the Church. Elspeth Iskander asked if the Parish Council was still possibly looking at purchasing a large field owned by Dairy House which is currently on the market. Simon Pearce advised that we had no funds to progress this.

Meeting closed at 2055

Signed:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.

Date: