



MINUTES

Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council

Thursday 13th September 2018, 7.30pm at Berners Hall

1. **Apologies:** Allison Glading, Derek Davis, Peter Patrick
2. **Attendance:** Simon Pearce, Elspeth Iskander, Simon Quantrill, Phil Mayhew, David Wood, Simon Kent, Jen Young, Sam Ramsell, Oona Carlin (latter two left at 20.05).
3. **Declaration of any prejudicial interest** – Phil Mayhew in relation to the village plan.
4. **Ipswich High School**

The school has received their first intake of boys which has gone well, in year 7 and sixth form. In some lessons the students will still be taught separately. From an estates point of view there has been some changes: a new cricket wicket, changing rooms and football goals.

Boarding is still something that is being investigated as the stable block is too expensive initially. The Dairy House is in the process of being purchased for use as accommodation along with the barns and outbuildings. The stable block would be viewed as a second phase development either for accommodation or further teaching areas replacing the flat roofed ill-fitting buildings.

Simon Pearce asked if the cricket pavilion is going to be refurbished. It was explained that this is maintained but is actually in “the wrong position”.

By the next meeting there are expected to be more developments.

Simon Pearce thanked Ipswich School for the use of their display boards.
5. **Minutes**

19th July 2018 – proposed – Simon Kent, seconded – Simon Quantrill
6. **Matters Arising**

The Facebook group now has 40 members.

The Art Show was very successful, Classics on the Park went well.

Phil Mayhew is to contact the stone mason with regards to the War Memorial, this is required by 11th November.

The Great East Run is planned but there are inconsistencies in the timings displayed over

the timings that the roads are closed for. David Wood confirmed the B1456 will close from 9am Sunday.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors

David Wood

His report was circulated.

Suffolk Coasts and Heath were seeking funding for a cycle path, Natural England have said no as this passes through Cutlars Wood (opposite Freston Church) which is a triple site of scientific interest. The cycle path is now "dead in the water".

There is a possibility that each village on the Peninsula will get a Wreath which could be laid on behalf of the Suffolk County Council.

Derek Davis

Derek was unable to attend.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Ready to be signed.

9. B1456 – calming the traffic flow

Brantham has just put a speed sign up which shows the actual speed travelled. It captures data on time.

From the building at Shotley we are due to get gates at the beginning and end of the village.

Simon Pearce has suggested the following are proven to slow speed:

gentle chicanes as this is proven to reduce speed

reducing forward visibility

removing white lines

Simon Pearce suggested we plant Cherry Trees in memory of those who died in the war along the verge by Berners Hall to create a visual narrowing of the road. In addition he suggested large planter tubs. He will email David Wood so he can look at the legislation on planting these on the verges.

Simon Kent agreed and supported this.

Jen Young suggested we apply for a cycle track marked on the roads which would narrow the road.

Simon Quantrill raised the issue of parking on the side of the road.

Discussion followed over other options available. Simon Quantrill and Phil Mayhew expressed reservations over putting large planting tubs at the side of the road as liability for any accident may then rest with us.

David Wood suggested we put all of our ideas in to an email to him.

10. Spring Lodge Parking

Simon Pearce is to suggest that they contact MDL, a local landowner or park on the road.

11. Finance

No change.

12. Planning

Tree cutting at Fairfax House – approved.

Amendment to Home Farm Plan – Simon Pearce asked for councillors to respond to him by 23rd September with any comments.

Trim an Acacia Beech and fell a Beech – Hamilton House – approved.

Apparently, IHS have cut down two Cherry Trees without planning permission despite them being covered by a TPO as they are in a conversation area. Simon Pearce will email and ask Sam Ramsell.

13. Berners Hall

Nothing to report.

14. "Battles Over" Commemoration

Phil Mayhew originally spoke to the previous Headmistress and Bursar.

Discussion followed over how the evening would run:

The School can provide outside lighting with people expected to arrive by 1830. (site open 1820).

The format was discussed with Phil Mayhew suggesting reading of poetry in the time leading up to the lighting of the beacon. Simon Pearce then suggested the school pupils select the poems which would be read by members of the village. It was agreed that this would be a good idea with 2 or 3 poems being read.

An oil drum on scaffolding is planned for the "beacon" – Phil Mayhew is to help facilitate this. The beacon would be lit at the rear of the school.

It was agreed:

1850 Tribute, 1855 Bugle, 1900 Lighting of Beacon with reading of poetry. (It was agreed that poetry after would be more suitable.)

Simon Pearce will ask Romy if she has the "Wreath" from the Parish of Woolverstone. He will also check with Allison Glading when we purchased the last one.

15. Friends of Woolverstone

Simon Pearce reminded Jen Young that she needs an AGM before the end of October. She will at that time look to seek a replacement for her as Chair.

Jen Young advised that attendance from villagers at these events is low.

Simon Pearce advised that the Art Show will have raised £426. All of the artist were local and there was a good atmosphere. This will again be run in 2019.

Phil Mayhew advised that over a calendar year they had raised approximately £3000.

The next event is "Quiz Nite" on Saturday, 10th November.

16. Correspondence.

Peter Patrick sent apologies.

17. AOB

Phil Mayhew advised there is to be a large building at Kirton, there is going to a strong objection to this with the Parish Council setting aside £30,000 to fight this.

Meeting closed at 2120

Signed:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.