



MINUTES

Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council

Thursday 11th October 2018, 7.30pm at Berners Hall

- 1. Apologies:** Simon Quantrill, Peter Patrick, Simon Kent.
- 2. Attendance:** Simon Pearce, Elspeth Iskander, Allison Glading, Phil Mayhew, David Wood, Derek Davis, Jen Young, Sam Ramsell (for the Battles Over Commemoration – taken first).
- 3. Declaration of any prejudicial interest** – none.
- 4. Minutes**
13th September 2018 – proposed – Elspeth Iskander, seconded – Phil Mayhew

5. Matters Arising

The neighbourhood plan has been sent in.

Discussion followed over the proposal Simon Pearce had sent to plant Cherry trees on the grass adjacent to the road and the possible impact this may have on the road. The request will remain with David Wood.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors

David Wood

The council are budget planning currently and they need to make a further 25 million saving, they have also overspent this year by 8.6 million.

The Orwell crossing costs have risen from 75 million to 117 million.

Allison Glading asked about re-cycling. This was answered by Derek Davis. He advised that in Babergh we do need to re-cycle more and he would take back Allison Gladings suggestion that residents need a reminder.

Derek Davis

Derek Davis is to meet on November 7th with Berners Hall management group with a view to develop and receive grants and funding. A further option is to go to David Wood for funding.

Phil Mayhew asked if anything was being done with regards to the “Tiffers” Bus. Derek

Davis advised that Tiffers have been advised that it needs to work more closely with the local agencies. Freston Parish Council have asked for the bus to be removed. David Wood advised that Ipswich Borough Council and Babergh District Council will not recognise the bus.

Simon Pearce asked for an update on 20 Widows Cottage. It is unclear as to whether the property is sold or not as there is confusion over the public access to the rear of the property.

7. Remembrance Commemoration

Simon Pearce and Phil Mayhew met with PCC to discuss the display going up on 5th November in the church and being there for a week. This is going ahead.

An estimate for cleaning the war memorial came through at £580.00. Jen Young and Phil Mayhew are meeting her neighbour who specialises in cleaning buildings. He has offered to clean the war memorial free of charge. Phil Mayhew will check with his architect as to whether there is any issue with us doing this as it is listed. Doug Barwick at Chelmondiston PC has arranged the cleaning of theirs and may be approached if further clarification is needed.

People from the community may like to be involved with the school at 11am on 8th November. They are holding a service in the church and laying a wreath.

The Parish Council has not purchased a wreath in recent years. Simon Pearce advised that on the British Legion website they have a wreath that says thank you. This is 17cms. Phil Mayhew suggested a larger one would be more suitable. Simon Pearce will purchase this through the British Legion online with a spend of £30-£50.

8. "Battles Over" Commemoration

Sam Ramsell and Phil Mayhew met and looked at the site at the school for a brazier which Phil Mayhew has sourced. Sam Ramsell asked what numbers were expected and Simon Pearce indicated possibly 30. A music scholar will do the last post, children will select the poetry with this being read by "an old girl" or possibly residents. Simon Pearce asked to meet at the school on 25th October with Sam Ramsell and Phil Mayhew to finalise arrangements. Sam Ramsell suggested a leaflet with the poems, timings and tribute on it.

9. Finance

Allison Glading raised the issue of insurance. She has agreed a five year policy with a discount of £20. The current balance is £8465.45

We have not paid to join SALC, the cost is £134.52. It was decided that we should not join as there was no benefit. Phil Mayhew proposed we did not join, this was seconded by Jen Young.

The external auditors report was done by PKF, a note is required on the website advising this has been completed and providing people with the option to view this.

Simon Pearce raised the question of the charges levied as there is due to be an election of Parish Councillors on 2nd May. He will check his paperwork and clarify the sum involved.

10. Correspondence

There was some communication with Ipswich School about speeding buses. The school are treating this seriously.

11. Planning

An application was received from 2 Harkstead Lane for a fixed conservatory to the front of

the property. This was discussed, there is no comment.

Simon Pearce queried with Ipswich School the fact that they had cut down diseased Cherry Trees without planning. The School was advised that planning was not required.

12. Berners Hall

Elspeth Iskander advised that Berners Hall is in a good state. They are seeking a grant for disabled access to the stage, storage in the hall and possibly in the future repair of the roof.

13. Friends of Woolverstone

Quiz at Royal Harwich Yacht Club, 10th November. Elspeth Iskander and Kathryn Deaton are continuing to promote this.

Punch and Pie, 1st December. Elspeth Iskander is leading this.

Simon Pearce will arrange a date for the Friends of Woolverstone AGM.

14. AOB

Jen Young asked if the cut outs in the church will have names with the silhouettes. Simon Pearce will ask Richard Edgill.

Simon Pearce raised the issue of the cost of preservation of the flag. He suggested this could be folded and placed inside a box frame. It was suggested by an owner of a picture gallery that this could be in a frame on velvet to stop it moving. Simon Pearce will offer to collect the flag so this can be progressed.

Meeting closed at 2115

Signed:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.