

# **~ WICKHAM SKEITH PARISH COUNCIL ~**

## **MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY, 9 JULY 2018 at WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs H Bowes (Vice-Chair), B Kemp, M Blair, M Wade, T Goodacre (Clerk), Cllr Stringer (MSDC and SCC) and 11 members of public

Apologies: Accepted from Cllrs Thorogood (Chair), Wright and Knights.

1. Chair's Welcome: The Vice-Chair opened the meeting, welcoming everyone in attendance.

2. Declaration of Interest: None received.

3. Minutes of Meetings:

- Minutes of Meeting held 14 May 2018 (AGM) were approved by all Councillors and signed by Vice-Chair.

- Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Meeting held 25 June 2018 were approved by all Councillors and signed by Vice-Chair.

4. Village Forum: No matters raised.

5. Reports: 5.1. Cllr Stringer (SCC):

- School Transport: SCC voted in June to change Home to School Transport Policy so that only children travelling to their nearest school would receive free transport. Despite valid opposition to Policy, Scrutiny Committee voted to uphold Cabinet decision, with phasing in commencing September 2019.

- Suffolk Highways: Major review launched of Suffolk Highway's maintenance, including existing policies, potholes, co-ordination/notification of roadworks, financial control.

- Specialist Education Services: SCC launched consultation into commissioning strategy for development of Suffolk's Specialist Educational Provision. Demand in Suffolk continues to grow but county has lower number of specialist education places than similar authorities, forcing Suffolk children to travel out of county.

- Bus Services: Retraction of Wickham Skeith Bus Services being lobbied by Cllr Stringer. Should residents encounter problems booking services, please advise Cllr Stringer direct on 07545 423842.

5.2. Cllr Stringer (MSDC):

- 5 Year Housing Land Supply: Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) due to be finalised by Government this month. MSDC reviewing current planning applications and pre-applications (as at 11.07.18, MSDC advised that they now have 6.5 years supply of housing land).

- Public Toilets: MSDC just approved policy to support public toilets being run by communities and for scheme to be drawn up whereby businesses advertise that public can use their toilets without being customers.

5.3. Suffolk Police (via Parish Clerk):

- Police Connect Messaging Group: Now up and running with local incidents emailed/text to Parish Clerk.

- Your Police, Your Say: Next public meeting being held 11.07.18 at Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket at 7 pm – all welcome.

- Crime Report: No crimes were shown on Suffolk Police Website.

- Funded PCSO: Suffolk Constabulary recently reviewed how to manage provision of Police and Community Support Officers, welcoming interest from organisations to consider joint venture in PCSO funding (closing date 17.08.18). Councillors again confirmed that this was not a consideration. 5.4. Parish Clerk:

- Highways: Local potholes have been filled recently, including pot hole at corner of Rose Lane (which Cllr Stringer kindly relogged and actioned finally taken). 5.5. Parish Councillors: Cllr Blair advised that Speeding Pole recently erected on Grange Road was in close proximity to recent broadband works.

6. Correspondence Received: 6.1. A140 Eye Airfield Highways Scheme: Proposals received for access arrangements at B1077/Rectory Road junction and A140 Roundabout. Plans aim to be finalised early 2019, with construction commencing Summer 2019, open to public Spring 2020.

6.2. Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Involvement circulated to Councillors, with end date of 30/07/18.

7. Finance: 7.1. Accounts as at 30.06.18 presented by Cllr Kemp (Treasurer), showing balance of £3,242.67.

7.2. The following invoice was agreed for payment: Village Hall Hire (Mar/May meetings) @ £24.00.

8. Planning Matters: DC/18/02665: Homeleigh, The Broadway. Application received for erection of replacement two-storey dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling. Extra-Ordinary Meeting held 25.06.18 to discuss. All Councillors supported application, with minor observations noted.

9. Parish Councillor Vacancy: Thanks given to Cllr Wright for his term in office as Parish Councillor and as Chair for past 2 years. Much was achieved, with Cllr Wright's perseverance noted with BT during the installation of Broadband in the Village Hall! With notice of resignation from Cllr Wright, vacancy advertised with interest received from R Palmer. Cllr Kemp proposed R Palmer, seconded by Cllr Bowes. R Palmer accepted position of Parish Councillor and agreed to complete Acceptance of Office at close of meeting.

10. Working Party Update 10.1. Community Speed Watch: Posts now erected at Speed Watch sites. Cllr Stringer confirmed funding for majority of SID and advised of Radarlux units being used locally, promoting data capture options. Cllr Knights/Parish Clerk to liaise with other local Councils regarding sourcing/models of SID.

10.2. Defibrillator: No feedback received from Care Group regarding Defibrillator vs First Aid Responders. Newly appointed Cllr Wade agreed to head-up further investigations, working with residents who have previously expressed interest in defibrillator provision and possible fund raising.

11. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): SALC now confirmed that requirement to have Data Protection Officer (DPO) has been removed, however, Councils must continue to work towards being compliant with new Regulations. Draft Consent Form and Privacy Notices for members of Parish Councils and General

Public circulated to Councillors for consideration. All Councillors were in agreement to adopt these first 3 documents, copies of which will be made available on village website.

12. Village Green 12.1. Working Parties: In absence of Cllr Knights, Parish Clerk advised of proposed plans for next Working Party which could incorporate designated parking area (to be in consultation with residents surrounding Village Green) – Date TBA.

12.2. Grimmer Fishing: Correspondence/discussion with local fishermen regarding concern over amount of weed growth in The Grimmer being detrimental to fish/wildlife/environment. Much discussion was held regarding fishing (policing/membership possibilities), parking and litter. Item 12.1 may provide solution to parking with Grimmer Working Parties proposed to clear weeds (working together with local fishermen). Dates TBA.

13. Community Emergency Plan (CEP): With recent changes to members of Parish Council, no further progress made on CEP. Parish Clerk to now continue review with involvement of full Council.

14. Matters for next Agenda and Any Other Business: GDPR, Community Speed Watch, Defibrillator, Village Green Working Parties, Community Emergency Plan, Allocation of Councillor Topics.

15. Next Meeting: 10 September 2018