

# SUDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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| <b>Councillors Present</b> | Jacqui Colbourne Robert Dixon, Jenny Innes (Chair) Angela McNally and David Neale |
| <b>Also Present</b>        | 18 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)                                     |

20/017 **There were no Apologies.**

20/018 Cllr Colbourne **Declared an Interest** in Planning Applications for Sudborough.

20/019 **Public time:**

- a) **Vane Arms** – the situation about the Vane Arms being made a Community Asset and being put up for sale by its owners was explained to the members of the public. If the current 6-week moratorium on the sale is to be extended to 6 months (to give the community time to put together a bid), the Parish Council must notify ENC by 27th February that we are a potentially interested bidder. Several questions were raised including what happens if the community is unable to raise the funds. It was explained that the owners will in any event be free at the end of the 6-month period to sell the pub to whoever they want at whatever price they want. However, as the property will remain an Asset of the Community for 5 years, and also for planning reasons, it will be very difficult to convert it to residential use. Cllr Innes has been in touch with Isham Parish Council who were successful in obtaining their public house though it took 2 years to complete the project.
- b) **Cowthick Planation**- there was a meeting at Little Stanion at which representatives from Little Stanion Parish Council, Weldon Parish Council, Brigstock Parish Council and Sudborough Parish Council attended at which it was agreed to work together to oppose the application and to hold further meetings together to that end. A resident informed the meeting that she, along with another resident and Cllr Innes had had a 15 minute meeting with Tom Pursglove MP who has written to Chief Executive of ENC, Chief Executive of CBC, Chief Executive of NCC and Chief Executive of the Environment Agency asking them to urgently organise a meeting with representatives from the relevant Parish Councils so that concerns about the proposed development and its impact on the A6116 can be aired with a view to finding potential solutions to them. It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to deal with the Cowthick Plantation issue. It was explained how Section 106 agreements can be used.
- c) **Improve Communication** – concern was raised about the lack of communication between the Parish Council and Residents. Not everyone passes the Noticeboard and the website is very informative but not everyone knows about it. Could the Parish Council consider sending out e-mails to all residents who are online and review communication policy.
- d) **The Link Newsletter** – a question was raised if the Parish Council would consider taking over the as promoters of the Sudborough Village Link. IT was agreed that this should be on the next agenda and in the meantime the Clerk seek clarification from ENC and NCLAC that were we to publish a monthly newsletter what content/restrictions would we be bound by.

20/020 **Community Asset – Vane Arms.** Cllr Innes proposed that the Parish Council should notify ENC that they wish to proceed with the Community Right to Bid, this was approved unanimously. The Clerk to draft a letter to ENC. Parish Council to form a sub-committee with residents.

- 20/021 Planning Matters** – 19/01909/FUL single storey loggia and dip pool at Brook House. There were no objections from the Councillors.
- 20/022 Grass Cutting Contract** – the Clerk confirmed that NCC will contribute £313.49 towards the cost of the grass cutting around Sudborough. The Clerk agreed to contact Mowerman Grounds for a quote for this year's cutting along with asking for a quote to tidy up the verges.
- 20/023 Planning Policy Consultation Householders Extension Supplementary Planning Document.** The Clerk agreed to post this on the website.
- 20/024 Cowthick Plantation** –It is believed that the application will go before the Development Control Committee on March 10<sup>th</sup> providing that the Planning Officer has complied the Report, the Report should be made public 5 days prior to the meeting date. Outline Planning Permission may be granted at that meeting. However, if it is, there will be the possibility of going for a judicial review with the support of all the other Parish Councils.
- 20/025 Date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Confirmed that the minutes are a true and accurate record**

Chairman

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