

SUDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Councillors Present	Robert Dixon, Jenny Innes (Chair) Angela McNally and David Neale
Also Present	4 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

20/001 **Apologies** had been received from Cllr Colbourne and were accepted.

20/002 There were no **Declarations of pecuniary or prejudicial Interests**.

20/003 **Public time:**

- a) **Cowthick Plantation** – several neighbouring Parish Councils attended the meeting. There had been a presentation in Sudborough by the developers. Grave concern has been raised about the increase in traffic along the A6116 and rainwater being allowed to flow into Harpers Brook causing flooding. It was suggested that the Parish Councils along the A6116 corridor should form a sub-committee, it was also suggested that as there had been no traffic surveys carried out that the Parish Councils should undertake their own every 3 months. A letter has been drafted up from Sudborough Parish Council outlining these concerns and if approved this evening will be sent to Tom Pursglove (MP), NCC Wendy Brackenbury, Theresa Grant and Highways, Sylvia Hughes (ENC District Councillor) and Iain Smith (CBC),
- b) **It was agreed that there should be a sub-committee** formed of at least 5 people to proceed with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations in the village. In the meantime, the Clerk to try to find out how to obtain a Road Closure Notice.

20/004 **Minutes of the meetings held on 27th November 2019 and 3rd December 2019** were agreed as a true record and was signed by Cllr Innes.

20/005 **Matters arising:**

- c) **Cllr Dixon has completed all the relevant forms** including Acceptance to Office and using a dedicated email address for council business.
- d) **Mill Lane/Slipton Lane** – some residents have tried to clear the culvert which has resulted in the water flowing faster. Cllr Innes has reported the situation on the Flood Toolkit and the reply is that the landowners should be clearing the dykes. Cllr Neale agreed to put a reminder on the Village Facebook page about reporting flooding on the Flood Toolkit website. Cllr Dixon agreed to find out more about Pathfinder II survey.
- e) **Proposed Village Map** – Cllr Neale has met with the artist, who quoted £500 for just drawing the map. To obtain any script on the map it would have to go to a graphic artist. This was deemed to be too expensive at the moment and no further action to be taken for now.
- f) **Dog Fouling** – no further action is required.
- g) **Asset of the Community** – the clerk has received two letters from ENC. The first states that the Parish Council have been successful in making the Vane Arms an Asset of the Community. The second letter states that the Vane Arms is due to come on the market and that the Parish Council or a local community interest group have until 27th February to notify ENC that they are potentially interested in purchasing the Vane Arms for the Community. It was felt that an extra ordinary meeting should be arranged when Cllr Colbourne is available.
- h) **Cowthick Plantation** – most of this subject was covered in the Public time and it was agreed that the letter should be signed by Cllr Innes for distribution to Tom Pursglove (MP), NCC Wendy Brackenbury, Theresa Grant and Highways, and Iain Smith (CBC),

20/006 **75th Anniversary of VE Day** – this was covered in the public time.

20/007 Harpers Brook/Flood Working Group: - Cllr Innes attending a meeting in December which identified that Boughton Estate will be carrying out work near to Grafton Underwood. No date has been fixed for the next meeting.

20/008 Refurbishment of telephone box: - Cllr Neale will purchase the glass, frames and putty, with the Parish Council reimbursing him at the next meeting.

20/009 How to promote the Parish Council prior to the local election in May: Cllr Innes agreed to add this to the next Village Newsletter and Cllr Neale will put a notice on the Village Facebook page.

20/010 Greenway Project Funding – it was agreed not to apply this year for funding.

20/011 Correspondence – The following items of Correspondence had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting with no further action required:

- a) NCALC Updates
- b) CPRE Updates

20/012 Planning Matters: No new plans have been received

Planning Application decisions made since 27th November 2019

- a. 19/01717/VAR –variation on conditions to 18/02167/FUL drawings and materials at Green Lodge Farm, Brigstock Road - Approved.

20/013 Finance

- a. **Budget/Precept:** The Clerk has produced a budget for the next financial, which had been sent under separate cover to the Councillors, showing a small increase in the proposed expenditure. It was proposed by Cllr Innes that there should be no increase to the Precept for 2020/21 and that it should remain at £10000, this was seconded by Cllr Neale and approved by the other councillors.
- b. **The Bank Statement.** The Clerk informed the meeting that since the last meeting the grant from NCC towards the cost of the grass cutting had been received and the current bank balance is £13120.08 before this evening payments are approved.
- c. **The following invoices were approved for payment in line with relevant legislations**

Payee	Reason	Cheque No.	Amount	Power
E-on	Street Lighting	DD	£128.13	PCA1 s30157
Cllr Innes	Land Registry Vane Arms	200562	£36.00	LGA1972 s112
Sue Cook	Salary and Expenses	200563	436.30	LGA1972 s112

20/014 The were no items raised from the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

20/015 Future Agenda Items

- a. Cllr Neale has opened a Facebook account for the Village, the Clerk can post any council business on it including the Agendas.
- b. Cllr Neale has been in contact with ENC with reference to the roads not being swept.
- c. Cllr Neale has also taken photos of the bridge as there seems to be some cracks forming, NCC have confirmed that a structural engineer will visit.

20/016 Date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 25th March 2020

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Confirmed that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman

Dated