

MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 19TH JANUARY 2015**MINUTES- approved by councillors on 16-03-15**

1. The chairman, Peter Lee, welcomed councillors Cecil Hadingham, Kathy Ferrar, Denis Pye, Geoff Lane, Richard Mattocks, Tony Dawson and Sandra King. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from the police and Jimmy Kent.
2. **Declarations of interest** – none
3. **Have Your Say** [Public Forum] – Steve Keeling gave an update on Mendham and Withersdale Village Hall plans for new sheds – councillors agreed to carry out application. Marilyn Curran [MSD councillor] gave a report and congratulations on Suffolk Community awards to Kathy Ferrar and Jill Kent. She mentioned the Suffolk Fit Villages scheme including Tai Chi sessions which are very popular. The Empty Homes project is long term but is making progress; many listed buildings are included; there is a new homes bonus for empty properties brought back into use. The chair thanked Marilyn Curran for attending.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting** [17-11-14] were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising** – none
6. **STOs** – detailed review in March.
7. **Transparency Code** – will be considered in March
8. **Finances** – balances as follows – c/acct: £9,143.57; sav/acct: £3,967.08; cheques approved – no. 062 to C. Cardwell for £292.30 [net sal Dec/Jan]; no. 063 to Colin Herbert for £89 [printing]; 064 to Heelis and Lodge for £55[audit]; no. 065 to MSDC planning (not over £150) for application for new sheds. The precept for year Apr 15 to Mar 16 was approved at £5,700.00.
9. **Prize monies** – no decision yet.
10. **Planning** – clerk drew councillors' attention to new CIL regulations and the directives on planning applications and decisions. Councillors agreed to support the application for new sheds [see item 8 above]
11. **Walk leaflets** – bad weather had prevented checking of walks.
12. **Community Emergency Planning** – a scheme is being considered
13. **Annual meeting** – it was agreed that this could be held on Wed 13th May
14. **Correspondence** – received and discussed. Clerk was asked to write to Tim Passmore with councillors' concern over losing police officers in the rural areas.
15. **Any other business** – clerk was asked to contact SC Highways re flooding in various places in the parish. Richard Mattocks asked if we could consider a light on the car park
16. **Next meeting** – 16th March 2015.
The meeting ended at 9.15pm.