

MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2014

MINUTES

1. The chairman, Peter Lee, welcomed councillors Richard Mattocks, Denis Pye, Kathy Ferrar, Sandra King, Cecil Hadingham, Geoff Lane and Jimmy Kent. SC councillor, Guy McGregor attended. There were apologies from Marilyn Curran [MSD councillor]. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. There were two members of the public.
2. **Declarations of interest** – none
3. **Village of the Year competition** – report from Kathy Ferrar - Mendham was first in MSDC section with a plaque to be installed on 6th October on Studio Corner, and £300, and second to Whatfield in the Suffolk county final. Whatfield had sent an invitation to the winner's party; awards were still to be made in the Open Spaces and Wildlife categories.. Kathy Ferrar thanked everyone for all their efforts and support – a village to be proud of.
4. **Have Your Say [Public Forum]** – PCSO Steve Long gave a report on crime in the area and noted 5 crimes since the last meeting – there were questions on fruit thefts, speeding [police did a check on 15th Sept] and councillors were reminded that from Oct 1st cars do not have to display a tax disc. The chair thanked PCSO Long for attending. Keith Lawson for Withersdale PCC gave details of a new church sign to be placed outside St. Mary Magdalene, Withersdale. The chair thanked Keith Lawson for giving councillors this information.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting [14-07-14]** were approved and signed as a true record.
6. **Matters arising** - none
7. **Finances** - Balances - c/acct: [29 Aug 14] – 6,431.87; sav/acct: [25 Jun 14] – 3,966.06; total assets – £10,397.93; Cheques for approval as follows:
 - 053 – C.M. Barnes - 130.00 - maintenance
 - 054 – Business Services CAS - 205.99 - insurance
 - 055 – HMRC – 109.60 – tax to Oct 5th
 - 056 – C. Cardwell – 292.30 – net salary Aug/Sept.
 - Village hall support to be discussed at future budget meeting
8. **Planning** – MSDC permission for 2267/14: Dale View, Withersdale Street granted
9. **Footpath leaflet** [*meeting opened at 8.04*] for statement by Colin Herbert on proposals for four separate leaflets of walks of interest; [*meeting closed at 8.10pm*] Denis Pye proposed that councillors should agree to these proposals, seconded by Kathy Ferrar, all in favour.

(8.15pm – meeting open) Guy McGregor [SC councillor] addressed councillors on various issues including school transport,, pylon plans for Waveney Valley, need for money for care of elderly and SCC Highways expenditure and organisation. Further points were raised by councillors re potholes, social worker provision. Councillors noted Paddock House, Eye now has new facilities for dementia care. The chair thanked Guy McGregor for coming.)

10. **Website, village** – *[meeting continued open at 8.33pm] for a discussion about the future “ownership” of the site with Colin Herbert. Altho’ he proposed that he would continue to input information he felt that the parish council should now “own” the site and pay the running costs, rather than a private individual. [meeting closed at 8.45pm].*

Councillors decided to adopt this proposal and costings would be included in the budget discussions at the next meeting.

11. **War memorial** – WWII names – clerk to contact Perfitts and ask for a quote.

12. **Remembrance Sunday** – councillors agreed to purchase the usual wreath; the chairman would attend the Remembrance Day service.

13. **Withersdale PCC** – roadside noticeboard for the church – see item 4 above.

14. **Roadside Nature Reserve** – the clerk drew councillors’ attention to the reserve which is in Mundy’s Lane, and reported it had had the annual cut.

15. **Correspondence** – received and discussed.

16. **Any other business** – issues raised included

- a booklet of “then and now” photos of the village – PC support for this to be considered at next meeting
- car parking on grass at Studio Corner
- affordable housing
- rubbish in car park
- fly-tipping in parish
- Neighbourhood Watch, possible
- Footpath 34- lack of directions across fields; clerk to alert SC Highways
- Richard Mattocks asked whether councillors had charge of individual aspects of council work; the clerk replied that nearly all queries came to her to sort and she passed them on to the appropriate person.

17. **Next meeting** – 17th Nov. 2014

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.