

## MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.

MINUTES [ approved by councillors on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017]

1. The chairman, Denis Pye, welcomed councillors Kathy Ferrar, Jimmy Kent, Tony Dawson and Stuart Orr. Apologies were received from Thelma Brown and Julie Honeybourne. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was absent. Councillors agreed to carry on as far as possible.
2. Declarations of interest – none
3. PUBLIC FORUM – Mr. Bowen attended to complain about a letter he had received from the parish council concerning dangerous parking of his van. The chairman explained that the Parish Council and Police had received numerous complaints about danger to other vehicles and children walking to school because of reduced visibility on the corner. Mr. Bowen asked that the PCs should investigate the possibility of a Disabled parking space for another resident of Studio Corner.
4. Minutes of previous meeting [ 19-09-16] were approved.
5. The wildflower project could go ahead in the churchyard and will be carried out in the spring.
6. Finances - S. 137 cheques [donations] would be signed at the next meeting. The PC would consider a one-off grant to the village hall for essential maintenance work to playing field and surrounding areas. Payments to Mr. Tompkins [car park repairs] and Mr. Peck [boules piste] were approved and will be signed at next meeting.
7. Budget for year Apr. 2017 to Mar. 2018 – to be discussed at next meeting and finalised in January.
8. Planning – 4118/16: Church Cottage, Mendham – it was agreed to approve a lean-to extension, to be constructed in materials sympathetic to listed status of cottage.
9. Website – One Suffolk has become Suffolkcloud. The one Suffolk site has been taken over by Community Action Suffolk. The chair and vice-chair to meet with Colin Herbert for advice after a decision about the present site – [mendham.org](http://mendham.org)
10. War Memorial – Perfitts had cleaned the memorial and repainted the lettering and the rest of the work will be done in the spring. An old Roll of Honour had been found in the church with three more names not on the present list. Research indicated that these men had very tenuous links with the village or were associated with the “Norfolk” part of the parish.
11. Other projects – car park potholes had been filled; the defibrillator had been installed and a successful training session had been held.
12. Report from Suffolk County Councillor [Guy McGregor] – he suggested that funding for projects like the car park could be obtained from MSDC. There would be no change in council tax this year. Devolution plans were in abeyance as a number of Norfolk councils had voted against the deal. Suffolk councils may seek a new deal. Sizewell C consultations due to start soon; there is still uncertainty about overhead power lines in the Waveney Valley. The chairman thanked Guy McGregor for attending.
13. Any other business – responsibility for the large chestnut tree – Suffolk County Council were seeking evidence of responsibility for trimming; road accident at Withersdale Street – the PC to investigate the possibility of getting a chevron sign installed and extension of 30mph to beyond The Priory.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm