

MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 19TH MARCH 2018

MINUTES [approved by councillors on 23rd May 2018]

Public Forum – no comments by members of the public

1. The chairman, Denis Pye, welcomed councillors Mark Shortt, Jimmy Kent, Kathy Ferrar, Tony Dawson, Thelma Brown and Steve Keeling. Apologies were received from Stewart Orr and Suffolk County councillor, Guy McGregor. Mid Suffolk District councillor, Lavinia Hadingham, attended. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Standing Orders – reviewed and agreed to be fit for purpose.
4. Minutes of previous meeting [15-01-18] were approved and signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising not on agenda – there were various comments from councillors on the flooding problems in the village and potholes and the difficulties of actually getting any response from Suffolk Highways.
6. Finances –
 - Balance [Lloyds Bank] at 27-02-18 - £12,116.22
 - Cheques approved as follows:
 - 187 to C. Cardwell for 307.50 [net sal Feb/Mar]
 - 188 to HMRC for 115.40 [tax to Apr 5]
 - 189 to Mendham Primary School for 50.00 [hire of room for the year]
 - 190 to SALC for 120.00 [training]
 - 191 to MSDC for 67.10 [repay of CIL]
 - 192 to Redenhall and Harleston TC – 200 [car parking]

Total cheques - £860.00
7. Planning – DC/18/00963 – land next to Ju Lin – councillors discussed these proposals and had no objection. Cllr. Keeling gave a report on the Tattingstone meeting on Neighbourhood Plans; this was extensively commented on by MSD councillor, Lavinia Hadingham and the complexities and expense of carrying out a NP led councillors to state that they would not consider a Plan at present. The chair thanked Steve Keeling for his report.
8. War Memorial – no update on listed status.
9. Mid Suffolk Ward Boundaries – new proposals would add Syleham and Wingfield to present ward – councillors had no comment to make.

10. GDPR – councillors agreed to use the SALC recommended service for the first 2 years. Clerk to arrange
11. VAS – possible share with Weybread – no further news
12. Car Parking – no specific information; councillors will continue to work with community and school parents.
13. Suffolk Highways – Community Self Help discussed; councillors felt it was not suitable for Mendham
14. Alfred Munnings Hotel – community plans to buy discussed and current information on finances given to councillors.
15. Reports from District and parish councillors – Lavinia Hadingham [MSD councillor] gave a brief report on cabinet decision to buy and run Regal Theatre in Stowmarket; Babergh and Mid Suffolk have won silver award for best in public services.
16. Correspondence – received and discussed
17. Annual Villages Meeting – 23rd May, 7pm, Villager Hall] – no special plans forthcoming
18. Any other business – car park needs in and out signs and some re-surfacing. Clerk asked to check that the car park dog waste bin is on clearance schedule.
19. Next meeting – 23rd May 2018

The meeting ended at 8.40pm