

MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 19TH NOVEMBER 2018

MINUTES [Approved by councillors on 21-1-2019]

Public Forum – one member of public present. Lavinia Hadingham [Mid Suffolk District councillor] attended and gave a report covering BMSD Council's new Homes Strategy and Homelessness Strategy.

1. The chairman, Tony Dawson, welcomed councillors Thelma Brown, Jimmy Kent, Richard Mattocks, Steve Keeling, Mark Shortt and Denis Pye. Apologies were received from Cllr Stewart Orr and Guy McGregor [SC councillor]. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Minutes of previous meeting [17-09-18] were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising not on agenda – there are plans to plant trees on the Poors Land
 8. Website – future community use was discussed, with comments from the webmaster and it was agreed that information of a local nature could be added.
5. Finances - Balance in Barclays Bank at 30-10-18 - £13,460.87; Cheques approved as follows: 211 – C. Cardwell – 350.38 [net sal oct/nov]; 212 – HMRC – 131.40 [Tax to 5 Jan]; 213 – M&W Village Hall – [Boules Piste] – 1,000.00 from reserves; 214 – Mendham PCC – 250.00 [grant]; 215 – Mendham PCC – 250 [grant] *this is correct*. 216 – EAAA – 100 [donation]; 217 – Over 60s Club – 150 [donation]; 218 – Royal British Legion – 35 [wreath]; 219 – Withersdale PCC – 500 [grant]. Total cheques - £2,766.78
6. Budget for year April 2019 to March 2020 – councillors discussed forthcoming expenditure including possible election expenses and grants. The final figure for the precept will be decided in January and submitted to the District Council.
7. Planning – MSD Councils Homes Strategy and Homelessness Strategies were discussed, no comments felt to be necessary. Councillors noted MSDC comments on DC/18/04202: Chapel Farm, Withersdale Street.
8. See above
9. Speeding on local roads – comments and suggestions from councillors, but no firm results
10. Street cleaning concerns – councillors agreed to ask Chris Barnes to clear up all the leaves in the centre of the village.
11. Sir Alfred Munnings Hotel – councillors were pleased to note that sale intentions had been dropped.
12. Correspondence – received and discussed
13. Any other business – councillors asked for the minutes to be circulated after the meeting; there were comments about the potholes in Mundys Lane, which had been reported to Suffolk Highways; School parking problems still a matter of concern. Questions were raised about a historic footpath to Harleston. Cllr Mattocks reported local damage to property at half-term.
14. 2019 meeting dates were arranged and it was agreed to hold all in the village school.
15. Next meeting – 21ST January 2019