

MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 18TH MARCH 2019

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – no members of public present.

1. The vice-chairman, Denis Pye, welcomed councillors Thelma Brown, Steve Keeling, Jimmy Kent, Richard Mattocks and Kathy Ferrar. Suffolk County Councillor, Guy McGregor also attended. Apologies were received from Tony Dawson, Mark Shortt and Stewart Orr. MSD councillor Lavinia Hadingham sent apologies. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Minutes of previous meeting [21-01-19] were approved with 2 minor amendments, and signed as a true record
4. Matters arising - the clerk stated she had been in contact with Messrs. Durrants about the land opposite the school, and repeated to Durrants that councillors could give no opinion until there was a formal planning application.
5. Elections update – the clerk had the electoral register and nomination papers if needed.
6. Finances -
 - Balance at Barclays Bank at 27-02-19 – 10,154.71
 - Cheques approved: 224 - Heart2Heart for 29.00 [defib pads – allowed by clerk and chair on 6-02-19 under financial regulations]; 225 - C. Cardwell for 67.26 [expenses since July 18]; 226 – C. Cardwell for 350.38 [net sal feb/mar]; 227 – HMRC for 131.40 [tax to Apr 5]; 228 - a further cheque as a donation to the village hall for £2,500 was agreed [taken from reserves]; 229 – void; 230 to Heart2Heart [no invoice] for 17.99 [requested by Cllr. Ferrar]. Total cheques - £3,096.03
 - Financial regulations were reviewed and signed as fit for purpose.
 - Financial risk assessment carried out and approved
 - Statement of internal control was approved and noted by councillors.
7. Planning – no planning matters
8. Flooding in The Street – clerk asked to contact Highways over floods in The Street, nr War Memorial and outside Studio Corner where remedial work was promised before Xmas and not yet carried out. Also gravel and soil outwash at junction of Foxes Lane and Withersdale Rd.
9. Correspondence – received and discussed; councillors agreed to a W.I. windmill being place on the green
10. Any other business – Guy McGregor [Suffolk County Councillor] came to give a report at 8.10pm – his comments were on County budget process and commitments; concerns over increasing drug culture in Ipswich; worries over Sizewell and EDF reluctance to answer detailed questions. He also commented on the new library in Eye. The chair thanked Cllr. McGregor for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm