

## **Minutes of Cavendish Parish Council Meeting on 14th November 2018**

Meeting in the Garrett Room, Memorial Hall, on 14th November at 7.30

Attendees: Parish Councillors Malcolm Halliday, Shannon Craig, Annette Williamott, Ted Gittins and Patricia Rudd. County Councillor Mary Evans, Borough Councillor Peter Stevens, Chris Turner (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Silver and Cllr Rowe.

**Open Forum:** Mention was made of the overflowing drain next to the entrance to Jacksons. This has been reported 3 times and nothing has changed. Clerk to advise Mary Evans of report number and she will chase it up. There is a broken grit bin in The Columbines which needs attention, as the bins are due to be filled. There is a broken signpost in Melford Road/High Street that needs removing. Potholes on the road from Cavendish to Long Melford are still in need of repair.

**CC Mary Evans report:** The latest budget by the chancellor allocated extra funds to be spent on Highways, both capital projects and necessary repairs. Unclear currently whether this has to be spent by the end of March 2019 or can be carried over, as repairs to the carriageway needs good weather. Mary agreed that potholes were in need of repair, the budget for next year is currently being discussed by Suffolk CC but it is expected that about £40m will be allocated for Highways and additionally a further £9.6m from revenues. Efficient use of resources has been an issue, and this is being looked at. The main expenditure continues to be on Adult Social Care of about £230m and children's services £99m. At our last meeting it was suggested that a meeting be set up between Mary Evans, Peter Stevens, Cllr Halliday and members of the Speedwatch team to discuss additional equipment. A date was suggested which is to be put before the Speedwatch team.

**BC Peter Stevens report-** St Edmundsbury (West Suffolk) are looking at writing a strategic plan for new housing in the Borough. They have plans to build 10 properties in Cavendish under the 2031 plan which is yet to start and may be looking to add, depending on infrastructure issues. Peter does have a locality budget and will be happy to consider a request for funds for Speedwatch costs and hopes to attend the meeting locally. There will be new Borough Council elections in 2019, we are in a new ward which includes Clare, Hundon and Kedington. There will be 3 Councillors elected to cover the Ward. The cost of the brown bins is to be increased by £2 a bin. He is unaware whether there will be a charge for emptying dog bins and will look into this as it would impact on our precept request. The Council are closer to going ahead with "civil parking enforcement", whereby they will be employing officers to enforce parking restrictions etc., any fines will go into the budget of West Suffolk BC.

Meeting closed for the Parish Council meeting as follows:

1. Minutes of last meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September approved - Signed by the Chair.
2. The clerk reported on matters that had been finalised since our last meeting: The cemetery is looking a lot better following work by our contractor, who now has a new head of services. The grass has been cut, strimmed and hedges cut. A new donated tree has been planted in the extension. The allotment holders who have not been maintaining their plots received letters, with two promising to keep them in better order next year and another deciding to give up their plot. Replies are still awaited from a few. Although reports on the drains in the high street were

made, flooding still persists (see above). The play area gate was broken in half, this was removed and taken to The Autobarn where Jamie Bawden welded it back together and it was back in place within 24 hours. Our thanks to both Paul Hurst and Jamie. David Kirkman has done a number of repairs to the play area, but some are still outstanding, the replacement parts are with him and he will be finalising the job when he has a further piece of equipment he needs. The trees on the Green are to be uplifted for H&S purposes, it will be completed by the end of November.

### 3. Financial Report:

- i) The two-month financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> October was accepted by all, accounts signed by the Chair
- ii) The next financial meeting was set for 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, at Cllr Halliday's home at 7.30. The committee consists of 3 Councillors, Williamott, Craig and Halliday, together with the clerk who is also the RPO. The necessary precept forms to be sent by e mail to Cllr. Williamott.
- iii) Our precept for 2019/20 was discussed as regards extra expenditure that may arise next year, and, in this regard, we are unsure about dog bin clearance, this could cost £1000 pa, election costs if appropriate £1200+ and money for the cemetery. We feel that we cannot add further to the precept costs for helping the church with their restoration, as we are still governed by how much we can increase our budget.

4. Councillors Comments: Planning - There is only one application (DC/18/2181/TCA) to be looked at, a tree at Virginia House. Cllr Gittins will have a look and provided he sees no problems no further action is to be taken. A footpath near The Red House leading to Mill Lane needs attention with overgrown trees/shrubs etc., clerk to inform Suffolk CC. Cllr Rowe had written to the clerk offering help with maintenance to both the allotments and the cemetery, this was gratefully accepted.

5. Chairman's Report: Cllr. Halliday gave an update on the Memorial Hall situation. The hall floor has been renovated and is looking excellent. However, recent users of the hall did leave this in a poor state including spilt wine on the floor. We are to look at what can be done as all users are contracted to leave the hall as it is found. It meant the next user had to clean up, which should not be the case. It was felt that we needed some new additional people on the Hall Management Committee, and we are to advertise on both Facebook and in the village magazine. Some work has taken place with a removal of a wall and edging. We are awaiting some quotes and work being done to the left-hand gable end which has already been accepted. Some of the work can only be done when the pre-school children are on holiday. The children's play area needs possibly a new membrane and play-bark and it was agreed we would obtain quotes for that. The car park renovation which started last year needs to be finished but we need to look at the drains beforehand. Cllr Craig will arrange for a report to be obtained, cameras will need to be put down the manholes to survey. The front lock has been changed with a key safe also installed which in the fullness of time will enable the key to be withdrawn from the shop. Cllr Halliday attended the service at both the War Memorial and church on Remembrance Sunday and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

6. Planning Policy: A draft was provided by Cllr Halliday which was discussed. Some amendments were needed, and it will be re-drafted and then circulated. There are a number of additional policies that we need to adopt, these to follow.

7. Correspondence: Letter received from a frequent user of the Memorial Hall congratulating us on the refurbishment of the floor. Letter relating to the allotments to be referred to Cllr Rowe on his return. Letter received about parking at the junction of Peacocks Road and Peacocks Close. This causes problems to people driving in and out of Peacocks Close as well as stopping

the grass being cut in the spring/summer and leaving tyre tracks in the winter. Discussion on whose land the cars are being left on, clerk to clarify, and to write to residents of Peacocks Road and ask them to refrain from using the land for parking.

The Council then met for the AGM of the Finbow/Ambrose Trust, as all councillors are automatically Trustees. The accounts were agreed for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and most of the income generated totalling £2000 can be made available to the Sports Club to cover the cost of the lease and necessary repairs.

Meeting finished at 9.27

Next meeting 9th January 2019 at The Memorial Hall 7.30.

CR Turner - Clerk

Below is a list of payments made by the Parish Council in the last 2 months:

02/09/18	J Murcott- Hall Cleaning Aug	671	84.00
05/09/18	Marjoram Builders re Hall	672	1790.74
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 96/97	673	221.44
19/09/18	D Kirkman Inv 98/99	674	235.59
ditto	HMRC re PAYE to30/9	675	342.00
ditto	Ladywell Acct Svcs	676	45.00
ditto	C Turner Pay/exps to30/9	677	447.13
ditto	Anglian Water re Allot	678	16.73
ditto	Jacksons Garden re Pond	679	60.57
ditto	Beyond the garden gate re hall	680	30.00
ditto	Eon Electric	d/d	262.00
ditto	Waste Memorial Hall	d/d	45.24
ditto	Waste Allotments	d/d	22.62
ditto	Chubb re Hall	d/d	16.92
07/10/18	J Murcott- Hall Cleaning	681	92.67
ditto	PFK Littlejohn re Audit	682	360.00
ditto	M J Maynard Hall Electrics	683	82.80
ditto	P Hurst re Hall Repair	684	30.00
ditto	Parts for Playarea	685	19.21
ditto	Donation-EACH	686	50.00
ditto	Donation-Sudbury Newstalk	687	void
ditto	Donation-Kernos Centre	688	50.00
ditto	Donation-Clare 1st responders	689	75.00
08/10/18	Cavendish Bowls Club	690	50.00
15/10/18	Waste Memorial Hall	d/d	45.24
ditto	Waste Allotments	d/d	22.62
20/10/18	A Water re Hall	691	141.62
ditto	C Turner Pay/exps to31/10	692	447.33
29/10/18	Donation-Sudbury Newstalk	693	25.00
ditto	British Legion re Wreath	694	25.00
ditto	Sandskill re Hall floor	695	2318.40
ditto	Chubb re Hall	d/d	16.92
31/10/18	P Hurst re street cleaning	696	60.00
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 100/1	697	198.22
ditto	J Murcott-Hall cleaning	698	108.48
ditto	Stamps	699	69.20
	Total		7907.69