



Minutes of Cavendish Parish Council Meeting on 18th September 2019

Meeting in the Garrett Room, Memorial Hall, on 18th September at 7.30pm

Attendees: Parish Councillors Malcolm Halliday, Shannon Craig, Annette Williamott, Ted Gittins, and Patricia Rudd. County Councillor Mary Evans (arrived later), District Councillor Marion Rushbrook, Chris Turner (Clerk) and three members of the public. Apologies - Cllr Rowe and District Councillor Karen Richardson.

Open Forum - Residents were present to discuss a planning application that they had made representation about. The Council had already commented on the application, and as the consultation period had now finished there was no further action to take. The planning department at West Suffolk DC will make the final decision. Trees at Devonshire House are growing over the wall surrounding the home, the Council advised that we have already taken this up with the manager of the home. (Subsequently a planning application to raise the crown of the trees has been received). The trees on the greensward at Pentlow Drive were also low to the ground and are often hit and damaged by traffic that occasionally has to go onto the grass as it's a narrow road. Marion Rushbrook will take this up with the appropriate personnel at West Suffolk DC.

CC Mary Evans report:

This was given later in the meeting - See below

District Councillor Marion Rushbrook's report:

The rural taskforce meeting will take place in Kedington between 2.30 and 4.00pm, on 23rd September all councillors welcome to attend. A question was asked to the councillor as to what can be done about rabbits which are rife on the green and cemetery, the warren being inside school grounds. We need permission to take action within the school grounds. The grounds are the responsibility of Suffolk CC we need to liaise with Mary Evans and perhaps the Chair of Governors. The holes appear on the village green and are deep and could cause an accident. DC Karen Richardson had sent an e-mail apologising for not being present, she had mentioned that she is on the Parking Review Group which is looking at parking in the 6 main towns in West Suffolk, this includes Clare.

Meeting closed for the Parish Council meeting as follows:

1. Minutes of last meeting on 10th July were approved- Signed by Chair

2. The clerk reported on matters that were outstanding since our last meeting:

We have not heard from the trustees of the Pamela Matthews Trust re funding help for the hall, clerk to chase. Still waiting for permission to remove the tree in the cemetery. Delay in changing the hall code. We were promised that the hedge in the cemetery would be cut, this is still awaited, details to be passed to DC Marion Rushbrook.

3. Financial Report:

i) The two-month financial report to 31st October was accepted by all, accounts signed by the Chair. ii) The next financial meeting was set for 10th October, at The Memorial Hall at 4pm. The committee consists of 3 Councillors; Williamott, Craig and Halliday, together with the clerk who is also the RFO. iii) AGAR returned by our External Auditor with no comments, details posted on notice board and on-line. iv) Our Financial Regulations need to be reviewed, agreed by all that this can be dealt with by the finance committee.

The meeting was then opened for CC Mary Evans report:

Suffolk County Council are pleased to report that the majority of their care homes are either good or outstanding with a score of 87.82%. The MMR jobs have a good uptake in Suffolk. Next year we can expect to see a lot of activity on the highway between Long Melford and Cavendish where major work will be carried out. Exam results in Suffolk have improved. There is to be a meeting with the police on 14th October, venue to be advised. There are reports of an increase in hare coursing. The people running this should not be approached by the public. Following police activity in Cavendish 83 prosecutions for speeding has taken place, 2nd highest in the county.

Locally, although the footpath in Water Lane was fixed, the top step has broken again and this needs to be reported to SCC rights of way team.

The meeting was then closed to continue Parish Council business:

4. Chairman's Report - A site meeting was held with Chris Silverwood from W. Suffolk DC about the grass cutting in the village and hopefully an improvement will be seen. The cemetery extension hedge needs cutting, and this is still outstanding and needs to be chased. A team of Councillors have been busy in the cemetery tidying up the area around and in the grave diggers hut. New support beams have been put in place and ivy cleared. The gravestones in the cemetery were tested for safety and a few needed to be laid flat, these being mainly the older graves. We are grateful for the donation from the Community Council, towards the cost of the new speed sign and also for another donation towards the cost of the flowers/plants etc on the lower greens. We did pay postage for a picture of Cavendish painted some years ago by a gentleman in Surrey, this painting was donated to the Community Council. The Chair met other local councillors with Jim Meikle where information was exchanged. The memorial hall still requires more work to be undertaken, the back-gable end which will cost £670, the Chair will chase, and the porch where we have agreed costing of £3985, clerk to confirm to contractor. This will leave the bottom part of the car park to be re-laid. The Memorial Hall committee has now been disbanded and will be taken back in-house by the PC. This will also be discussed at the meeting of the finance committee and they will report their proposals at the next meeting.

5. Councillors Reports- Cllr Gittins has been in touch with Suffolk Highways about the signs for Cavendish when entering the village. The report no. is 253518. Awaiting quotes for costs. No other reports.

6. Planning Policy- It was agreed after discussion that our policy needed changing before re-adopting this and the Chair will be letting the council have proposals by the next meeting. We have received a number of applications for consideration as follows:

DC/19/0290/P3QPA Grain store Ducks Hall. Already commented, No further action
 DC/19/1455 and 1456 The Nook. No comment
 DC/19/1631 Trees. No comment
 DC/19/1666 Tree in the cemetery. No comment
 DC/19/1645 Change of use to cattery. Objection made
 DC/19/1688 Extension. No comment
 DC/19/1826 Tree. No comment

7. Wildflower Area - This had been mentioned at a previous meeting and was felt something we should do. The area could be in the cemetery extension, and Cllr Gittins had 4 other possibilities, he is to plot them on a plan and bring back to the council at the next meeting. Marion Rushbrook said she would be pleased to use some of her funding if required.

8. Data Protection – An invoice has been received from LCPAS for £50 if we wished to continue subscribing to their DPO service. It was agreed that we would.

9. Pond- The water flow into the pond was down to a trickle and the pond looks to be stagnating which may cause smells etc. A meeting to be arranged between the owners of Waver House, the Chair and Councillor Craig.

Meeting finished at 9.25

Next meeting 13th November 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:

14/7/19	Haven Power re Hall	d/d	161.18
12/7/19	J Murcott Hall cleaning	764	126.33
ditto	Wave re Hall water rates	765	210.81
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 36/37	766	178.60
27/8/19	Chubb Fire re hall	d/d	19.74
15/07/19	W.Suffolk DC re Waste hall	d/d	46.38
ditto	ditto re Allotments	d/d	23.19
26/07/19	D Kirkman Inv 38/39	767	226.00
ditto	C Turner Pay/Exps July	768	536.50
ditto	J Murcott Hall cleaning	769	93.00
15/08/19	D Kirkman Inv.40/41	770	226.00
ditto	W Suffolk DC re Waste Hall	d/d	46.38
	ditto re Allotments	d/d	23.19
22/08/19	C Turner Pay/Exps August	771	456.50
ditto	C Turner- reimbursment picture	772	20.00
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 42/43	773	265.00
ditto	Void	774	0.00
ditto	S Letten Speedwatch costs	775	9.00
	Total		2667.80