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Minutes of Cavendish Parish Council Meeting on 27th September 2023

Meeting in the Memorial Hall, on 27th September at 7.30pm

Attendees: Parish Councillors Malcolm Halliday, Mark Freeman, Ted Gittins, Annette Williamott and Nicky Welch. Chris Turner (Clerk) and two members of the public.

No District Councillors

County Councillor Bobby Bennett

Open Forum:

A number of issues were brought up by the two residents as follows.

Pleased to see new vehicle speed sign at Clare end of village, one pole needs removing.

Unhappy with earlier decision for 20mph through part of the High Street feels it will cause further issues. A lot of press comment both in favour and against. Feels it may be costly. We have agreed to support the action but nothing further as yet. Heard a lot of negative comments re Gigaclear, confirmed it was a decision made by others not ourselves - fait accompli.

Following the appointment of a new street cleaner various comments made about the jobs required in the village, including cleaning bins/benches, etc. In addition, the clearing of old wreaths and crosses before Remembrance Day this year, etc.

County Councillor Bobby Bennett comments:

The footpath across the ditch in the Churchyard was being looked into as was the bridge to Pentlow. The latter is the responsibility of Essex CC. Bobby intends to attend the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Cavendish on 12th November. The Councillor has already sent in a report which is with the minutes.

Meeting closed for the Parish Council meeting as follows:

Apologies for absence has been received from both Parish Councillors Nick Vosper and Richard Dawkins which were accepted.

No disclosures of "interests".

1 Minutes of last meeting - All satisfied that it is in order and minutes signed by Chair.

2 Outstanding Issues:

Dog Bin at Allotments- This is not viable as the DC are not willing to empty any further bins.

Pond-Still awaiting quote for dredging.

Rotting posts on speed signs- CC will be providing some funds.

Emergency Plan- In hand

3 Financial Report-

i) The two-month financial report to 31st August 2023 was accepted by all, balances as at 31st August 2023 £72855, there are however some further large expenses to be paid including grass cutting in the next 2 months. Quite a lot of expenditure incurred in the 2-month period was on the Memorial Hall, repairs redecoration and electrics.

ii) Our Internal Audit report has been received and our AGAR sent to our external auditor. The Internal report has been sent to all Councillors for information. It was agreed the Finance Cttee would meet to discuss points. The External Audit is awaited from Littlejohn prior to 30th September.

4 Play area - We have recently received the Annual Report, of the state of the Playarea. This has been circulated. There are a number of areas of concern, thankfully nothing that requires immediate attention. However, it was felt that perhaps there is a need to source funds to enable this to be renewed and updated. This needs to be looked into.

5 Reports by Councillors-

Cllr Freeman-Highways/ Bus Stop. Concern about where some of the buses stop as it means crossing the road was particularly difficult.

Cllr Gittins- No comments

Cllr Welch-Memorial Hall. The outside of the hall looks shabby and wondered whether we could re-paint and smarten up. This would be costly, however as we have not used funds recently from the Ambrose Trust, we could ask the Trustees to release some funds to assist in costs. The kitchen floor, although having been repaired, does not inspire confidence to users and still feels unsafe in places.

Cllr Williamott- Question about the Orchard and the pruning later in the year. Was advised that there had been some interference, and our current helper may be having second thoughts about carrying on. We have been asked whether we wanted to participate again with the "Xmas tree" decoration. Cllr Gittins will speak to his wife and let us know. They will be decorating a tree on behalf of the Parish Council. The flower tubs on the lower green need to be cleared, can we get James to help. She is sourcing a tree for the cemetery as requested by a relative of a deceased person whose ashes were buried in the cemetery extension. Likely to be a Spindle tree as there is not a lot of room where the plot is.

6 Report by Chair- Following the retirement of the clerk (who will be continuing until a new clerk is appointed), advertisements have been placed both locally and through SALC. They have received two applications and will be interviewing shortly for the post. The interviews will be carried out by the Chair and Cllr Williamott.

7 Misc. Items-The allotments are due for a tidy up with our village "odd job man" James helping with strimming and helping fill skips that are being ordered. Clerk to ensure allotment holders are aware when the skips arrive. James will also be spending time to help tidy up the cemetery and Orchard. Comment made about the grass cutting and we need to obtain quotes sometime as well as those from West Suffolk. The cost is high, and we need to perhaps manage the cemetery ourselves, or look at ways of reducing costs.

8 Planning-We have had a couple of applications for pollarding a Willow tree and also felling one etc. See Note attached. We were asked to comment on a "Prior Approval Plan" in Ducks Hall Lane, which we did, stating there appeared to be no material change in circumstances to make us change our position, that the area was not appropriate for further development.

Chris Turner
 Meeting ended at 9.30pm
 Next meeting 8th November 2022

Payments made in last 2 months to 31st August 2023

	TO WHOM	Chq No.	AMT
09/07/23	J Murcott re hall June23	3194	83.37
ditto	Auto Innovations re sign	3195	67.20
20/07/23	Hall Cleaning B Welch	3196	50.00
ditto	C Turner July23/Stationery	3197	549.92
14/07/23	W Suffolk DC re bins	d/d	53.72
ditto	ditto	d/d	35.78
ditto	ditto	d/d	26.86
24/07/23	D Kirkman Ex gratia pymt	3198	250.00
ditto	B Gas re Hall electric	d/d	72.82
26/07/23	Chubb re Hall	d/d	19.74
27/07/23	James Munro Landscaping	3199	365.00
ditto	MJ Maynard re hall	3200	1161.60
28/07/23	100 2nd & 16 1st stamps	3201	92.60
02/08/23	J Murcott re hall July23	3202	146.95
ditto	Welcome Weds. Expenses	3203	106.99
14/08/23	W Suffolk DC re bins	d/d	53.72
ditto	ditto	d/d	35.78
ditto	ditto	d/d	26.86
20/08/23	B Gas re Hall electric	d/d	53.24
23/08/23	Orchard Costs-Petrol	3205	7.98
ditto	T Welch re hall painting etc	3204	2351.45
25/08/23	Marjoram re hall repairs	3206	1781.25
ditto	C Turner Aug23	3207	538.92
ditto	Field Compost re playarea	3208	267.00
ditto	ex-gratia gift for helper	3209	12.50
ditto	WS Council election exps.	3210	81.91
31/08/23	J Munro 8/23	3211	590.00
ditto	Glasdon uk re waste bins	3212	406.59
ditto	J Murcott Aug 23 hall	3213	78.00
ditto	Premier Skip hire re Allotm	3214	372.00
ditto	Defibrillator	3215	2084.40
	Total for period		11834.15

**Response by Cavendish Parish Council
to West Suffolk Council Planning Applications – September 2023**

DC/23/1233/HH – Householder Planning application – construction of two bay detached cartlodge– The Cottage, Poole St, Cavendish.

Site Visit made.

Holding Objection – concern regarding position close to common boundary and sloping ground – need for structural survey.

DC/23/1234/LB – Application for listed building consent. – Replacement external doors to front and rear elevations of main dwelling.– The Cottage, Poole St, Cavendish.

Site visit made. No Objection

DC/23/1300/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – one Cherry; fell – Little Oaks, High St, Cavendish

No Objection.

Supported.

DC/23/1188/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – One Willow; Pollard – Whitecroft, Poole Street, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/23/1261/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – One Willow; Fell – Three Chimneys, Poole Street, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/23/1541/TCA – Trees in a conservation area– One Damson; Crown reduction - Three Chimneys, Poole Street, Cavendish.

No Objection

DC/23/1576/HH – Householder Planning application – Construction of front porch following demolition of existing; first floor dormer window to front elevation; conversion of existing garage to kitchen – 17, Pentlow Drive, Cavendish.

Decision Pending

PC/23/1213/P3QPA – Ducks Hall – Prior approval to extend time of 19/0290/P3QPA. Request to comment from neighbour. Our 2019 objections were overruled and no change in circumstance. This is a legal determination not based on planning merits

Any action to take?

C R Turner – Parish Clerk

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Suffolk County Council Report
August 2023

Dear All,

Please see below for your information.

Kind regards
Bobby

Trading Standards urge £765,000 fraudster to give himself up for sentencing

Suffolk Trading Standards is appealing to the public for help as they urge a man wanted for failing to appear in court for sentencing for fraudulent trading to hand himself in.

Wayne Parker, of Mildenhall, was found guilty in October 2022 of obtaining more than £765,000 in credit from suppliers.

He presented himself as a livestock owner which enabled him to be given credit by a wide range of companies. He often made no attempt to settle his debts and, when he did, repeatedly sent cheques that would bounce.

An arrest warrant was issued when he failed to appear in court in February 2023.

Since going on the run Mr Parker is known to have been using the Match.com dating website and has also been hiring cars in a bid, it is believed, to avoid detection by the police.

He has links to west London, with his last known address being in Feltham, however, he has carried out work across Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Surrey.

Recent intelligence suggests that he may also be working in Wales and there are links to him being in Somerset.

Award Success for Social Care in Suffolk

A column by Councillor Beccy Hopfensperger, Suffolk County Council Cabinet Member for Adult Care.

Social work is vital to keeping people safe, and helping them live good, independent lives as part of the community. In Suffolk I believe we are incredibly lucky to have some of the best Social Workers,

Occupational Therapists and Social Care workers anywhere in the country - I'm not just saying that because I'm the Cabinet Member responsible for Adult Care, there's real proof.

This year more Suffolk County Council staff and teams have been recognised for their achievements and skills by being shortlisted at the Social Worker of the Year Awards, a national award ceremony which uses these awards to improve the awareness, understanding and reputation of the social care sector. The awards are open to qualified practitioners throughout England with a wide range of individual and team categories for those working in both children's and adult departments. This year Suffolk has been particularly successful - I want to extend my congratulations to the following individuals who have shone with their professionalism and talents in their respective services.

- Patrick Hamilton, who has been shortlisted as Newly Qualified Social Worker of the year.
- Victoria Veale, also shortlisted as Newly Qualified Social Worker of the year.
- Suzanne Ladlow, shortlisted as Team Leader of the year.

Also, I want to congratulate the following teams at Suffolk County Council, whose work and dedication to the people of Suffolk have earned them a chance at winning an award also.

- Digital Care Team, their work with the already award-winning Cassius Digital Care Service sees them shortlisted for Digital Transformation of Social Care Award.
- Our Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Team, shortlisted for Team of the Year award.

Children Services in Suffolk also have reason to celebrate as the Make a Change Team were shortlisted for CYP Team of the year.

I have my fingers crossed for you all when the winners are announced in November. I also want to extend my congratulations to everyone who was nominated for an award, whether you were shortlisted or not, just getting nominated is an incredible achievement.

Suffolk also has its own upcoming awards ceremony for all things Social Care, in the form of the Suffolk Social Care Awards which is organised by Care Development East. Suffolk County Council is a key sponsor of the awards as we look to recognise locally some of the excellent carers, providers, and settings here in the East. I look forward to attending the ceremony and congratulating the winners and those nominated in September.

Finally, in Suffolk we have some of the best professional development training for Social Workers available, so I want to congratulate our latest cohort of Apprentice Social Workers, who have all passed their social work degrees with high scores. This is an amazing achievement for them, especially as they started their studies amid the COVID pandemic. All have secured a Newly Qualified Social Worker role at Suffolk County Council and will be a huge asset to the teams they join, and the people they will ultimately support.

If you feel that Social Work, or any role in social care would be of interest to you - I urge you to check the social work vacancies on www.suffolkjobsdirect.org.

Formal opening of £1.3 million Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service training centre

The Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Training Centre at Wattisham Flying Station near Stowmarket has recently undergone a £1.3 million upgrade.

It now boasts a tactical firefighting facility, which uses real fire and an LPG-fired facility to simulate incidents firefighters may be faced with.

The most recent addition is the modular office complex, which features additional classrooms and welfare facilities for all delegates and staff.

The centre was formally declared open at the annual base families' day on Thursday August 24 by Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Jon Lacey of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, and Colonel Toby R Moore MBE, Station Commander, Wattisham Flying Station.

The fire service training centre has been at Wattisham since 2011 and occupies a 17-acre site that previously housed the Bloodhound missile system from the Cold War.

The training centre is used throughout the year for a wide range of training requirements which include refresher and ongoing assessments by all staff.