

Minutes of Deopham and Hackford Parish Council Meeting in the Gralix Hall on Wednesday 13th February 2019

Present:

Councillors : Jacky Phoenix Martin Skidmore
 Chris Coath Jayne Allan
 Chris Biggs Cllr. M. Dewsbury – Norfolk County Council
 Cllr. Yvonne Bendle - South Norfolk Council

Parish Clerk : Sarah Way

Parishioners: John Spencer

1. **Apologies** - John Chilvers, Mark Howard

2. **Declarations of Interest**

2.1 Jacky Phoenix declared an interest in item 9.3 regarding the hire of Deopham Airfield which was to be discussed as this is part owned and farmed by Jacky.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2019 were agreed as a correct record. Proposed Jayne Allan, seconded Martin Skidmore.

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 Parish Clerk reported that the planning application 2018/2724 High Elm Lodge, Pye Lane, Deopham for Certificate of lawful use for residential use of existing dwelling without compliance with an agricultural workers occupancy condition was approved on 15th January 2019.

Planning application 2018/2737 Westways, The Stalland, Deopham for 2 Storey side extension was approved on 31st January 2019.

5. **Correspondence**

5.1 There was no correspondence to circulate around the table.

6. **Finance**

6.1 The bank balances at 18/1/2019 were £739.40 in the current account and £3047.06 in the deposit account.

Current account there is 1 unpresented cheque, so the reconciled balance for the current account is £589.40.

Deposit account there are no outstanding cheques or transfers and so the reconciled balance for the deposit account is as above.

6.2 The payment of £14.81 to Anglian Water for the playing field for November to February 2019 was approved. Proposed Martin Skidmore, seconded Chris Coath.

7. **Planning**

7.1 2019/0048 – Meadow Cottage, Park Lane, Deopham, Norfolk, NR18 9HL
Concrete pad for proposed sectional wooden dog kennels. After consideration of the plans and discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council recommends approval.

8. Deopham Playing Field

- 8.1 Parish Clerk reported that a quote has been received from Norse regarding the playing field grass cutting. The price quoted £862.48 + VAT.

This is for the following:

Aerate field on one occasion between November & March

Mow playing field on 16 occasions (twice monthly) from March to the end of October, not collecting any arisings.

This is an increase of £41.06 for the same contracted work as last year.

This was agreed and the contract will be signed and returned by the Parish Clerk.

Proposed Martin Skidmore, seconded Chris Biggs

- 8.2 Due to past freezing conditions, it was agreed that the water supply should be turned off at the playing field changing facilities. Jacky checked the water supply and was unable to turn off the tap under the sink as this has seized. Currently no sign of any flooding or damage.

- 8.3 Billie Box Containers – potential to use these for replacement changing facilities at the playing field. Jacky to obtain relevant information, costs and present at next parish council meeting to include quotes to remove the old hut and take it away and also quotes from Bacons & Dave Miller regarding a replacement building of the same size if the Billy Box Containers is not taken up as an option.

Chris Coath raised a view that the Billy Box Containers looked ugly and if there was any way in which they could be made more pleasing to the eye.

Yvonne Bendle stated that no more grants will be accepted until after the elections have taken place. She also raised the point that the panel will sit in July so everything regarding a replacement building must be in place prior to this – ie, planning application (which can take up to 6 weeks). Yvonne advised that the Parish Council should discuss this with the local councillor in May for advice and to enable everything to be in place and to meet the July deadline.

- 8.4 Councillors reviewed the new lease agreement for the playing field and Chris Coath confirmed he was happy with the lease. Martin confirmed that he will now take the agreed lease back to the solicitors.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 Parish Clerk reported that the Parish Councillor Elections will be held on May 2nd 2019. Information about the process is on South Norfolk Council website. Nomination packs & Candidate Contact Information forms were emailed to all current parish councillors on 5th February 2019. The nomination process starts Wednesday 20th March until and including Wednesday 3rd April.

The Parish Clerk reported that there is no email address for Parish Councillor Mark Howard, so she was unable to email the relevant information. Jacky took a copy of the forms and said she will hand deliver to Mark Howard.

The process was discussed and it was agreed that all councillors will bring their forms to the March Parish Council meeting and Jacky will hand deliver them to South Norfolk Council before the deadline of 3rd April

- 9.2 Parish Clerk reported that an email from a student at Wymondham College had been received regarding carrying out some volunteer work for their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. The student was requesting if there was any volunteer work they could do within the Deopham area. The Parish Councillors discussed but could not come up with any suggestions but agreed to take this away from the meeting and advise the Parish Clerk if any suitable options were available.

- 9.3 Parish Clerk reported that an email had been received regarding the hire of Deopham Green Airfield. The hire would be for the practice of driving skills in preparation for competitive rally driving and would be required once a month. Jacky stated that the Airfield is owned and farmed by several local farmers and that the hire would not be possible.
- 9.4 Parishioner John Spencer raised the question about whether the rejected anerobic digester application at Morely would now be proposed on the Deopham Green Airfield due to the applicant now owning and farming part of this area. Jacky confirmed that the airfield land is being used for farming.

10. Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 13th March 2019, 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8 pm.