

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting 11th March 2013

Those present Full Parish Council, CC R Kemp, DC James Long
Enise Bala (Police SNT) and the Clerk.

Apologies were received from PCSO Hannah Partington.

Matters arising;

- i) Coalhouse – awaiting update from Babergh DC
- ii) Removal of horse chestnut tree, Old Rectory Lane. Letter asking for the tree not to be replaced. If this is wish of majority of residents, it will not be replaced.

Police Report;

No crimes reported during period 14/1 - 11/3/2013. However, burglary and theft in surrounding area has increased and residents are being asked to check their security, be vigilant and report anything they feel to be suspicious.

County Councillor's Report:

Budget meeting discussed saving of £24.9m.

Council is going ahead with plans to change from 3 tier system to 2.

Balfour Beatty failed to gain Highways Contract, which went to May Gurney.

EATS confirmed no traces of horse meat found in school meals.

Other topics included a review of school attainment levels, offshore wind farm, Ipswich Northern Fringe, supplementary Planning document and Suffolk Customer services model & Growth Strategy.

District Councillor's Report: Integration of services with Mid-Suffolk continues, cutting costs.

Council tax to remain at same level, although there will be some exceptions to this. Council

Officers roles to be scrutinised.

Both Richard Kemp and James Long supported moves to change criteria for the use of S106 funds.

Finance:

Quotes received for grass cutting in the forthcoming year.

Donations to be made to Sudbury Newstalk and British Red Cross (Suffolk).

No other requests received.

Planning: Cart Lodge – Maltings Farm approved.

Correspondence: Suffolk Acre - Group change for fuel providers.

E-mail re Dog Litter bins not being provided. Reply sent giving reasons for decision.

Village Hall; VHC to be asked what funding is required for further insulation work.

Matters for discussion:

- i) Play Park. Dave Campan is still keeping site clean following badger problem
- ii) Wild orchids on play area – ascertain which area needs to remain uncut.
- iii) PC to donate £200 towards Shimpling celebrates w/e.

Any Other Business:

- i) Response received to Broadband Survey No guarantees re improving speeds, but aim is to target villages receiving slow services.
- ii) Village Tidy Day – could be postponed if weather is bad. Decision by 14/3.

Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting. Monday 13th May.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.