

Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council

Minutes of 30th October 2023, 7.30 pm, held at the Village Hall

Attendees: Cllrs: R. Apps (vice chair) [RA], G. Godfrey (chairman) [GG], J. Harrison [JH], L. Ingham [LI], C. Ward [CW], and P. Ward [PW].

Total members of the public: 2.

Also in Attendance: T. Newby.

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Declarations – Pecuniary and Other:** None
3. **Minutes** – The minutes for 6th September 2023 were unanimously approved.
4. **To consider Co-opting Councillor vacancies.** None. **Action Clerk** to contact Hazel, GG to provide contact information.
5. **Adjournment** – Standing orders will be suspended for Public Participation. Thank you to Mark for doing his best with the latest Top Road flooding. The ditch outside Ian's, the gullies are not flowing, may need jetting.

Action RA to add to the latest newsletter, responsibilities for ditches and maintenance of ditches.

The ditch in School Lane has conkers rammed in the gullies which has blocked the flow of the water.

There is a law regarding rubbish and fly tipping. There are issues down Beck's Lane.

6. **Opportunity for District Councillor and County Councillor to speak.**

No District or County Councillor present.

Resume Standing Orders:

7. **To discuss any outstanding items from previous meetings not on this agenda.**
 - a. Update on Quiet Lanes – There is nothing to update, still waiting for the post to be installed in Clarkes Lane.
 - b. Update on Additional seating at Playground. The seat is in location, may need cementing in.
 - c. Update on Defibrillator training, dates 13/14 and 20/21 November 2023, 7pm – 9pm. At the meeting it was decided to go with 13th November date. **Action Clerk** to contact Alan Rudd and the village hall.
 - d. To receive an update on Community Energy South. This was considered a positive stance and to invite Community Energy South, to have a virtual meeting on a Friday, as late as possible in the day. **Action Clerk** to arrange a meeting with Community Energy South and to invite the villages around St Andrews. Organise a Zoom meeting not Teams.
 - e. Cllr GG to invite JC to the next LMC meeting. Completed. Both JC and the Clerk attended. Both thought it was very useful.
8. **To discuss any planning applications received:**
 - a. To receive an update on the Solar Farm and agree any action. No update as yet. RES have a virtual meeting with LMC on 28/11/23 7.30pm.

It was noted by a Councillor that there was a company measuring the width of the road, in the area and thought it could be related.

Action Clerk send an email to the district and county councillors to update the Parish Council as soon as they know when the planning application is logged onto the planning system. As the RES is having the meeting with LMC late November, they may hold off the application until January.

9. To discuss Parish Council issues:

- a. To discuss the situation with Community Energy South. Discussed above.
- b. Polling Review – RA had read the report and there is nothing to comment on.
- c. To discuss the outstanding issues with the RoSPA report and agree any action.
Agreed to purchase a ‘no kite flying’ sign 3mm aluminium 300 x 400mm at £24.69 + PP.
The gates and posts need replacing.
- d. The ditches and people having infilled them at the bottom of gardens following recent flooding. This was discussed at the public forum. Agreed that maintenance and responsibility be added to the next newsletter.
- e. Meeting notification from Pauric McCloskey and the LMC Board re solar farm + Commons (who is actually invited?). It was confirmed that this is only for the LMC and not an invite to the parish council.
- f. To discuss and agree the LMC revised constitution. The constitution was received today. RA discussed the amendments that have been changed:
 - 8 directors instead of 6.
 - 2 directors (1 of commons and 1 of council) to retire annually. Probably who has been there the longest.
 - Gender specific language.
 This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

10. To discuss any highways issues:

- a. To receive data from the VAS:

Sewer Lane	
Date from	07/09/2023
Date to	27/09/2023
Average speed	26.3 mph
Average overspeed	34.3 mph
Max speed overspeed	85 mph (26/09/23 @ 7.45pm)
Average daily traffic	391
Total vehicle count	8227
Total over limit	3054 (37.1%)
Highest overspeed day	Sunday (45.2%)
Post Box End	
Date from	28/09/2023
Date to	18/10/2023
Average speed	27.66 mph
Average overspeed	34.6 mph
Average speed overspeed	60 mph (047/10/23 @ 6.15am)
Average daily traffic	317
Total vehicle count	5419
Total count limit	1886 (34.8%)
Highest overspeed day	Tuesday (41.4%)

Additional information sourced, black box:
Collect 26/6/23 – 03/07/23 C934 Ilketshall St Andrew, Top Road opp No 1 VAS

Report Sheet	Combined	Channel 1	Channel 2
		From Beccles	From A144
Average speed	29.2	28.3	30.3
85 th Percentile	36	33	37
Total number of vehicles	4633	2432	2201
Speed limit	30	30	30
Number over speed limit	1878	776	1102
Percentage over speed limit	40.5	31.9	50.1
NPCC	35	35	35
Number at or over NPCC	877	282	595
Percentage at or over NPCC	18.9	11.6	27.0

Combined must now be 20% for the safety camera team to take action.
What has happened about the Community speed watch, in partnership with Redisham and Ringsfield. **Action Clerk** to communicate with the villages for an update.

11. To discuss and agree the finances:

- To note the Clerk paid for the insurance £314.24. Noted
- To note that the Parish Council has received another £482.85 from CiL. Noted
- To discuss the request for donation for Alan Rudd, East of England Ambulance Service – Charitable Fund. Agreed to donate £100 to the East of England Ambulance Service. Also agreed was to donate the usual amount of £250 for the maintenance of the churchyard. JH to provide the cheque payment details. Proposed by GG and seconded by RA all in agreement with 1 abstention.
- Payments for the month – proposed to pay £1200.31 + the additional donation amounts: Proposed by GG and seconded by PW. There were no abstentions!

Payment summary 30th October 2023

Date	cheque payee	Ref	Cheque Number	Total
30/10/2023	Cheque to Tina Newby		100419	£950.13
30/10/2023	Sept and Oct Wages			£476.28
30/10/2023	July and August Expenses			£39.15
30/10/2023	HMRC			£119.26
30/10/2023	PC insurance			£315.44
30/10/2023	R J Apps Expenses	100420		£250.18
30/10/2023	Website			£150.00
30/10/2023	Village noticeboard expenses			£65.08
30/10/2023	mileage			£35.10
	Total Payments			£1,200.31

- Update on the finances for 2023-24 – The Clerk had created a budget plan for this year in the hope this may help with calculating the finances for next year. RA stated

that they just added a percentage in the past. The Clerk requested that all the Councillors looked at the budget plan for action in January 2024.

- f. To agree an internal auditor for this financial year. Suggest we keep with Adrian Sampson. **Action Clerk** to contact Adrian.
- g. To receive an update on bank accounts. The Clerk had the Unity Trust Bank application form for the councillors to sign.

12. To note correspondence:

- a. SALC Conference 29th November 2023 - Noted
- b. Community Networking events Suffolk CC - Noted
- c. To note the receipt of 'Save Grays Lane Campaign' Briefing note 3 and 4. - Noted.

13. To discuss the other meetings held between the Parish Council meetings:

- a. Village Hall Report - nothing
- b. Commons and Land Management Company – noted the minutes.

14. Councillor information:

RA reported on the following: The Town Trust Charity is an ancient charity. The benefits from the allotment rent and rent of the land is divided equally to the Parish Council and the Church. There are 2 trustees retiring and therefore we have a shortage of trustees. The Parish Council approved Rozelle at the meeting. The money will be distributed, but some of the allotment renters would like a water tap, some would not!

RA is attending an event by East Suffolk Council on 4th November 2023 regarding Climate Change. He would like to know what the Parish Council can realistically do. The Parish Council would not try to influence! The oil boilers in houses will not be renewed after 2035, 90% of the residents in the village are heated by oil. Some of the houses are old and could have heat leaking. This was noticed by the thermal imaging camera exercise earlier in the year. In principle the heat pumps are less carbon intensive! A lot of the houses have no insulation and some are grade II listed.

The Parish Council agreed to add information on choices and climate change in the newsletter.

GG thanked Jacqueline, Mark and John for the curry night, this raised £600. There will be a quiz night 12 January 2024, proceeds may go to the church and the First responders.

As no more business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28pm

Date of next meeting 8th January 2024

Signed.....

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