

Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council

Minutes of 4th September 2023, 7.30 pm, held at the Village Hall

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

Total members of the public: 5, County Councillor Judy Cloke and District Councillor Anthony Specca.

Also in Attendance: T. Newby.

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Declarations – Pecuniary and Other:** None
3. **Minutes** – RESOLVED to approve the minutes of 3rd July 2023 as an accurate record of proceedings. Unanimously.
4. **To consider Co-opting Councillor vacancies.** None
5. **Adjournment** – Standing orders will be suspended for Public Participation. Standing Orders suspended 7.33pm.
 - The Stop Shipmeadow Solar Farm group had a meeting with RES last week. It appeared one sided and they were not listening to their concerns. RES gave a presentation. A leaflet was distributed to the Parish Council. RES would like another meeting to discuss what they could do for the ‘community’. There will be a noise level concern next to the converters, that may be beyond the noise threshold.
6. **Speakers regarding the Solar Farm, for information. [RH]**
 - Maybe there is a different approach on offer! ESC has changed their makeup and now are headed by the Green Party. There is a 40mw capacity. Whether RES succeeds or not, others will follow. Alternative access plan little lanes are not suitable for HGV's. We need the community to come up with a plan that is better than RES. Field 5 already has planning for wind turbines. Set it up as a community, then the profits will come to the community.
 - District Cllr Specca; there is real merit in both side in what was said above. We should be creating more power as a country. East Suffolk can only object to planning applications on material requirements. (1) Perhaps invite a developer that is a friendly developer, community can take 20% of profits or a stake in the proceeds. (2) Do it as a community project, which meets all your needs. Introduced to Community Energy South. Develop from the ground up.
 - Oppose RES and set up an alternative project, jointly with Parish Councils and communities. Facilitate a presentation from Community Energy South.
 - Set up a workshop as a community led workshop. Work with Barsham, Shipmeadow, Mettingham and Ringsfield.
 - There are concerns that the passing places planned in RES project, some are on private land.
7. **Opportunity for District Councillor and County Councillor to speak.**

County Councillor Cloke; August report had just been sent. **Action Clerk** to forward this to the councillors. The finger posts by the village hall will be replaced by County Councillor Cloke.

The slurry pit concerns have gone to environmental. LI stated that the slurry pit has gone dry with the heat.

RES is communicating with Suffolk Highways access team.

Resume Standing Orders 8.27pm

8. To discuss any outstanding items from previous meetings not on this agenda.

- a. Update on Quiet Lanes. The sign at the top of Clarkes Lane has been pulled down. Report on the highways Portal. **Action RA.**
- b. Update on Top Road speeding issues. No data collated.
- c. Update on Additional seating at Playground. Outstanding.
- d. Update on the noticeboard in Top Road. Outstanding, await GG/RA.
- e. Update on Defibrillator training and adding to the database. Defibrillator has been serviced, upgraded, new pads and a new battery. Training is outstanding. **Action Clerk** to sort training out for Parish Councillors, village hall and bar staff.
- f. Update on Becks Green slurry pit concerns. As mentioned above under item (7).
- g. Update on CiL and s106 spending options. There is s106, £1,331.71 that can be applied for and CiL money (Oct 2022) of £572.30. Both together is not enough for a piece of equipment and to get it installed. The Clerk mentioned that the RoSPA report stated that we need a warning playground sign on the road, albeit a narrow road. The Clerk mentioned that this would be about £1500 to purchase and install by Suffolk highways. This was considered a good idea, Proposed by PW and seconded by GG. **Action Clerk** to source what is needed from the RoSPA report and report to Wayne Saunders to action.
- h. Update on the fingerposts. Mentioned above in item (7).

9. To discuss any planning applications received:

- a. To receive an update on the Solar Farm and agree any action.
- b. DC/23/3060/FUL: demolish existing outbuilding and construct new single storey rear extension with balcony above from existing bedroom. Old Butchers Arms, Tooks Common Lane. Unanimously recommendation of approval.

10. To discuss any highways issues:

- a. To receive data from the VAS. No data has been collected.

11. To discuss and agree the finances:

- a. Payments for the month

Payment summary 4th September 2023

Date	cheque payee	Ref	Cheque Number	Total
04/09/2023	Cheque to Tina Newby		100417	£1,035.87
04/09/2023	July and August wages			£476.08
04/09/2023	July and August Expenses			£12.75
04/09/2023	HMRC			£59.60
04/09/2023	Defib Pads			£70.74
04/09/2023	Defib battery			£229.38
04/09/2023	East Suffolk Election 2023			£67.32
04/09/2023	David Bracey			£120.00
04/09/2023	ISA Village Hall	Insurance	100418	£941.60

**Total
Payments** **£1,977.47**

Payments totalling £1,977.47 were agreed for payment, proposed by PW and seconded by CW unanimous agreement.

- b. Update on the finances for 2023-24. Total in all bank accounts = £9,889.77

The Clerk mentioned the issue with Barclays and additional signatories. We will need a new cheque book soon. It was agreed to move to Unity Trust Bank account.

The Parish Council noted that they owe [RA] some money, as he had paid an invoice, and purchase miscellaneous items approximately £200.

12. To note that the Clerk has passed her Probationary Period. Noted and well done.

13. To note the correspondence regarding the Ponds and agree any action. Noted.

14. To note correspondence: None.

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

- a. Village Hall Report. No village hall report. It was noted that there is a leak in the roof over the kitchen.
- b. Commons and Land Management Company, there is no report.
When it was realised some years ago the ditches needed dredging and other work needed to be undertaken to maintain them properly the LMC was formed in order to be able to claim Government agricultural grants. Many villagers made contributions towards the cost of setting up the organisation and grants were claimed from the EU and UK government in order to maintain the land properly. Higher Level Stewardship would be one such. There are 8 members – 4 appointed by the Parish Council and 4 residents. The Commons are under the Guardianship of the PC. LMC assumes management of land identified by the Land Registry as common land. If there are any disputes with other property owners, these have to be settled by negotiation and the Land Registry advised. There is also a Common Owners' Association, which is formed of the people who have grazing rights on the Commons, such privileges are usually part of their house deeds and they do not necessarily have property which abuts the Commons. The Trustees are not employed by anyone – they are not paid, but they are accountable to the Parish Council and there is an agenda item for every meeting for a report to be made. **Action GG** to invite County Councillor Cloke to the next meeting.

Other issues that were mentioned:

Becks Green appears to have an extra driveway with an extra gateway, horses and a livery yard, there seems to be no planning permission for this. Containers for sale and a log cabin.

Curry night 20/10/23, at the Village Hall fundraising for the church £15 per person.

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

Date of next meeting 30th October 2023 (changed from 6th November 2023)

Signed.....

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