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Chairman: K Owen

Clerk: Mrs J Weaver

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council held in The Taylor Hall, Dullingham at 7.15p.m. on Thursday 19th May 2016

Present:- Cllr K Owen (Chair), Cllrs Mardon, Morley, Parkins, T Owen
County Cllr Shutler and District Cllr Morris

190516/1 Election of Chair and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Prior to the election of the Chairman Cllr T Owen informed Council of his intention to resign from the Parish Council. Cllr Owen stated that he had given a significant amount of time to his role as a Parish Councillor and felt that due to other responsibilities the time was right to resign. He advised Council that due to his interest in planning issues and the knowledge he had gained in this subject he was still happy to support Council and give his advice with regard to planning issues. Cllr K Owen thanked Cllr T Owen for all the years of service he had given to the Parish Council.

Cllr Mardon was asked if she would consider the role of Chairman, but she felt that she had not gained enough experience with the Council at this point in time.

Cllr Parkins proposed Cllr K Owen, seconded by Cllr Mardon. Cllr K Owen confirmed that he would be willing to continue as Chairman.

Cllr K Owen was duly elected as Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office of Chairman to Dullingham Parish Council.

190516/2 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Morley proposed Cllr Mardon as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Parkins. Cllr Mardon was duly elected as Vice Chairman to Dullingham Parish Council.

190516/3 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllrs Algar and Robertson

190516/4 To receive declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

190516/5 Public Forum

No matters were raised.

190516/6 To approve the Minutes of 7th April 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2016 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

190516/7 Planning

007.1 To consider recent Planning Application:

16/00387/FUL Middle Park Stud, Dullingham Ley, Dullingham

Erection of four blocks of five stables

No objections, however, the response would include Council's concern about the increased volume of traffic in this quiet and rural lane.

190516/8

Environment and Footpaths

008.1 Trees

Conservation area tree work application for tree works at St. Mary's Churchyard on the boundary and in the adjacent paddock, Dullingham
Cllr K Owen reported that he had recently had a conversation with one of the Church Wardens who had informed him that the Diocese was aware of the proposed tree work on church land and they had now placed a facilities order on the tree which would be difficult to remove. Regarding the trees in the adjacent paddock the land owner had contacted members of the Council to explain that they were sycamore trees and he believed that the toxicity of the sycamore leaves posed a risk of death to the horses kept in the paddock. The Council felt that it should be suggested to the land owner that he replaced the trees with a more suitable variety as it was felt that this would maintain the beauty of this area of the village.

008.2 Notification of the following tree works at the following property:-

The King's Head, 1 Stetchworth Road, Dullingham

T1 Yew – Fell

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Finance

009.1 Payments To approve accounts for payment

The following payments were approved:

J Weaver (Salary) - £318.24 (Standing Order)

009.2 Receipts

ECDC 1st Installment of Precept - £7858.87

ECDC DCLG Additional Funding 2016/17 1st Installment - £51.00

M H & H S Lynch - £15 (Parking on Village Green 21.05.16)

190516/10

Correspondence

010.1 Email from resident regarding road safety in Dullingham

An email had been received from a resident of Eagle Lane expressing her delight at the Council's recent successful application for funding under the LHII for a speed limit reduction along the B1061 and adding her support for the need to slow down traffic on this road. The resident also expressed concern about recent work in Eagle Lane by the County Council's Highways Department which had resulted in extra water flowing into her driveway after rainfall. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt of the email and inform the resident that members of the Council had recently had discussions with the Highways Department regarding this issue and would endeavor to keep her informed of any developments.

010.2 ECDC Parish Conference – Emergency Planning 15.06.16)

The Council was reminded that the next East Cambridgeshire Parish Conference will be taking place on 15th June 2016. No members of the Council are currently able to attend. Cllr K Owen asked the Clerk to inform him if no Councillors are still able to attend by the date final numbers are required.

Cllr K Owen informed Council that an email had been received today from Emma Grima at ECDC Informing Council that we have received a grant of £2904.76, our allocation of the Rural Services Grant to be used to fund rural initiatives within the district. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt of this email and this would be discussed further at a forthcoming meeting.

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Consideration of Meeting dates and times 2016/2017

Council agreed that meetings should continue to be held on first Thursday of the month starting at 7.15 pm. The exception to this would be the January meeting which would be held on the second Thursday in January due to another group using the Taylor Hall on the first Thursday in January.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed

Dated