

DULLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7.15 pm, The Taylor Hall, Dullingham

Present: Cllr Mardon (Chair), Cllrs Morley and Robertson, Y Rix (Clerk)
Members of the Public - Mr R Wise

- 060815/001 **To receive and approve apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs K. Owen, T. Owen, Algar and Parkins.
- 060815/002 **To receive declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interests.
- 060815/003 **Open Forum**
Mr Wise informed Council that he was in attendance with regards to his planning application for land adjacent to 5 Eagle Lane. He made those present aware that the application was for the personal use of stabling his own horses and ponies.
- 060815/004 **To approve the Minutes of 2nd July 2015**
The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2015 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.
- 060815/005 **Matters arising** - Consideration of Action Update Sheet.
Cllr Robertson informed Council that he had received a complaint earlier in the week about foul odours in Brinkley Road. Some evidence of flow into the ditch was detected by the Environment Agency, who will monitor and investigate further if necessary. Further discussions have taken place between Cllr Robertson and the Environment Agency regarding Station Road. Work at the Play Area will be carried out as soon as possible. The replacement zip wire seat and rope connectors have been received from Lars Laj.
A letter had been received from Balfour Beatty clarifying why the percentage of street lights to be removed in the village is so high. The new lights that have been installed are very bright and it may be necessary to request that they are dimmed further at night time.
Details of the cost to purchase a Dog Bin had been received. Council agreed that the cost of £175.00 was too expensive and agreed not to pursue the matter any further.
The next newsletter is due in September and needs to be ready by the 20th of the month if it is to be delivered at the same time as the Church Newsletter. The need to make the newsletter more interesting was noted, with possible content including individual councillor profiles and nature notes. Prices are beginning to be received for work to the tree on the junction of Balsham Lane. The wood from the tree could be sold to help cover the cost of the work.
A letter from the Dullingham Riders Group was handed to the Clerk. The letter raised safety concerns about the junction of Eagle Lane and the B1061. Council noted that there had been another accident at the crossroads earlier during the week. Cllr Robertson agreed to draft a letter to Highways for Councils consideration, highlighting the Parish Council's disappointment that little attention had been given by Highways to this junction, despite numerous requests from the Parish Council.
Cllr Robertson continued by informing Council that following investigation, only the counties of Norfolk and Kent had designated any roads as quiet lanes. He agreed to continue with the investigation and the possibility of designating Dullingham Ley as a quiet lane.
- 060815/006 **County and District Councillor Reports**
There were no reports from the County and District Councillors.
- 060815/007 **Finance**
007.1 Payments
The following payments were approved:

Y Rix Salary £309.19 DDR
CGM Grasscutting £62.69 and £27.60
- 007.2 Receipts
No income had been received.
- 060815/008 **Environment and Footpaths**
008.1 Monthly Footpath Report
Cllr Mardon informed Council that Karen Champion, Cambridgeshire County Council Footpaths Officer had received a complaint about Footpath 16 which runs along land owned by UNEX. The path is impassable due to the amount of overgrowth from the hedges. Karen Champion has written to the landowner informing them that the hedges must be cut back by 18th August 2015. Should this work not be carried out, the matter will be referred to the County Council Enforcement Officer. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Karen Champion.

All parish footpaths have now been cut.

060815/009 **Planning**

009.1 To receive Planning Application decisions:
The following planning decisions were noted:

15/00545/FUL Buglers 4 Algar Drive – New proposed car lodge, part conversion of the existing garage into kitchen extension, proposed cladding and render finish to the existing external walls – APPROVED

15/00547/FUL & 15/00548/LBC Deer Park Farm, 33 Station Road
Alterations including alterations to fenestration new pantile roof to single storey element - Approved

15/00613/CLP Oak House, Middle Park Stud, Dullingham Ley – Single storey side extension – APPROVED

15/00431/FUM Brook Farm, Dullingham Ley – Erection of an indoor menage
APPROVED

009.2 To consider recent Planning Applications:
The following applications were considered:

15/00715/VAR Hill Farm House 127-129 Station Road
Variation of Condition 1(time period) of previously approved 12/00336/FUL
For information only – No objection response almost submitted

15/00808/VAR Shangrila 6 Station Road
Variation of conditions 2 (materials) and 3 (window and door details) pf
previously approved 12/01053/FUL for construction of two storey rear extension and single
storey front extension
No objection

15/00765/FUL Land adjacent 5 Eagle Lane
Proposed single storey building comprising five stables, tack room and
wash down with associated works
**No objection but would like condition that building must remain in the curtilage of the
existing property**

15/00745/FUL and 15/00747/LBC The Thatches 19 London Road
Erection of hardwood and glass conservatory to rear elevation
No objection

009.3 Planning Report(Cllr. T Owen)
No further planning matters were raised.

060815/010 **Play Area**

010.1 Play Area Weekly Maintenance
No Play Area inspection sheets had been received for consideration.

060815/011 **Correspondence**

011.1 Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of East Cambridgeshire
Council considered the request from the Local Government Boundary Commission for possible
Ward areas as part of the Electoral Review of East Cambridgeshire and agreed that they did not
wish to see any changes made to the Dullingham Villages Ward.

011.2 ECDC Statement of Licensing Policy – 5 year review consultation
Council noted the 5 year review of the Statement of Licensing Policy.

011.3 ECDC Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles Consultation
Council noted the consultation on the Statement of Principles of the ECDC Gambling Act 2005.

011.4 CCC Street Lighting – Implementation of further energy savings
A letter had been received from the County Council informing parishes that the some streets lights
would be dimmed and turned off during off peak times in order to save money. The letter had
continued to confirm that at this stage no light in Dullingham would be affected.

011.5 CCC Street Lighting Energy Charges
Notification had been received from the County Council informing that the administrative charges
applied to the cost of street light energy would be rising to 15% from October 2015. The Council
asked the Clerk to write to the County Council to find out if it would be possible to reduce the

charge by the Council providing its own administration whilst still receiving energy through the County Council. Concern was also raised over what maintenance is being carried out to the Parish Council street lights by Balfour Beatty/County Council.

011.6 ECDC Approval of Tree Work – 5 Eagle Lane

Council noted approval by East Cambs District Council of tree work to be carried out at 5 Eagle Lane.

011.7 CCC Local Highways Improvement Initiative 2016/2017 and Highway Depot Open Days

Applications are being invited for the County Council Local Highways Improvement Initiative. Suggestions of possible schemes will be considered at the next meeting. Witchford Highways Depot will be holding an Open Day on Monday 14th September 2015.

011.8 Suffolk Accident Rescue Service – Donation Request

A request for a donation had been received from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. Council agreed that they were unable to make a donation at this point in time.

011.9 Connecting Cambridgeshire

Notification had been received from Connecting Cambridgeshire that superfast broadband is now active in the area. Several residents had made Councillors aware that despite having signed up for the superfast broadband, the service received, is of a lower quality and speed than before. The Clerk was asked to contact Connecting Cambridgeshire to find out the reason for this.

060815/012 **Other Matters**

012.1 Use of Village Green 20.9.15 by Church

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had received a request from the Church to use the Village Green on 20th September 2015. The Chairman, Cllr K Owen had given permission to the Church.

012.2 Upkeep of Graveyard

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

060815/013 **Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Mardon reported that she had received several queries about toilets near the play area. She asked if Council considered that it would be worth asking the Taylor Hall Committee if their toilets could be utilised, but it was thought that this was not an option. Cllr Morley agreed to ask the Boot if members of the public visiting the play area could use their toilets and also suggest that they may like to consider selling ice creams as well.

060815/014 **Absences**

All absences were noted.

060815/015 **Risk Assessments**

Council agreed that there were no additional risk assessments to carry out.

060815/016 **Date of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 3rd September 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Signed

Dated