Members of the Council are summoned to and General Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council to take place on

**MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2020 in Taylor Hall,**

**Dullingham at 7.15pm**

**PRESENT Cllr Cary Simpson (Chair)(CS), Cllr Rob Algar (Vice Chair) (RA), Cllr Sarah Mardon (SM), Cllr Gail Parkins (GP), Cllr Mick Cameron (MC), Cllr Keith Owen (KO), DCllr Alan Sharp (AS)**

**Ray Hassler, Mark Godfrey, John Fields, James Mason**

**MINUTES**

060220/01 Apologies for absence

**Mrs Karen Peck (KP)**

060220/02 To receive any declarations of interest:

1. Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business

2. Declaration of any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda

KO & GP declared an interest in item 050320/04 1.

KO declared an interest in item 050320/06

MR declared an interest in item 050320/11

CS declared an interest in item 050320/05 – 2 The Crescent

3. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

4. Grants to any requests for dispensation

060220/03 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 6th February 2020

**Open Forum**

CS welcomed the members of the public in attendance and invited them to speak during the open forum.

John Fields asked if any planning or information had been submitted regarding the land to the west of Station Road. CS confirmed that no plans have been received. There was a brief discussion re parking on Station Road and the station.

Ray Hasler and Mark Godfrey explained in detail the problems with excess water and flooding in Dullingham Ley. Particularly the section from Middle Park Stud and further up the Ley. There is concern regarding the amount of run off from surrounding land along with possible loss of pond(s) and possible blockage of pipework. MR explained the he had been is discussion with Highways and was awaiting a meeting. MR invited Ray to join him at the meeting once date known.

Mark Godfrey went on to also raise concern over the Cross Green & Dullingham Ley being unsuitable for the amount/size of traffic and asked if the PC felt any restrictions could be implemented. MR explained that the PC had previously looked in Quiet Lane status but unfortunately this is not recognised by Cambridge County Council. It was suggested that any damage to the road was logged on the Cambridge County Council fault reporting page. Mark Godfrey regarding vehicles getting stuck in Gypsy Hall Lane which is impassable to almost all but 4x4 vehicles.

James Mason addressed the PC and explained the possible changes he would like to make to The Kings Head and requested any feedback prior to him submitting plans.

CS thanked the members of the public and the Open Forum was closed and all members of the public left the meeting.

050320/04 Matters arising:

1. To discuss Dullingham 75th Anniversary VE Committee Donation request – A letter has been received from Kevin McDonnell requesting a donation for the event to be held on 8th May. The day was discussed and it was agreed that £500 be donated to the event asking that £300 be used for VE Day & £200 for VJ Day in August.
2. Public Space Protection Order – letter received. It was decided not further action at this time.
3. Plans for the Kings Head – these we received but discussed during the open forum as per above.
4. Update on 18/01435/OUM White Crown – MR was in receipt of the brief report prior to the anticipated full report. MR suggested that the full report need to be read but that his initial view was that although there were several good points in our favour he felt that it would be unwise to use Council money to fund any further action. He believes that there are many points and probably more in the full report that will be extremely helpful for future planning applications. Full report awaited.

MC then relayed his thanks on before on the Council for MR tireless work on this.

1. Letter from Bottisham Village College – a letter received from BVC asking for funds for a performing arts project was read and discussed. The Council agreed no payment would be made.

050320/05 Planning

(Any plans the PC are aware of after posting of the agenda will be discussed at the next meeting. The application numbers and brief details will be posted via the notice board prior to said meeting.)

**Applications to discuss:**

**20/00205/FUL 2 The Crescent, Dullingham**

Proposed annex – The application was discussed and it was agreed that no issues with the plans, but ask that the use be restricted to the occupants of the house and not commercial ie B&B and to point on parking restrictions in vicinity.

**19/01725/FUL Plot 2 Site South of 18 Cross Green, Dullingham (AMENDMENT)**

Construction of 1 No. Three Bedrooms, two storey detached dwelling – The application was discussed and it was agreed that the amendment made no difference to the Councils previous views and it was agreed this would be reiterated in a request for refusal. Along with commenting that the current building work at an adjacent plot was already adding to water/flooding issues to nearby road/property.

**20/00255/TRE Highfield House 26 Station Road Dullingham**

T1 Crab Apple - Reduce the entire crown by up to 3mtrs, Remove any deadwood and stub ends.  
 T2 Norway Maple - Pollard to approximately half its current dimensions. Fell as close to ground level as possible the 8 self sets at the base (100mm diameter at 1.5m, approximately 3mtrs tall) situated in the neighbouring property – The Council agreed no objections to the application

**20/00279/FUL - Albert Farmhouse 57 Station Road, Dullingham**

Install bespoke hardwood driveway gates – Application was discussed and agreed no objections to the application.

**Planning Updates:**

**19/01553/FUL Part of Paddock Associated with Dullingham Park Stud, Accessed via private drive on Elm Close, Dullingham**

2 Storey Family Dwelling - **REFUSED**

**20/00016/TRE The Kings Head, 1 Stetchworth Road, Dullingham**

T1 Sycamore – Fell, G1 Group of 3 x small/medium Sycamores – Fell,

T3/4 Norway Spruce – Fell - **APPROVED**

MR confirmed that the request for East Cambs District Council to look into a new gate way onto Dullingham Ley has been passed to the team that deal with section 106 agreements.

050320/06 Play area

To review update

1. MC confirmed that the work on the fencing had commenced and going well. While the work is being undertaken a quote has been requested to possibly install a ramp and fix wobbly gatepost.

050320/07 Sports Field

To review and update

1. GP advised that an informal discussion had taken place with Andy Spooner, Secretary of the Cricket Club, RA and MC. All agreed that something needed to be done to make the sport field/pavilion and more usable community space. It was agreed to hold a subsequent meeting in the upcoming weeks once accounts have been received. KO informed that he had copy of lease agreement on sports field and said he would get copy to Council to help with plans going forward.
2. GP to ask KP to dig out/request insurance details/cover for sport field/pavilion.

050320/08 County and District Councillor Report

To receive any reports – AS reported on recent meetings held and confirmed the Police and Crime Commission are increasing their precept by £10 (per year on Band D) and confirmed that 2000 extra Police Officers are projected over 4 years.

East Cambs District Council have confirmed a Council Tax freeze for the 7th year in a row..

Bus Review consultation is coming out and will be online and in paper format (buses, cycling and walking covered within the review) and drop off point has been highlights as the Ellesmere Centre and possible roadshows will take place but to be confirmed.

Grant to Citizens Advice Rural Group in Ely has been removed and they are looking at possibly using the money to fund inhouse staff.

In discussions with relevant parties re the possibilities of reopening Newmarket Recycling Centre

050320/09 Environment and Footpaths

As per email –

The footpaths are all hideous at the moment.

Someone has taken to riding around the path off Watery Lane, going up to the Stour valley path, I will email Stetchworth Estates about this as it churns up the path.

90% of the tree tubes have now been removed and are gradually making their way to the collection point at the corner of Basefield wood along the SVPath.

Please could KP contact Veolia and ask where we could leave a trailer load of tubes for recycling?

There are a number of trees down around the place.

SM added that a complaint had been made regarding footpath 6 being restricted/narrowed by fence. MR stated the path has been widened from its previous state and is now much wider than is legally required. It is currently fenced with a temporary fence and will have a new fence installed and hedge planted. The works will continue but have been slowed by the weather.

SM asked MR if he could speak to Stetchworth Estates regarding collecting tree tubes for collection. Veolia to be contacted re disposal in due course

SM confirmed Recycling Roadshow Van in attendance is set for Saturday 28th March 2020 KO to provide grabbers and vest as previous.

SM suggested Councillors thought about potential Community Woodland sites.

050320/10 Assets

To receive an update

RA confirmed work had been completed to car park end of pond.

KO confirmed stain had been purchased for bench & notice board at Taylor Hall end and that he would carry out when dry.

A recent accident resulting in severe damage to the White Gates on Brinkley Road was discussed. KO to ask PCSO if she is able to get driver details for possible insurance claim.

050320/11 Financial Matters

010.1 Bank Reconciliation for Signature (as 28th February 2020)

Treasurers Account balance: £17,011.40

Business Instant Access Account £24.939.74

**Payments:**

010.2 HMRC £77.60 BACS

Camb County Council – Street Light Energy £2109.78 BACS Wages and Expenses £689.76 BACS

Newcampe Medical – Signs £66. 67 BACS

MR produced meter readings from his portion of water usage of £172.75 for the period Sept ’17 to March ’20. This was agreed and MR confirmed he would pay via BACS.

050320/12 Councillors Forum

RA questioned if bollards on Village Green needed to be detailed on insurance. It was agreed this was not needed.

CS confirmed he would look into advising Sat Nav providers re no access to Gypsy Hall Lane.

MC reported that he had attended a community meeting at Littleport. Various interesting things learned including waste removal by ECDC of large domestic items. GP agreed to put note on village Facebook to let residents know.

GP reported a hosepipe crossing footpath and expelling in water course adjacent to building works on Cross Green. To be monitored if returns.

050320/13 Items for meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd April 2020

Meeting closed at 21.35

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Karen Peck

Clerk to Dullingham Parish Council

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Cary Simpson

Chair of Dullingham Parish Council