

# MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL – TUESDAY 16th March 2021 held via Zoom 19.30

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PRESENT/ Participants: Richard Fernley (RF), Eddie Berger (EB), Derick Balaam (DB), Shaun Wilson (SW), Klaus Fortmann, clerk (KF)  
ESC Cllr Poulter, SCC Cllr A Nicoll (AN)

**20.67 Apologies** P Hayward (IT issues), G Proctor

**20.68 Declarations of interest**

**20.69 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items**

**20.70 Minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021**

Notes approved as an accurate record and signed by RF

**20.71 Public participation** No specific points of interest were raised by public.

**20.72 Planning Matters**

1) Chantry Close; Solicitors rejected request for itemised bill of works done over past few years. Clerk to prepare a letter challenging work done. Subject to response, switch of solicitor will be considered. Issue has become challenging as PC record keeping has not been ideal in previous years and clerk continues to search for records.

2) DC/21/0377/FUL; Ashe Abbey, Loudham Rd, re-tiling of roof, listed building – consent given

3/ DC/21/0881/FUL – Laburnum Cottage, Ashe Row; 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension to add bed/bath room – consent given

4/ Sizewell C DCO;

Joint PC working group WM & EDF; meeting was attended by clerk re proposed Traffic calming measures; concern that those measures will prove inadequate as volume of traffic will increase and WM measures will not address issues of too high volumes passing through.

Cllr A.N. confirmed dissatisfaction by WM PC re issues and mentioned EDF's P&R developments and B1078 issues were addressed at this meeting attended by the clerk. The clerk re-stated concerns re highly likely increased B1078 traffic volumes due to rat-running etc and requested strong signage in area to ensure Sizewell related traffic will remain on A12. It was also pointed out that locals will increasingly use smaller lane to avoid more congested A12. A commissioned landscape review (by various local PCs including Campsea Ashe is addressing issues and challenging EDF on planting, noise and lighting pollution issues.

AN expressed doubt about EDF's process and shared concerns re night trains.

Clerk to contact other PCs along East Suffolk Line to see whether a joint approach might be best way to communicate the issue of noise, pollution and vibration from night trains with EDF.

**20.73 Highways**

1) HGV – Ivy Lodge Road (ILR) TRO;

Cllr Nicoll stated that the traffic order (TRO) for Ivy Lodge Road had now been signed off.

AN suggested to contact Highways re design of signage layout, as area is challenging and within the core of CA 'historic' core, surrounded by listed buildings.

Speed measurements were taken in February, though its relevance was queried due to very low traffic levels during lockdown. AN suggested to query such readings with Highways, re recalibration of reading.

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PC remains concerned re lack of speed measures within the ILR TRO. EB also pointed out dangerously worn-out edges of road, potentially damaging cars. It was agreed this was more general issue.

### 2) Joint PC initiative re Bentwaters

Clerk had represented CAPC a meeting with ESC (Leader & Planning officers and Cllrs) SCC Highways (Cabinet Member & Deputy Highways) and eight other parishes. The initial meeting focused on the concerns and frustration of the participating PCs re traffic levels, especially about un-responsiveness of ESC Planning to years of repeated objections and warnings, the lack of comprehensive traffic data and cumulative impact assessments. ESC maintained that PCs had opportunity to voice concerns (via Local Plan) and those were considered, and that the area's outstanding economical and housing success has precedent over such issues.

Joint Parish Traffic Group (JPTG) requested a Working Party to discuss and address key issues. A Working Group was in principle agreed to, subject to a drafting of the issues and aims.

SCC agreed to be part of this process and had already suggested meeting to investigate individual PCs' concerns.

Cllr AN pointed out that somehow for one of the biggest distribution sites in the county ESC Planning did not have a holistic masterplan in place to determine when area is saturated re traffic. He expressed serious concerns about ESC's case-by-case approach to the applications in the area without acknowledging the cumulative impact on area. He strongly supports the effort of PCs.

Cllr CP voiced strong support of the PC's initiative and urged the JPTG to 'go in hard' and to speak plainly about the issues.

Letters in response to meeting addressed to SCC & ESC and requesting the set-up of the Working Party are being co-ordinated with other PCs (drafts sent to PC members and approved). Clerk & EB confirmed as part of Working Party to represent CAPC.

### 3) Quiet Lanes

The PC agreed for Marlesford Road/ Hacheston Road, Mill Lane (from Pub) turning left towards Rendlesham/Loudham to be part of the initial Quiet Lane proposal by the PC. Eyke Road (from ILR) towards Eyke might also be put forward. Clerk to communicate with other relevant PC and bodies to maximise potential within PC boundaries.

The idea is to create a network of lanes connecting neighbouring PCs to encourage cycling, walking and horse riding. Whilst not restricting traffic, Quiet Lanes would act as a reminder for drivers that these lanes are being utilised by other users.

A public consultation will begin with affected residents being informed and asked to comment via leaflets. Following public consultation, SCC will finalise proposal from June 2021. Cllr AN and Cllr CP voiced strong support for the initiative.

### **20.74 Village Hall**

VH still closed due to Covid/lockdown regulations. Grants have been received from ESC to compensate loss of revenue. PC aware of works required to modernise/improve VH and has put aside funds to assist. PC awaits VH committee's action plan re easing of lockdown restrictions.

### **20.75 Play Area**

DB reported on maintenance, with no major issues detected.

### **20.76 Defibrillator**

Clerk reported that final invoice re completion has been paid. Cllr CP advised for the small remaining surplus of ESC grant money to be held on account by PC and used in future ESC grant approved expenditure.

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### 20.77 Clerks Report

- 1 AMP 19/20 to be postponed further and possibly combined with AMP 20/21; Chair has published all relevant reports for 19/20 online for public to view.
- 2 No additional action by PC relating to COVID issues had to be taken, Clerk to continue to monitor village issues/requirements and co-ordinate with Station House if/when required
- 3 Community Partnership; Clerk & SW to work on a concise village questionnaire to establish need within community, taking into account what neighbouring parishes are already offering. **KF/SW/RF**
- 4 Climate & Ecology Emergency Bill – proposal to adopt was discussed but it was agreed to postpone a decision until the next meeting giving councillors opportunity to give fuller consideration.
- 5) The PC reviewed and adopted Statutory Documents (some with amendments) including ICO certification; Internal Control & Risk Assessments, Financial Regulations & Standing Orders, Internal Audit Report (also Jul 2020/ 20.22), ROI, Members Gifts & Hospitality, Code of Conduct, Transparency Code, updated Asset register.  
Clerk had emailed members to remind them to notify of any changes in their ROI.  
Clerk reminded members to review Document Folders during the year.

### 20.78 RFO Report

1/. RFO has produced following statement;

#### Income received (BANKED)

Payments received £985.16 see E21/20

VAT refund applied £167.80

**Balance on 28/02/21** £ 7887.23 in Community Account (Current)  
£ 3684.64 in Business Savings Account  
£11571.87 Total

Uncashed cheques £00.00

Expenditure Yr to date (authorised payments) £13435.66 against Budget of £7285;  
discrepancy ILR TRO £6000 & solicitors £1801= £7800 hence ca £800 under budget.

#### Cheques authorised

E21/24	Clerk's salary	£614.38	chq100714
E21/25	Bayfields	£179.40	chq100715
E21/3-12	IONOS -	£1.20	DD
	Total	£794.98	

2/. Donations to local Charities were agreed as follows and cheques authorised

Citizen Advise Leiston	E21/27	£150.00
SARS	E21/28	£100.00
DAS	E21/29	£50.00
	TOTAL	£300.00

**Expenditure Yr to date (incl. authorised/donations) £14530.64**

Balance after approved/uncashed cheques £10476.89  
Of which Earmarked Funds £5700.00

### 20.79 Correspondence received

- 1 SALC communications – information forwarded to all members
- 2 Community Partnership meetings (Zoom) re grants – Clerk to attend
- 3 SALC Meeting (Zoom) RF to attend

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3 All consultations by ESC re planning, walking & cycling path have been publicised and forwarded to individual members.

**Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30 in the Village Hall together with AMC & AMP** (although the developing situation may require postponement of APM and a virtual meeting via Zoom).

Klaus Fortmann, Clerk  
17/03/2021