

MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL – TUESDAY 17th January 2023, 19.00 at Station House

PRESENT/ Participants: Eddie Berger (EB), Nigel Pringle (NP) Shaun Wilson (SW), SCC Cllr Nicoll, Klaus Fortmann, clerk (KF)
And five members of public

22.52 Apologies, ESC Cllr Poulter, Clare Reid(CR), Hannah Pauly (HP)

22.53 Declarations of interest none

22.54 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items - none

22.55 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting dated 15th Nov 2022

Notes approved as an accurate record and signed by EB;

22.56 Public Participation

Two members of public attended and items 22.61 Coronation plans 22.63-2 Heritage Donation request was discussed

22.57 Recruitment

The PC has a vacant seat and a member of public expressed interest to discuss possible engagement.

KF & members

22.58 Highways

1) JPTI; The for September scheduled JPTI will proceed on 20th Jan. NP will get involved to give valuable input and second for EB when not available for meetings.

2) ESC inquiry – clerk reported on communications with other PC's in this matter, including Wickham Market TC and Ufford PC have become signatories to the letter. Woodbridge TC also will sign letter, but only if direct to Ombudsman. That brings signatories to a total of six PC's, with several others expressing support.

22.59 Planning Matters

1) NP updated on Chantry Close matters re comms with Orwell HA and Solicitor General approach re possible escheated land.

2) re update re DC/21/4896/FUL, Livery proposal ILR; Clerk reported on further objection after recent changes to application (housing the ponies in stable block only). The Garden Trust & Suffolk Preservation Society both upheld their objections, as there was no material change affecting their original objections. The PC had stated the same. ESC had informed about a Planning Committee South meeting in January, after reiterating their support to the application. The PC, Councillors and members of public expressed their surprise at the procedure adopted by ESC, fearing that the limited timeframe until the Planning Committee South meeting would not allow for adequate scrutiny by Committee members of the issues the PC and residents had highlighted. PC was astonished that a seemingly dubious business proposition (only 50% of the current Livery horses at Iken Bay are moving to the proposed site) and hence its limited public benefits could override the NFP and ESC's own Historic Environment SPD (para 4.5) assessments. That was particularly astonishing, considering that a re-roofing application for Little Barn (@Ashe Green, opposite the site) was turned down specifically on that argument. The PC resolved to speak at the hearing, with Cllr Poulter making representation for the PC as well.

3) RE DC/212/4955/VOC Chantry Close; The PC expressed no issue re the re-sized houses, other than an expression of disappointment re the architectural style. Members also expressed their hope that environmental aspects like solar panels would become incorporated into the build. Clerk pointed out, that homes would not have any gas appliances.

3)Neighbourhood Plan;

NP updated on meeting and discussions with potential consultants. PC decided to give steering committee powers to decide on setting up steering group and on choice of consultants.

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22.60 Play Area

1) re Boules court; Clerk reported that no progress had been made re Boules court and that the costings would have to be finalised soon, as ESC grants have to be made by 5/02/2023 (election year). Clerk to chase CR & VH chair regarding costings. **CR/KF**
2) re C&S drains easement; Clerk reported no further response from C&S in the matter and would co-ordinate with VH on progress. **CR/KF/TS**

22.61 Village Hall

Residents brought up the organisation of possible activities with VH, Station House, Heritage Group, WAC & church for the May 5th weekend. Clerk to communicate to the various groups to establish what activities could be generated (picnic, music event, ..) and who would lead/co-ordinate the activities. **KF**

It was stated that the refurbishment programme needs to be formulated so the VH/PC could fund into possible ESC grants available.

22.62 Clerks Report

1) Wild About Campsea (WAC)

SW reported on the launch of ESC's Field to Fork (FtF) initiative, with ITV reporting from the site. Membership has gone up, with more residents having joined activities. WAC is applying for a £2000 FtF grant, that will focus on engaging with residents to plant as well as engaging residents into food/cooking ideas of planted crops.

There was disappointment that support canes of the newly planted trees are being removed.

2) Clerk reported on Community Partnership issues.

Katch bus services to be re-started, but under different name and with a more strategic and focused targeting, with increased financial support by ESC. Residents stated that the targeting had been unclear as well as costs of service having been prohibitive for many potential users.

3) Clerk reported on the coming elections, which include electing Parish Councillors.

Clerk to create a summary to all PC members and pointed out that clerk will be on annual leave during the period and that members will need to take over some of the clerks duties whilst away. Chair stated to second and clerk was going to brief chair prior to leave.

22.63 RFO Report

1) RFO has produced following statement;

Balance on 30/11/22	£ 6335.86 in Community Account (Current)	
	£ 3688.57 in Business Savings Account	
	<u>£10024.43 Total</u>	
Income received (BANKED)	2.06	bank interest
29/12	£ 335.02	HMRC VAT refund 2021/22
Cheques authorised		
E23/30	SCC Highways	£ 200.00 re Quiet Lanes
E23/31	C Adamek	£ 50.00 re hedge cutting memorial
E23/32	A Osborne	£ 45.50 re WAC ESC-2
E23/33	Norse	£ 519.44 re grass cutting 2022
E23/34	Clerk salary	£ 675.00
	Total	<u>£ 1489.81</u>

(Expenditure Yr to date all incl. £13609.69)

Balance after approved/uncashed cheques **£ 9355.24**

(Of which Earmarked Funds **£ 3684.87**)

Further anticipated expenditure to yr end ca 2k leaving end of yr balance ca £7000 (including the 3684 in earmarked funds).

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2) The yearly donations were discussed, with Heritage Group presenting a request for subscription service that would enable them to research the 1921 census. The PC unanimously agreed to offer £200 with possible further funding next year if the subscription proved useful. The PC also discussed to repeat the £150 donation made last year to CAB Leiston.

3) The RFO reported on the budget meeting with the Finance Committee, which discussed the budget in early January. It was decided to keep precept at £6000, though it was decided that increases will have to be made in future to reflect increased activities by the PC as well as creating an increased reserve as Playground equipment is ageing. Whilst there might be additional income via C&S easement agreement, expenditure will be kept at similar level as the current financial year. The PC unanimously approved the budget for 2023/24.

22.64 Correspondence received

1 SALC updates & newsletters as forwarded to members

Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st March at 19.00 in Station House.

Bold red initialled (xx) points refer to specific actions to be undertaken

Klaus Fortmann, Clerk
30/01/2023