



## MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL, Tuesday 23rd May 2023, 19.00 at Station House

PRESENT/ Participants: Eddie Berger (EB), Hannah Pauly (HP), Shaun Wilson (SW), Klaus Fortmann, clerk (KF) and members of the public

**23.01 Apologies** Clare Reid (CR), Nigel Pringle (NP), SCC Cllr Alexander Nicoll (AN), ESC Cllr Sally Noble (SN).

**23.02 Declarations of interest** none

**23.03 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items** - none

**23.04 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting dated 21st Mar 2023**

Notes approved as an accurate record and signed by EB;

**23.05 Public Participation**

Member of public attending participated in discussion re 23.06/23.07/23.09

Clerk reported that an email was sent to the newly elected ESC Councillor Sally Noble (Green Party), which included a summarisation of issues affecting CA and priorities/activities of the PC. SN will visit CA shortly, as she had expressed interest in WAC and its activities. She has taken over the Chair of the Community Partnership.

The PC confirmed all councillors and their areas of involvement, as resolved during the AMC. Suggestions were made to have a Village event that might include all organisations and that would act as a recruitment drive for new councillors. (ie 'Meet your PC'). The PC thought this being a good proposal and will investigate possible format and dates. A possible welcome pack as well as getting info out via Parish Magazine were further proposed. **KF**

**23.06 Highways**

1) JPTI; Clerk reported on a scheduled meeting of member PC's with ESC Chief Executive Chris Bally to inform him directly about the issues impacting parishes in the area linked to traffic volumes (as a result of planning decisions, and the lack of action within the ESC Planning department in this matter.) The PC expressed hope that the new constellation within ESC after the recent election might finally affect the urgently needed change within the department/council. It was noted that the ESPA initiative is reinforcing statements/actions the JPTI had been making for the last few years.

The PC resolved to become an affiliate to ESPA.

Station House representatives expressed their desire that a meeting with Mr Bally could be arranged to discuss the issue around the awkwardly named 'Wickham Market' station, as this is continually causing confusion with Katch and rail passengers alike.

PC and Station House agreed to send joint letter to request separate meeting with Bally as combining two separate issues at the scheduled meeting was not advisable. **KF/EB**

**23.07 Planning Matters**

1) Chantry Close; The situation remains unchanged, with the PC having to restart the process of adverse possession. A fence has to be erected to lay proper claim to the land. Clerk to contact Orwell HA whether they can assist in building the fence. **KF/NP**

2) Appeal AP/23/0020/REFUSE linked to Planning Application DC/22/4534/FUL; 4 Millville, Mill Lane

ESC has objected to the erection of a shed and a driveway/gate, which was erected contrary to the conditions in granted application (DC/22/1103/VOC) of building a house. The owner/developer, a experienced builder, is appealing against that decision. Clerk to reiterate the concerns of the PC, which had been voiced from the very beginning. **KF**



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3) The PC also briefly discussed SizewellC related meeting taking place and with Clerk remaining engaged in the SP&R and Night Train related issues.

4) NP – the PC is awaiting news on funding availability before proceeding. Surprisingly Central Government has still not published whether NP's will receive funding.

### 23.08 Play Area / Recreation ground

1) There has been no further progress re Boules court. Clerk awaiting response from VH.

2) Clerk updated on maintenance requirements as relayed by DB. There will be costs involved. Clerk to investigate what the requirements are. KF

### 23.09 Village Hall

1) Easement has not progressed either, Clerk awaiting response from VH who is managing the legal side of the proposal

2) Table Tennis x 2 to be purchased once easement fees have been received.

It was suggested to look into installing WIFI, as that would be an attractive offering to the younger generation and might entice them more to use VH/Table Tennis etc.

Clerk to investigate with contact at FramBroadband. KF

### 23.10 Clerks Report

1) The PC approved AGAR 2022/23, the accounts for the year 2022-23 as per earlier AMC and agreed the Notice of Public Rights commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June. Clerk reminded councillors that improved net position is purely linked to unspent monies from grants received. Comments re low general reserve by auditors can be addressed by reducing Election Fund, as we have another 4 years before the next election and it being unlikely to have more candidates than seats.

2) The Clerk discussed issues flagged up within the Internal Audit Report, which had been distributed to PC prior to the meeting. PC adopted the internal audit report.

3) The PC resolved to re-appoint Heelis Lodge as Internal Auditors, subject to their fees not being increased as they were this year.

### 23.11 RFO Report

1/. RFO has produced following statement;

<b>Balance on 01/04/23</b>	£ 7183.07 in Community Account (Current)
	£ 3693.15 in Business Savings Account
	<b><u>£10876.22 Total</u></b>

#### Income received (30/04/23)

Precept	£ 6000.00 Precept
	£ 1000.00 Clarke Simpson

#### Cheques authorised

E24/01	IONOS mnthly DD	£ 7.20	
E24/02	Station Hse	£ 100.00	Room Hire
E24/03	SALC	£ 211.75	subs
E24/04	K Fortmann	£ 675.00	Clerks salary
E24/05	Station Hse	£ 25.00	Room hire
E24/06	Heelis Lodge	£ 130.00	Audit

**Total** **£1248.95**

(Expenditure Yr to date all incl. £1248.95)

Balance after approved/uncashed cheques (incl ECB grant)	<b><u>£ 16727.27</u></b>
of which Earmarked Funds	£ 7472.35



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**23.12 Correspondence received**

- Leiston CAB thanked for PC's £150 donation
- SALC updates & newsletters as forwarded to members

**Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th July at 19.00 in Station House.**

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

Klaus Fortmann, Clerk

24/5/2023