

MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL, Tuesday 21st November 2023, 19.00 at Station House

PRESENT/ Participants: Eddie Berger (EB), Hannah Pauly (HP), Shaun Wilson (SW), Clare Reid (CR), SCC Cllr Alexander Nicoll (AN), ESC Cllr Sally Noble (SN), Klaus Fortmann, clerk (KF); EDF representative R Knight and members of the public

23.37 Apologies Nigel Pringle (NP)

23.38 Declarations of interest none

23.39 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items - none

23.40 To approve

Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting dated 19th September 2023

23.41 Public Participation

Members of public attending participated in discussion re 23.43.2 / 23.46.1

23.42 Highways & Transport Issues

1) Clerk has reported several pothole issues around Hells Corner, which has been put on SCC list. Cllr AN has been in support of communication. It was pointed out that a sharp bend chevron sign on ILR is still down. AN to be notified **KF**

2) The traffic initiative started by the PC (JPTI) had a workshop with ESC and SCC officers, councillors and neighbouring PCs to start the more detailed work on resolving the growing traffic concerns in the area. Clerk conveyed a cautious summary of the event and will determine with other PC's reps the next steps to be taken. It was noted that communication with ESC has become much more 'positive' since new CE and new admin in place. However, there is scepticism re actual improvements or actions possible unless a radical re-appraisal of the Local Plan is being undertaken.

23.43 Planning Matters

1) DC/23/3541/LBC Ash Abbey conversion of former sports complex to housing; oil tank replacements. PC has no objections

2) EDF representative R Knight gave a 20 min presentation of the current status of the SizewellC project. There was no meaningful conversation, this being more a PR exercise of the community/marketing department. An intro was given to PC re Community Contacts such as the South Transport Forum. There was uncertainty re statements of actual lorry movements and it became apparent that some detail (statements) still lacked actual foundation/final decision. EDF representative was asked a few (polite yet) probing questions and PC members repeated their concerns about the projects impacts on our area. To summarize; EDF; In essence, all will be fine, there will be lots of employment and no negative impacts on the area. The PC disagrees.

23.44 Play Area / Recreation ground

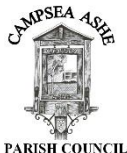
1) The replacement items to repair damage and wear & tear have been paid/ordered and are awaiting delivery for installation. Playarea inspection was passed with no major issues found; D Ballaam will attend maintenance issues flagged up. **KF**

2) VH chair is seeking new quotes for Boules Court. It was stated that costs might have risen and Cllr Sally Noble offered to contribute more to it, once final amount has been clarified by VH. **KF**

23.45 Village Hall

1) Easement has not progressed; Clerk still/again awaiting response from VH chair who is managing the legal side of the proposal. Clerk advised VH that no funding re Table Tennis or WiFi will be forthcoming from PC until the easement issue has been finalised.

2 VH financial results of 2022/23 would have been a loss of £175, if it had not received another COVID related grant. PC is disappointed re the poor state of the VH car park and



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the continuing delays of the VH to get on with refurbishment/repairs, some linked to Boules. It was hoped that the urgency of it all has become clear to the VH.

23.46 Clerks Report

1) WAC had busy few weeks, with a successful Hedgehog event taking place in the VH and attended by over 30 people. There is continued activity re planting/growing and sharing ideas, with regular meetings and exchanges. The Village Voice magazine was received very well and PC has been asked to look into financing it for a year. Cllr AN has pledged some support to help establish it. Achieving advertising revenue was seen as too time intensive for possible return, especially as the reach is for CA only, (too limiting for poss advertisers). Village Tidy took place on 14th October and was attended by ca 16 residents who collected over 10 bags of rubbish.

2) SeaLink/EuroLink/Nautilus/EAONE/EATWO; PC has made representation to National Grid re several renewable Energy Projects, which will cause major disruptions to our area (land fall Aldeburgh-Walberswick), especially as it will occur during the planned SizewellC building period. The PC has joined 38 other PC's in demanding a MOG approach and the use of brownfield sites for land fall. This demand has also the backing of all local MP's. The impact on the Aldeburgh/Friston/Saxmundham area is felt to be too immense, especially with more suitable options being feasible.

3) The phase 2 development of Chantry Close has been postponed, due to the contractor going into administration. Clerk liaising with Orwell HA re fencing etc. **KF**

4) The PC meeting dates for 2024 were confirmed (every 2nd month, 3rd Tuesday of the month) as being in line with the 2023 dates.

5) Village Tidy took place on 14th October and was attended by ca 16 residents who collected over 10 bags of rubbish.

6) Clerk confirmed registration with ICO and a yearly DD fee of £35

7) Following the recent flooding events, clerk has started to create a Village Emergency plan. ESC Cllr SN stated that ESC will be pushing for all PC's to formulate one in the coming month. **KF**

23.47 RFO Report

1/ The PC agreed to put into effect the salary changes in the hourly rate for the clerk (scale 11) as per the NALC agreement 2/23.

2) The PC agreed the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase precept to £6500 and approved the budget for 2024/25.

3) RFO has produced following statement;

Income received (31/10/23)

£ 9.92 interest

Balance on 31/10/23

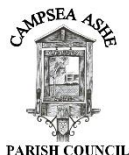
£10472.02 in Community Account (Current)

£ 3710.77 in Business Savings Account

£14182.79 Total

Cheques authorised

E24/17	D Bracey	£ 108.00	Playground inspection
E24/18	SALC payroll	£ 27.00	
E24/19	CAS Web	£ 60.00	web hosting
E24/20	Playdale	£ 534.42	Playground repairs
E24/21	RM Phoenix	£ 100.00	WAC3 FtF Vill Voice
E24/22	A Osborne (WAC)	£ 707.76	WAC3 - FtF
E24/23	ICO	£ 35.00	DD
E24/24	N Wills	£ 20.00	wreath
E24/25	K Fortmann	£ 675.00	Clerks salary
E24/26	C Adamek	£ 60.00	Hedge Cutting



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Total **£ 2337.18**

(Expenditure Yr to date all incl. £6482.93)

Balance after approved/uncashed cheques (incl ECB grant) **£ 11910.91**

23.48 Correspondence received

- SALC updates & newsletters as forwarded to members
- Consultation Rural Development & Healthy Environments (NP impacts?)

Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th January 2024, 19.00 in Station House.

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

Klaus Fortmann, Clerk

05/12/23