



MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL, Tuesday 19th March 2024, 19.00 at Station House

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

23.61 Apologies, Nigel Pringle (NP), SCC Cllr Alexander Nicoll (AN), ESC Cllr Sally Noble (SN),

23.62 Declarations of interest none

23.63 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items - none

23.64 To approve Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting dated 16TH January 2024

23.65 Public Participation

Members of public attending participated in discussion re 23.67/1; 23.68/2; 27.70/1;

23.66 Highways & Transport Issues

1) Clerk reported on continued issues around pothole repair works on B1078, especially concerning repeated closures affecting the village shop. PC felt that work scheduling was poorly managed. It would be preferential to repair all in one 'swoop', rather than the current approach of attending to a few at a time.

2) Joint Parish Traffic Initiative (JPTI); Following the meeting with ESC & SCC officers, councillors and neighbouring PCs on the 8th March 24 focusing on data monitoring, road safety measures Bentwaters, clerk reported on discussed issues. Whilst it was appreciated that ESC CEO Chris Bally remained personally engaged in the matter, it was felt that the proposed monitoring for a few weeks around Bentwaters was too limited and hence insufficient to gain a realistic understanding of the impacts, especially in light of the oncoming impacts related to the Energy Projects. There was a sense that ESC planners continued in opposing a permanent monitoring of the base, regardless of the cumulative impacts felt by all the neighbouring villages, pointing to a likely growth plan for the base. The PC resolved for the clerk to draft a letter to ESC's political leadership and councillors involved in planning, to draw their attention to the unsatisfactory situation. The PC also resolved to gain support from within the JPTI to co-sign that letter.

23.67 Planning Matters

1) Clarke & Simpson presented their plan for an increased machinery sales/parking area around their site, which will impact residents of Abbey Gardens. Residents queried aspects of it with C&S reassuring continued access along the land for a permissive right of way. It was promised for planting to be put in place to minimise visual impacts to residents. A planning application will be lodged soon by C&S.

2) DC/21/5550/FUL – PV farm Loudham update; Clerk reported on changed application of reduced solar panels in the actual valley. As clerk did not receive councillors comments in time, no further objection was officially lodged. However, PC re-iterated its opposition to the proposal.

3) Neighbourhood Plan; Chair and vice chair of NP Steering Committee re-iterated their commitment to the NP and it was agreed to pursue this for 2024/25. NP committee to create a workable schedule & plan to proceed within the next few weeks, with new funding decision expected by May/June 24. **CR**

4) Clerk reported on proposed new development in Tunstall of 30+ units on field off the B1078. PC concerned this adding to the cumulative traffic impacts in the area, bringing the total count of additional developments (within 5 miles of Campsea Ashe) to over 240 homes and possible 17 industrial units.

23.68 Play Area / Recreation ground

1) Playground maintenance is being continuously undertaken by D Ballaam. The vandalism related damages have been repaired. Clerk to monitor progress. **KF**

2) All funds for the Boules Court and the car park repair have now been confirmed. The PC has raised £7915 from ESC & SCC and The Duck, with the remaining amount to be paid by PC and the VH. PC resolved for clerk to settle first part payment of £2000 & VAT and linked to the 2022/23 ESC ECB grant (Carol Poulter). PC and VH will organise an inaugural Boules competition. It was commented that detail of the management of access and maintenance remains to be organised. The PC was concerned re quality of car park repair. Clerk stated that there will be an improvement but that the original specs were relatively low grade with regards to new surface material. Costs for a higher quality surface renewal were just too prohibitive and that VH will need to maintain the area regularly. It was also reported that the Boules court will need to be moved to another location, as recent weather showed major ground water saturation issues. VH to manage relocation of Basket Swing and its matting. **KF/CR**

23.69 Village Hall

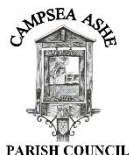
1) The easement is being progressed; it has transpired the VH land is not registered and solicitor advising that deed changes (re dissolution of a charge of a de-registered entity) are necessary with regards to the PC owned land and have to be enacted via the Crown Solicitor. The PC resolved that the proposed necessary changes to the deed (STO 15/b/xii & 23 re execution of legal deeds) should be actioned by clerk and that the PC will meet the necessary costs (re E24/39), which will be recuperated via the easement charges. **KF**

23.70 Clerks Report

1) A report re WAC activities over the past weeks was given and will be published on the web site. The Village Voice magazine issue 3 is being prepared by WAC members and other organisations from within the village. A Village Tidy by residents on Ivy Lodge Road resulted in collection of 32 bags of can, bottles, paint, wrappers and car parts.
2) The clerk has started to update the website. This will be an ongoing project, with local businesses invited to submit their listings free of charge. PC resolved for further training to manage and improve the site.
3) The PC reviewed and adopted Statutory Documents;
Standing Order & Financial regulations – re LRN87 procurement rules changes; now contracts over £30 require bidding process on official sites.
Transparency Code; Asset Register update;
Chair signed reviewed Internal Control and Risk assessments;
4) PC re-confirmed Heelis Lodge as auditors. Clerk researched general fees charged and reported that fees charged were in line with other providers.
5) Clerk gave a brief summary of generally positive impacts of proposed Suffolk Devolution process, even if the current financial incentive of £50m over 10 years is not as generous as it would appear. The process would enable Suffolk a better handle on targeted expenditures in areas such as education and transport

23.71 RFO Report

1) As per 23.68/2 grants & sponsorship for Boules & Car park are in place. PC authorised clerk to make a stage payment (E24/40 2400 inc VAT) once the work has sufficiently progressed.
2) The PC resolved to donate £205 to the Heritage Group and £150 to Citizen Advice East Suffolk. The PC also resolved to reserve a yearly sum of £250 towards activities & costs for Wild About Campsea. (Earmarked)
3) There was no CIL expenditure/payment in 2023/24



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3) RFO has produced following statement;

Income received (30/01/24) £1731.81 (VAT refund, banked 9/01/24)
anticipated
£ 800.00 ESC ECB grant 2 March
£1500.00 SCC Locality Budget

Balance on 30/01/24 £ 9048.63 in Community Account (Current)
£ 3723.69 in Business Savings Account
£12772.32 Total

Cheques authorised

E24/30	Defib Warehouse	£ 252.00	
E24/31	VH hire	£ 35.00	
E24/32	CAS web training	£ 48.00	
E24/33	K Fortmann	£ 729.00	Clerks salary
E24/34	RM Phoenix	£ 110.00	Village Voice mag
E24/35	N Potter	£ 91.01	WAC3
E24/36	CA Heritage Grp	£ 205.00	Donation
E24/37	Citizen Advice	£ 150.00	Donation
E24/38	SALC payroll	£ 27.00	
E24/39	Crown Solicitor	£ 360.00	legal fees
E24/40	D Sharp	£2400.00	Boules re grant ESC
	Total	<u>£ 4407.01</u>	

(Expenditure Yr to date all incl. £11946.36)

Balance after approved/uncashed cheques (incl approved grants) **£ 10506**

23.72 Correspondence received / upcoming meetings

- SALC updates & newsletters as forwarded to members

Date of next bi-monthly regular meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st May 2024, 20.00 in Station House.

Annual Meeting of Parish & Council will take place 21st May 2024 19.00

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

Klaus Fortmann, Clerk

31/03/24