

## THREE SAINTS SOUTH ELMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

## MINUTES

1. The chairman, John Davies, welcomed David Lee and Paul Watkin. Louise Rumball was absent. John Flatt attended; the clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
2. **Vacancies** [two] – to be filled – John Davies proposed John Flatt to fill one vacancy, seconded by David Lee, all in favour. John Flatt signed the acceptance form and was welcomed to the council. The status of Kim Croysdill was discussed, her apology for this meeting received; However the non-approval of her long absence [over 6 months] still stands as decided in Sept, as previous decisions should not be reversed within 6 months.
3. **Declarations of interest** - none.
4. **Have Your Say** [Public Forum] –(*meeting opened 7.45pm*) - David Ritchie [SC and WD councillor] gave a short update on council affairs and policies; he commented on the Great Blakenham waste unit, the contract with NCC for waste disposal, and the need to outsource services to maintain the best results. WDC also were actively engaged in efficiency savings with regeneration plans for the Lowestoft area. Various comments were made about renewable energy projects, both wind and solar; these were followed by a general discussion. The chairman thanked David Ritchie for attending. [*Meeting closed 8pm*]
5. **Minutes** of the previous meeting [24-09-14] were approved as a true record.
6. **Matters arising** – slow sign now in place by The Grange, All Saints.
7. **Finances** – balances as follows – c/acct: £4399.06; sav/acct: £1393.62. Cheques were approved as follows – no.100593 to C. Cardwell for 175.38 [net sal. Oct/Nov]; no. 100594 to HMRC for £65.80 [tax to 5 Jan 15]; no. 100 595 to Rumburgh and The Saints Youth Club for £50 [children's party]. A mandate change form was approved and signed adding John Davies to signatories and removing Daniel Brousson.
8. **Budget and precept** for Apr. 2015 to Mar. 2016 – preliminary discussions were held and it was agreed to maintain the precept request at £2,750; this to be reviewed in January 2015. The very high charges by WDC for the forthcoming elections were considered to inhibit local democracy – they did not encourage contested elections.
9. **Planning** – DC/14/3644 Primrose Cottage, Stubbs Lane, St. Michael – councillors discussed the application for an extension and agreed to support it.
10. **St. Michael** – councillors discussed the need for a new notice board and the clerk was asked to obtain estimates for the next meeting.

11. **All Saints common ponds** – maintenance discussed; the presence of great crested newts was acknowledged as causing problems over timing of pond clearance; it is hoped to use CIL money for this. John Davies to contact contractors.
12. **Website** maintenance – this had lapsed badly and councillors acknowledged the need for a “webmaster”; clerk to contact Onesuffolk for access information.
13. **Correspondence** – received and discussed.
14. **2015 meeting dates** agreed.
15. **Any other business** – it was noted that the rear of the bus shelter was being used as a public toilet – councillors agreed to cut back foliage and trees masking the back; John Flatt to bushwack and open up.
16. **Next meeting** – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm