

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday 10th July, 2017
in St.Botolph's Church, Culpho.

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs.G.Caryer, S.Barnett, J.Dunnett, D.Higgins, P.Kendall, J.Lapsley, R.Youngman, Mrs.M.Bean, Mrs.J.Bignell, Mrs.S.Grahn, Mrs.A.Willetts District Councillor A.Fryatt, County Councillor R.Vickery and 9 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence Mr.C. Burch, Miss.V.Barker

2. Declarations of interest No interests were declared

3. Minutes The minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 8th May, 2017 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mrs.Willetts, to unanimous approval, that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record

Matters arising

Mrs.Willetts invited Mr.Dunnett to apologise to her for what she regarded as derogatory personal remarks he made about her in a letter he had sent in support of Planning Application DC/16/4854/FUL Land south of 24 Pound Cottages, Ipswich Road, Grundisburgh which had been published on the District Council's web site – see Appendix "A".

Mr. Dunnett said he wrote the letter as a private citizen and not as a parish councillor and was surprised that his letter had been published. He was reminded that all such submissions to the District Council are in the public domain and that his letter referred to his years of service as a Parish Councillor. Mr.Dunnett felt that the Parish Council should confine itself to comments on the impact of planning applications on the village environment and not on technical points e.g. perceived breaches of the Local Plan.

Mrs.Willetts said that the Parish Council as a body had objected to this application and it was not solely her opinion. Mr. Dunnett refused to apologise and added that he would not send written comments on planning applications to the District Council again. Mrs.Willetts expressed her displeasure at his attitude

4. To discuss restricting the length of Council Meetings After discussion Mrs.Willetts proposed seconded by Mr.Youngman that the council should aim to finish its meetings by 10.30pm but if the business was not completed by that time the meeting could be extended by a resolution of the council. Approved ten members voting for and one voting against.

5. Public Open Forum Mr. Barnett proposed seconded by Mrs.Willetts, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be temporarily suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following issues were raised:

- Scouts The Duck Race on the 24th June raised £2,650. The textile bin is being emptied by a new contractor.
- Dangerous dogs. Mrs Bridges reported that her husband had been attacked by a dog in Orchard End on the 28th May - See Appendix "B". He had suffered considerable injuries. The incident had been reported to the Police and an incident number recorded SC/28.05 2017/186. It was also reported to the District Council's Dog Warden. Mr & Mrs.Bridges were extremely disappointed that the police had apparently taken so little action as the dog involved poses a severe danger to the public especially to young children. It was suspected that the dog is a Japanese Tosa which the Dangerous Dog Act 1991 imposes various restrictions of ownership. The Clerk will write to the Police and the District Council expressing the view that the public must be better protected from dangerous dogs and what actions are they taking against the owner of the dog that so viciously attacked Mr. Bridges.

6. County Councillor's Report County Councillor Robin Vickery reported.

6.1 Chief Executive Officer The County Council's CEO Deborah Cadman is to take up a new role as the first permanent CEO of the west Midlands Combined Authority.

6.2 Ipswich Park & Ride Launch The launch of the new Park & Ride commercial service run by First Eastern Counties took place on Monday 3rd July. The new service will run every 15 minutes from 7.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday from the Martlesham & London Road sites.

6.3 Highways A new Highways Senior Leadership Team was established with effect from the 6th March with appointments made to all Head of Service roles under Phase 1 of the organisational change process.

6.4 Roadworks.org initiative Current and planned roadworks or road and street closures and information about road improvement projects in Suffolk can be found on <http://roadworks.org> It is the most comprehensive source of up-to-date information.

6.5 2017 Tour of Britain Stage 6 will take place in Suffolk on Friday 8th September. The economic impact could generate over £4m for Suffolk and also provides the opportunity to engage communities along the route to showcase their locality to a national and international audience.

6.6 The Great East Swim About 2,000 swimmers took part in the Great East Swim on Saturday 17th June swimming distances between 250m and 10km. An estimated 6,000 spectators from all over the UK supported family and friends and it was an opportunity to show some of what the county has to offer as a future tourist destination.

6.7 Great East Run The first Great East Run will take place in Ipswich on Sunday 24th September over a 13.1 miles (half marathon) course. It has proved very popular and reached its capacity (3,000 runners) six months before the starting pistol sounds.

6.8 Raising the Bar Awards 2017 The Raising the Bar Awards Ceremony took place on the 26th June – which celebrated and recognised those going the extra mile – Suffolk children, young people, schools, staff, Governors, volunteers and businesses. More information is available at www.rtbawards.com

6.9 First Suffolk Research School Announced Samuel Ward Academy in Haverhill has been designated as Suffolk's first Research School funded through the strategic partnership of the Education Endowment Foundation and Raising the Bar. The Research School will be part of a prestigious national network and will be the first one in the Eastern Region. Suffolk's Research School will be a key strategic development to bring educational best practice to Suffolk and develop our own evidence based programmes.

6.10 Care Quality Commission Inspection Update The Commission have published their report following the inspection of the CYP Health Services. The report is very positive, in particular regarding the quality of the practice of staff and the effectiveness and responsiveness of the service as well as the caring attitude of staff.

6.11 Broadband Suffolk Better Broadband Programme continues to go well, having moved above 90% coverage of superfast broadband in the county – a massive achievement having raised coverage from about 50% when the programme started. Contract targets have been extended so that by 2020 98% of all Suffolk premises will have access to fibre broadband. For more information visit www.betterbroadbandsuffolk

County Councillor's Report cont...

6.12 Meeting Lane Verge Because of an overspend on a Charsfield project there is no money available in budgets for the current fiscal year to re-instate the verge. Highways Manager, David Chenery seemed reluctant to attend a site meeting and Mr. Vickery is in dispute with him over his Local Highways Budget.

He is waiting for a meeting with James Finch, the Cabinet Member for Highways, to discuss the availability of funds for highway issues in his Division. Mr. Vickery regretted that he was unable to make any headway but until funding issues have been resolved he couldn't see any progress being made.

6.13 Village Show Mr. Vickery and Dan Poulter MP will be visiting the Show.

6.14 EA1 Windfarm Trenching Communities will be asked if they want to retain the passing places created as part of the road works. Mr. Garnham, in advocating their removal, said that already they had proved to be a convenient unloading point for fly tipping.

7. District Councillor's Report District Councillor Tony Fryatt reported.

7.1 Financial Year Outrun Report 2016/2017 A very positive report on the Council's financial performance for 2016/17 in respect of the General Fund, has been received. Reserves, the Capital Programme and the Collection Fund.

The Council were able to:

- deliver savings and achieved additional income, which helped to meet spending pressures,
- increase reserves by £8.571m.

The Capital Programme expenditure for 2016/17 was £4.096m, funded from external grants and contributions, capital receipts and capital reserve. The Council did not enter into any borrowing in 2016/17 to finance its capital expenditure and consequently remains debt free.

7.2 Official opening of East Suffolk House East Suffolk House has been used since January but the official opening has just been held. Over 100 guests were present to see the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston, carry out the opening duties – amid praise for the design of the new building.

7.3 Success of Extra Electrical Recycling Banks New recycling banks, being trialled at two locations in Suffolk Coastal, are proving a great success. Since mid-February 2017, special recycling banks for small WEEE (waste electronic and electrical equipment) have been in place at the community recycling points on the Market Place car park in Saxmundham, and behind the Deben swimming pool in Woodbridge.

The new facilities enable residents to deposit waste appliances such as hair-dryers, kettles, toasters, electric clocks, irons, food mixers, DVD players, radios and small electrical hand tools.

The new banks in Saxmundham and Woodbridge have already diverted over 2 tonnes, meaning that an estimated 1,500 small domestic appliances are now destined for recycling, which might otherwise have gone to waste.

The community recycling point behind the Deben Pool in Woodbridge has also recently seen its textile bank capacity upgraded.

7.4 Return of Women on Wheels Women On Wheels returns to Rendlesham this October and this year the Council hopes to get even more girls and women of all ages cycling in support of the Suffolk Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal!

Two rides are taking place at Army Rock Barracks, Sutton on Sunday, 1 October, offering an opportunity for all women and girls to get on their bikes to take on a challenge and have some fun.

Women On Wheels events are mass participation female only rides, raising money for local charities, that put a strong focus on the fun, friendly and inclusive aspects of cycling. They are very much aimed at non-cyclists and existing cyclists alike, with routes of an achievable distance, and are open to all ages.

Last year, a number of WoW events took place throughout Suffolk and rides are growing with popularity linking to the arrival of the Women's Tour and Tour of Britain (which comes to Suffolk on Friday, 8 September).

The 5km starts at 11:30am for £5 and the 15km ride starts at 10:30am for £15. Under 16's are free if accompanied by an adult.

Females of all ages can register for the event at:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/leisure/sportandleisuredevelopment/women-on-wheels

District Councillor's Report cont...

7.5 Physical Limit Boundaries A consultation will commence on the 19th August to review the Local Plan and, in particular, its policies on village physical limit boundaries.

8. Financial Matters The Clerk reported:

8.1 Application for grant Received from Lighthouse Women's Aid. It was agreed that this application should be considered by the Finance Committee at its 2018/2019 Budget Meeting.

8.2 Letters of thanks Received from Baptist Church, Citizens Advice Bureau, Disability Advice Service, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Freshstart, Fynn-Lark News (formally Benefice Magazine), Headway, Marie Curie, British Red Cross, St. Botolph's Church, Starlight, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Suffolk Family Carers, Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Community Action Suffolk, Youth Club

8.3 Payments received since the last meeting

Miss.Victoria .Barker £562.22 Deacon Memorial Bench

8.4 Ratification of payments made since the last meeting and approved at the time

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| Mr.D.R.Martin | £116.64 | Replace broken rails on Village Green Bridge |
| Mr.R.Fletcher | £160.00 | Village Green Grass Cutting March |
| Marie Curie Cancer Care | £100.00 | Donation |
| Mr.B.R.Quinton | £125.00 | Concrete base for the Deacon Bench |
| SALC | £60.00 | Local Council Award Scheme panel fee |
| Suffolkbiz (Suffolk.cloud) | £100.00 | Support & hosting web site 01/04/17-31/03/18 |
| Mr.B.R.Quinton | £30.00 | Fixing Deacon bench |
| SALC | £27.00 | Payroll Service |
| Mr.B.R.Quinton | £47.40 | Village Green duck food |
| Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd | £54.91 | Trade refuse agreement 01/04/2017-31/03/2018 |
| Mr.R.Fletcher | £240.00 | Village Greens Grass Cutting March/April |
| Parish Rooms | £500.00 | Grant Parish Rooms Bridge replacement |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | £25.00 | Donation |
| Community Action Suffolk | £36.00 | Donation |
| St.Botolph's PCC | £195.00 | Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard |
| St.Mary's PCC | £640.00 | Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard |
| Grundisburgh Baptist Church | £195.00 | Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard |
| Disability Advice Bureau | £50.00 | Donation |
| East Anglian Air Ambulance | £100.00 | Donation |
| Fresh Start | £25.00 | Donation |
| Home Start | £25.00 | Donation |
| Headway | £25.00 | Donation |
| Marie Curie Cancer Support | £100.00 | Donation |
| Suffolk Accident Rescue Service | £100.00 | Donation |
| Little Bealings Parish Council | £100.00 | St.Botolph's Benefice Magazine |
| Red Cross | £25.00 | Donation |
| Starlight | £25.00 | Donation |
| Suffolk Family Carers | £25.00 | Donation |
| Suffolk Wildlife Trust | £60.00 | Donation |
| Youth Club | £600.00 | Grant |
| Grundisburgh Village Hall | £25.00 | Hall Hire Annual Parish Meeting |
| SALC | £507.35 | 2017/2018 Subscription |
| | £26.00 | 2017/2018 Subscription Local Councillor |
| Mr.J.Ager | £515.20 | Clerk's Salary April/May 2017 |
| | £105.06 | Clerk's Expenses April/May 2017 |
| | £11.98 | A4 paper & C5 envelopes |

Ratification of payments made since the last meeting and approved at the time cont...

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| Suffolk Coastal Norse | £54.91 | St Mary's wheeled bin 01/04/17 – 31/03/18 |
| Grange Farm Shop | £229.32 | Catering – Annual Parish Meeting |

It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mr.Barnett, to unanimous approval, that these payments be ratified.

8.5 Emergency payments made prior to the meeting under Section 5.7 of Financial Standing Orders

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| Mrs.C.P.Hall | £164.00 | Defibrillator training |
| Mr.J.Dunnett | £72.47 | Millennium Meadow - Fuel for mower & wood Preservative |
| Mr.R.Fletcher | £160.00 | Village Green Grass Cutting - May |
| Fynn-Lark News | £100.00 | St.Botolph's Benefice Magazine |
| Anglian Water Business Ltd (National) | £26.00 | Allotment water charges |

8.6 Other payments requiring approval

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| Mr.J.Ager | £13.98 | A4 paper & C5 envelopes |
| | £14.34 | 4 Litter pickers |
| | £515.20 | Clerk's Salary June/July 2017 |
| | £72.68 | Clerks Expenses |
| CPRE | £36.00 | Annual Subscription |
| HM Revenue & Customs | £128.80 | Income Tax |
| 1 st Grundisburgh Scouts | £325.00 | Village Green Stream Cleaning |
| Vertas Group Ltd | £193.00 | Playing Field Grass Cutting April-June 2017 |
| Mr.R.Fletcher | £160.00 | Village Green Grass Cutting June |

It was proposed by Mr.Barnett seconded by Mrs.Willetts, to unanimous approval, that these payments be made.

8.7 Account Balances as at 10th July, 2017

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| Business Tracker Account | £62.33 |
| Current Account | £9,263.38 |
| Post Office Investment account | £20,803.67 |
| VAT to claim | <u>£164.32</u> |
| TOTAL | £30,293.70 |

8.8 Budget Report attached

9. Cycling Tour of Great Britain – Stage 6 - Newmarket to Aldeburgh 8th September 2017

The tour will pass through Burgh on the B1079 turning right into the C323 and travel through Grundisburgh and Culpho. Both villages will be having an excellent view of the race. More information, including draft timings, have been received and distributed to councillors. ITV 4 will be showing the race from 1.00 – 4.00pm which should include the section through Grundisburgh and Culpho. How might the village celebrate this momentous sporting occasion ?

- Village organisations could book space on the Village Green and Weir Pond Green for fund raising stalls e.g. burgers & hot dogs, drinks, cakes, competitions, games. This would have to be carefully managed with marked out spaces for stalls.
- A village spring clean before the event - cleaning roads signs etc.

The Dog intends to run an open bar and pizza stall and St.Mary's Church would like to book the Village Green to serve teas, coffee etc. The school would like to bring classes 5&6 to see the race go through the village. If an area outside the village hall could be reserved this would enable a safe access via Post Mill Gardens.

web site <http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-six/>

10. Planning Report

10.1 Applications Approved by Suffolk Coastal District Council since the last Parish Council meeting

DC/17/1914/FUL Round House Post Mill Gardens Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6UR Demolish Existing Brick Built garage & replace with Timber Frame Garage

DC/17/0919/FUL Grundisburgh House, Woodbridge Road. Change of use of land from grazing to equestrian use, knock a wall down between stable and bridge to reach the field and level the path for safe equestrian access to field. Resurface stable skirt and put a fence & gate around stable skirt for security.

DC/17/1025/VOC Highbank, The Street, Grundisburgh Variation of conditions 2,7&8 of DC/14/3465/FUL - Phasing of erection of tree protection barriers before construction

DC/17/2022/FUL Gabledene Rose Hill Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6TD Demolition of flat roof porch & side extension. Erection of pitched roof front porch & single storey side extension.

10.2 Applications awaiting a decision by Suffolk Coastal District Council

DC/17/1900/VOC 1 Pine Grove Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6UL Minor changes to add a window on the first floor of the south-east elevation. Permission was originally granted for a window on the ground floor, under planning permission C06/0781

DC/17/1755/FUL The Granary Rookery Farm Otley Road Grundisburgh IP13 6RX Also listed building consent. Conversion of Existing Granary Building at Rookery Farm, Grundisburgh to form new dwelling

DC/17/2051/VOC Rookery Farm, Otley Road, Grundisburgh. Variation of condition 2 of DC/16/0845/FUL

10.3 Applications withdrawn

DC/17/1356/FUL and DC/17/1357/LBC The Barn, Rookery Farm Otley Road. Conversion and extension of existing barn at Rookery Farm to form 2 new residential dwellings

DC/16/4854/FUL Land south of 24 Pound Cottages, Ipswich Road, Grundisburgh. Erection of a single detached dwelling and double carport. The District Council have informed the applicants agents that this application would have been refused. It is anticipated that it will be re-submitted.

10.4 Applications refused by Suffolk Coastal District Council

DC/17/1583/FUL Builders Yard Charles Avenue Grundisburgh IP13 6TH Erection of 5 dwellings.

The reasons for the decision to refuse permission are:

1. The proposed change of use to residential would result in the loss of a current, operational employment site in a sustainable location within a key service centre. No evidence has been supplied to demonstrate that there is no current or long term demand for all or part of the site for employment purposes. Furthermore, the proposal would not deliver any substantial planning benefit which would overcome the harm resulting from the loss of employment space. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy DM10 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy and Development Management Policies) DPD.

2. The proposed development of five open market dwellings fails to provide a mix of dwelling sizes required by Policy SP3 of the Local Plan and supporting table 3.6, and would therefore fail to provide a sustainable inclusive community. By the provision of only three and four-bedroom dwellings the proposal is contrary to Policy SP3 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy and Development Management Policies) DPD.

3. The site is not able to provide for five dwellings in a manner which does not give rise to a cramped form of development out of character with the locality. Although the properties would be detached, they are built close to boundaries and therefore offer limited views through the gaps and give the impression of terracing. Plot 4 as a result of the layout has what is considered to be a very small garden given the size of the dwelling and Plot 5 is orientated in a manner where the garden is poorly related to the host dwelling. Whilst government guidance talks of the need to secure efficient use of land, this should not be at the expense of poor design and poor relationship to the character of the area. The proposed plot sizes differ; considerably to those in the vicinity and this results in a poor layout out of character with the area. Paragraph 64 of the NPPF deals with this matter as does Policy DM21 of the Local Plan

4. Plot 4 has two bedrooms at first floor level facing due west towards Nos 2 and 3 Farm View. At its closest point the depth of the rear garden associated with this dwelling is 6m, rising to 10m. At the closes point the back to back distance between dwellings is 18.5m. The lack of separation between properties and lack of garden depth would give rise to overlooking and loss of amenity to the 2 & 3 Farm View and therefore is contrary to Policy DM21 and DM23 of the Local Plan

Applications refused by Suffolk Coastal District Council – Builders Yard, Charles Avenue cont...

5. Although occupying a corner location, and noting that Alice Driver Road does contain two storey dwellings, the form and scale of the development of the site should take its steer from Charles Avenue as that's where the site's main frontage lays. Charles Avenue contains single storey not two storey dwellings. The site is a prominent entrance to Charles Avenue and the result of five two storey dwellings in this location would be prominent, overbearing and out of context with the locality. Accordingly, the proposal is contrary to paragraph 64 of the NPPF and Policies DM21 and DM23 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy and Development Management Policies) DPD.

6. By virtue of the orientation of Plot 5, this would result in a 9m long two storey blank façade adjacent to the highway. This results in an overbearing and oppressive relationship and is harmful to the character of the street scene. Accordingly, the proposal is contrary to paragraph 64 of the NPPF and Policies DM21 and DM23 of the Local Plan

7. By virtue of the set back of the proposed dwellings from the highway and the garage sizes, both falling below standards required by Suffolk County Council in their Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2015), the scheme does not make adequate on plot parking provision and therefore is likely to cause pressure on the highway to compensate for parking. The proposal therefore represents poor design in terms of the parking provision and is contrary to Policy DM19 and DM22 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy and Development Management Policies) DPD.

10.5 Applications received since last the Parish Council meeting

DC/17/2199/PN3 The Barn, Rookery Farm, Otley Road. Conversion of existing barn to new dwelling.

DC/17/2728/FUL Hill Cottage, Meeting Lane/Chapel Lane, Rear extension, alterations and rear decking area.

10.6 Retrospective application DC/16/3282/FUL Laneside, Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh. Refused by Suffolk Coastal District Council Wood store/workshop, roof to accommodate photo-voltaic array.

An Enforcement Notice was served on the site on the 13th April 2017 the householder has since appealed that notice. The enforcement inspectorate is running about 10 weeks behind so it will be several months before the District Council will be given a start date for the appeal. When they do the Parish Council will be informed and it can have input to the system and so can individuals. The land that has been taken into the garden of Lane Side, does not look like a domestic garden so the planners do not consider that it needs change of use permission.

10.7 Tree Preservation Order No 265,2017 Land at Pound Corner OS ref TM222502.

The Oak tree on the corner of Park Road and Ipswich Road is now covered by the above TPO.

11. Roads & Transport Report The Clerk reported:

11.1 Duck Warning Sign – Weir Pond Green/Finger Sign at junction of Woodbridge Road-Lower Road

The duck/30mph sign is corroded badly near the base and is in danger of collapsing. This has been reported twice with the same response/ *"We have to prioritise everything that we do to make sure that we spend money and effort on the right type of work at the right time. We have taken into account the severity of the issue that you have reported and how many people this issue may affect. At this time, we do not feel that any action is necessary but appreciate that you were concerned enough to report this matter to us".*

A very similar response was received for the "leaning" finger post. This demonstrates again the lack of funds to deal with the simplest of problems.

11.2 The Green - Old Forge Stores A large pothole on the side of the road was reported on the 28th June – 00173796 It has been marked for repair.

Roads & Transport Report cont...

11.3 The Green cross roads. The Clerk received an Email from Mr. Cooper, Constable Cottage, 2 The Green suggesting that that a wide-angle mirror is installed on the western section of the Green by the junction at Grundisburgh to assist the traffic coming down Meeting Lane in a north westerly direction approaching the Green so that they can see oncoming traffic from the direction of Woodbridge. Particularly with the increased volume of traffic due to the cable laying to the south.

The Clerk investigated the County Council Highways Department's Web Site

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/traffic-management-and-road-safety/traffic-signs/>

which explained the Council's policy on the erection of mirrors in the following extract.

We do not permit new mirrors as they can increase risks and reduce safety because they:

- *reflect light and interfere with a driver's vision*
- *reduce the ability to judge an oncoming vehicle's speed*
- *create an unreasonable dependence on the mirror*
- *distort or restrict the driver's view if dirty*
- *are an easy target for vandals*

Mirrors on private land require agreement with the land owner and planning permission may be necessary.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council could not erect a wide angles mirror on the Village Green as it would contravene County Council's policy on the matter. The Clerk will inform Mr. Cooper.,

11.4 Ipswich Road/Park Road & Woodbridge Road/Lower Road junctions. A request has been sent to the County Council's Highways Department for stronger warning signs to replace the existing "Unsuitable for HGV.s" sign

12. Footpaths & Environment Report Mrs. Grahn reported

12.1 Public Footpaths Overgrown footpaths had been reported to the Rights of Way Officer and had been cleared.

12.2 Allotments - Plot 11 The plot was in a very bad state when it was taken over by Mrs. Wells and she has made vast improvements but she is unable to cultivate the eastern section due to fly tipping. Mrs.Grahn will investigate.

12.3 War Memorial After consulting Mr. Dunnett; Mr. Fletcher will cut the hedges surrounding the Memorial. The Clerk said that he had carried out research which confirmed the Parish Council was responsible for the maintenance of the Memorial. He will forward evidence to councillors. Some repair work may be necessary.

12.4 Village Greens Mr. Fletcher will replace three posts which are badly corroded. All posts need staining. And Mr. Fletcher will be asked to carry out this work. £300 is allocated in the budget. Mr. Dunnett complained about the quality of the reinstatement of the trench across the Green dug by BT.

12.5 St. Botolph's Church Mr. Lapsley asked that thanks to Mr. Alan Waters for cutting hedges around the church should be recorded.

13. To receive reports from Council representatives to other Organisations

13.1. Village Hall Management Committee. Mr. Caryer reported:

The Committee met on the 4th July 2017

Old Village Hall

There is a new scale of charges for the hall due to increased running costs. Regular users have been notified and information is on the notice board in the hall.

Basic maintenance continues inside and out, including floor repairs, new deodorisers in loos and some painting. The Hall is expected to break even over the 12-month period.

Mr. Dunnett said that damage had been done to the hall's floor by Youth Club member's scooters. He was assured that scooters had been banned from the hall.

New Village Hall

Site Maintenance – Planned work includes cutting the field and tidying up existing hedging In the Autumn a new hedge will be planted. In the interim a temporary barrier will be created between the site and Ipswich Road.

The updated design of the new village hall was approved.

The Business Plan can now be finalised. The plan will be circulated to committee members in August and a meeting with the aim of approving the plan will be held on 5th September.

Latest funding estimate (Bank £250k), plus existing site (£250k) plus potential from grants (£267k) = £767k.

Best estimate of cost of construction, based on current design, is £780k.

Methods of closing the £13k gap are being investigated.

Next Steps

- Applications will be made to grant bodies
- Detailed drawings prepared
- Tender documents issued
- Next meeting 5th September

It was suggested that grassed areas should be seeded now.

13.2 Playing Field Management Committee Mr. Caryer reported:

Finances – no immediate problems identified.

Electrical safety work completed.

Currently seeking funding for an outdoor table tennis table (approx. £3k).

Working party planned for external maintenance (e.g. window frames etc.)

Research in progress to identify suitable product to renew roof surface protection

Playing field committee will participate in Village show (farm animals and pony and cart rides)

Next Management Committee Meeting will be held on the 11th October

14. Items for next meeting It was agreed that the following items should be added to the agenda of the next Council Meeting to be held on the 11th September, 2017.

- To consider the condition of the Village Green and the Stream Banks
- To consider whether the Parish Council should embark on a Neighbourhood Plan – to be initially discussed by the Planning Sub Committee
- To cease feeding the Village Green ducks
- To provide seating in the village's bus shelters
- To discuss the future maintenance of the War Memorial

15. Public Open Forum

Mr. Barnett proposed seconded by Mrs. Willetts, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be temporarily suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following issues were raised:

- District Council The Council's new offices at Melton were self-funding thanks to the sale of the old site for housing and will cost considerably less to run and maintain.
- New Village Hall The new hall will be very well insulated and the placing of the kitchen on the side facing the development will act as a noise buffer. No events likely to cause disturbance e.g. stag nights, teen birthday parties etc will be allowed.

16 Any other business

Dates for 2017 Council Meetings September 11, November 13. Both meetings to be held in the Parish Rooms

Action Summary

- 5.** Clerk
- 8.1** Clerk
- 9.** Clerk
- 11.3** Clerk
- 11.4** Clerk
- 12.2** Mrs. Grahn
- 12.3** Clerk
- 12.4** Clerk
- 14.** Clerk

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THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER SCDC

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COUNCILLOR!

DEAR SIR.

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PARK RD / IPSWICH RD GRUNDISBURGH.

I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION.

THE PLOT, GRASSED BUT NOT USED AS CULTIVATED GARDEN SEEMS AN IDEAL SPOT TO BUILD A SINGLE DWELLING AS INFILL. THIS IS THE SORT OF PROPOSAL THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE 'NATURAL' GROWTH OF THE VILLAGE, UNLIKE THE PROMINENT, OUT OF PLACE, HOPKINS HOMES ESTATE CLOSE BY.

I BELIEVE THAT IN 2010 YOUR AUTHORITY PROPOSED THAT THE DWELLINGS IN PARK ROAD (AND THE PLOT IN QUESTION) BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE VILLAGE BOUNDARY - A SOUND IDEA; THIS AREA HAS BEEN PART OF THE VILLAGE FOR MANY YEARS; THE HOUSES ARE AGED BETWEEN 70 AND 250 YRS. YOUR PROPOSAL WAS RIGOROUSLY REJECTED BY OUR PARISH COUNCIL'S 'IN-HOUSE PLANNING OFFICER' FOR NO GOOD REASON. I BELIEVE OUR PARISH COUNCIL IS PROPOSING REJECTION AGAIN, WHILE FAILING TO OBJECT TO THE LIP SERVICE PAID BY HOPKINS HOMES TO THE AGREED ESTATE LAY OUT 'IE.



GRUBBING OUT TREES AND HEDGE WHICH WERE TO BE "RETAINED AND REINFORCED"

BUILDING 'TRUMP-TYPE MEXICAN WALLS' INSTEAD OF TREE PLANTING - I SUSPECT TO HIDE THE 'AFFORDABLES' FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS HOPKINS OFFERINGS.

YOURS SINCERELY [REDACTED]

Appendix "B"

Hugh & Lynda Bridges,
2 Vine Cottages,
Woodbridge Road,
Grundisburgh,
WOODBRIDGE,
Suffolk,
IP13 6UF

Report to a meeting of Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council held in St.Botolph's Church, Culpho on the 10th July 2017 during a Public Open Forum

Dangerous dogs in Grundisburgh

On Sunday 28th May we were delivering the Grundisburgh News in Orchard End, Grundisburgh.

At number 32 there were two large dogs (mastiff type) in the front garden with their owner. As we approached, the dogs reacted very aggressively and leapt over the front fence into the road to attack Hugh, one of them biting his right hand badly. The dogs ran up and down the road with the owner trying to gain control to prevent further attack (they were not wearing collars). The owner explained that the dogs had puppies.

We left the scene before the dogs were returned to their garden and learned later that they continued running up the road towards Meeting Lane and jumped up at the hedge of number 2 where an elderly man was standing in his garden.

We returned home and immediately telephoned the Police to report the incident, emphasising that the dogs were dangerously out of control.

We went to A&E for treatment. Wounds washed and dressed. Antibiotics given.

Tuesday 30th

Telephoned the Police in the morning to find out what action had been taken (none at this stage) and were given an incident number SC/28.05 2017/186. We stressed our concern for the safety of people in the neighbourhood particularly children playing in the street and walking to school. Later contacted by PC Harvey and we emphasised again the nature of the vicinity and our real concern for the security of the dogs and the danger they posed to the neighbourhood. This was duly noted.

Attended Debenham Surgery for advice on the wound but unfortunately infection had taken hold and further treatment was required at hospital necessitating a two-night stay.

Wednesday 31st

7.30 pm. Made a further call to Police for an update. Informed that a visit to the house had been made by an officer who advised on precautions needed to keep the dogs securely on the premises.

There is now a file on record about the incident including advice given. Any future incidents will be added to the file and action may be taken further.

We have since contacted the Suffolk Coastal Dog Warden and the Flagship Housing Association. The School was also informed.

Hugh's hand has healed well with no lasting damage.

We are full of praise for the care, advice and treatment received from the Ipswich Hospital and the Debenham Surgery.

Hugh & Lynda Bridges