

CROWFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.00pm in the Morris Room of the village hall.

PRESENT; D Brander, Chairman; Parish Councillors Baker, Hart, Scott, Shoote ,Ross Williamson, Roger Williamson. L Rowe,Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE; County Councillor M Hicks and District Councillor T Passmore.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 13th July 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Speeding Enforcement & VAS

Visits continue to be made to the village by the police speed unit and there have been penalty notices issued.

VAS

Suffolk County highways have agreed that the Stone Street location for the VAS sign will be outside the Old Stores. They will prepare the detailed drawings required for the installation of posts at each of the three locations.

Quotations were reviewed from two approved VAS suppliers. The preferred supplier was Radarlux. It was agreed that speed data collection could be useful and that the additional costs associated with this should be obtained and passed on to Cllrs Hicks and Passmore. Applications for financial support would be made. Councillor Hicks informed the meeting that SCC would provide the required three posts although the current lead time for this work was 8-12 weeks. Clerk to order posts.

Stonham Barns

Liaison meetings are being held that involve Stonham Barns management, MSDC and the local communities. Stonham Barns management have taken responsibility for the supervision of sound control rather than leaving it to event organisers. It is generally agreed that noise nuisance has improved as compared to last year.

A planning application has been submitted by Stonham Barns. We have yet to receive the details but understand much of it relates to obtaining retrospective approvals. A second show ground is not included in the application.

Transparency Code

We are unable to completely comply with the transparency code due to a technical problem experienced with the website. MSDC will be contacted for assistance. Costs associated with implementation of the transparency code can be recovered from government. With this in mind SALC website training courses would be booked.

Dog Fouling

Signs warning against dog fouling have been attached to most public footpath signs in the parish. A level of improvement has been reported. The situation on the recreation ground has not improved both regarding fouling and keeping dogs on a lead. The village hall management committee intend to write an article for the six village news focusing upon the risk to children.

Village Hall Registration. Robert Baker would be completing this shortly.

Playground renovation. Sarah Scott reported that the donation had been made from the Fete Committee.

Overhanging tree branches. Stone Street. These had now been cut back as the power cables were being affected.

REPORTS FROM DC PASSMORE AND CC HICKS

Both Councillors gave informative and detailed reports detailing items of interest from MSDC.

Finance

CURRENT BANK BALANCES; CA £2653.81. DA £1358.99

Second half of Precept received. £1500.00

Cheques agreed and signed. 100372 Eastern Facilities Management Solutions £144.00. Grass cutting. This was paid on 7th Sept. as overdue. 100373 L S Rowe £296.00 half-year salary. £4.00 deducted for tax which will need to be paid at the end of the year.

Planning

There have been no new planning applications since the last meeting.

It was noted that access is to be created onto the road at the meadow south of Woodfarm. The purpose being to allow access for caravans associated with the caravan club. There would be no more than five caravans at one time. The access does not require planning approval as the road is unclassified. The landowner states that Suffolk County highways have been informed and have no objections.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

MSDC have informed us that CIL which relates to new developments is coming soon. The rate will be £115 per square metre of floor space created. It is possible that the parish council could receive some of the CIL collected in the village. More detail is needed regarding the types of developments that will be subject to the tax.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The bus timetable has changed without communication from the bus company. The new timetable has been put on the village notice board.

Broadband & 4G. Councillor Hicks informed the meeting that BT would issue the full planned fibre optic broadband roll out at the end of October. Parishioners will then be able to see if and when the current lack of broadband will be resolved. In addition a planning application has been made to place a 4G mast near Coddendam. This could provide an alternative method of obtaining better internet connection speeds. The meeting supported the 4G mast proposal and this would be communicated to MSDC.

Theft from church. Donations had been stolen from the boxes at the church.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th November 2015. Annual Parish Meeting has been booked for Monday 18th April 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50