

COTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 8, 2020 at 7.30pm
at the Village Hall

PRESENT

Cllrs Peter Gibbs, Sarah Wenban, Paul Howlett, Beryl Ellis, Sue Cox, and Rod Caird (Clerk). Three members of the public, together with County Cllr Andrew Stringer and District Cllr Andrew Mellen, were also present.

1/080120 Apologies and approvals of absence

David Williams had sent apologies and his absence was approved.

2/080120 Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested

None

3/080120 To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting on November 13 and December 18, 2019

The minutes were approved.

4/080120 To receive comments from members of the public on matters on the Agenda and reports from the District and County Councillor

Cllr Stringer and Cllr Mellen presented written reports, which will be published with these minutes.

Cllr Mellen is looking into heavy vehicle use of Willow Lane as previously discussed, with particular reference to culvert damage and the question of whether the industrial building is being used for the purpose originally stated.

Clerk will contact Cllr Stringer at his request to ask for a progress report on filling the grit bins.

An item will be included in the next Cotton Quarterly to seek feedback from the village on whether all the most effective means of communication about local issues are being used.

5/080120 To consider any updates on current planning applications including:

19/05507 Jasmine Farm, Wickham Lane, Cotton – Erection of shed and conversion of stable block into annexed living accommodation - *awaiting decision*

19/05791 4 Goodrich Close, Cotton – erection of single storey rear extension – *awaiting decision*

19/05111 Brookside, Mendlesham Road – erection of front porch and first floor extension over existing single storey dwelling; erection of a

two storey cartlodge/garage including rooflights (following demolition of rear extension, garage and outbuilding) – granted 19/00646 Outline Planning Application (All matters reserved) Erection of up to 65No dwellings with attenuation basin on land on the west side of Broad Road, Bacton – Approved as recommendation with conditions concerning the proposed footway under the railway bridge, but listed on the website as “awaiting decision”

The current status of these applications was noted.

6/080120 To discuss the Village Hall improvements project

It is anticipated building work will be going on at the Hall for about a month from January 26.

7/080120 To consider further action on speeding problems in the village

The Clerk will contact Bacton and Finningham Clerks again with a view to setting up a joint meeting in February which will consider joint approaches to the problem.

8/080120 To set a date for the next village litter pick

The next litter pick will be held on March 28, 2020, starting at 10.00am at the Village Hall.

9/080120 To confirm a budget for 2020/21, and to decide on the precept requirement for the same year, and to receive a financial report from the Clerk including any payments due

It was agreed to set the precept for 2020/21 at £6,500, in increase of £500 over the current year to take account of inflation and an increased tax base in the village. A spending budget of £6,608 was agreed.

A bank reconciliation to January 6, 2020 was presented, showing a balance of £23,048.33. Cllr Paul Howlett confirmed that the bank statement balances matched the figures in the reconciliation.

No payments were required.

10/080120 Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

None on this occasion.