

## **IKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes 16 December 2013

Venue: Snape Village Hall

1. Present Richard Mann(RM), Colin Chamberlain(CC), John Hailes(JH), Dominic Kilburn(DK), Charles Thompson(CT), Hugh Waterer(HW) and Mel Waterer (Clerk) Apologies from Philippa Stewart(PS)
2. Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September 2013 circulated and agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman proposed by JH and seconded by CT
3. **Matters Arising** -In response to a number of residents concerns regarding the new trees blocking the view of the river, a letter from the Parish Council was approved to be sent to Mr and Mrs Hutson proposed by RM, seconded by CC.
4. CC reported he was unable to canvas broadband in the village, however will report by the next meeting
5. JH got in touch with Suffolk Coastal Highways re the gullies and dangerous overhanging branches in the forest. They inspected them and decided it was the Forestry Commision who was responsible. JH was going to log a complaint online.
6. DK got in touch with the SCDC countryside team regarding putting dog poo bins at the top of the picnic site which is now in place and a success
7. Iken Parish Precept was up for renewel and discussed as to whether more money was required for the overall running of the council. Likely costs were discussed and it was proposed by RM seconded by JH that it should remain the same.
8. DK reported The Caravan Club were not proceeding with their application.
9. Transfer of the Iken Picnic site from the SCDC was discussed but no advantage could be seen.The SCDC were going to change the barrier so it can be removed in case of an emergency.
10. Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership -CC represented the council at the AOEP meeting in November but had nothing new to report.
11. DK volunteered to set up a free website for the Iken PC with the minutes and agenda available for the Parish to see as well as on the notice board. This was agreed proposed by CC, seconded by DK .
12. Flooding - The Environment Agency (EA) agreed to contribute up to £50000 to help with the repair of the breaches but the funding will not cover the low spots on the River Wall. A letter was written to the EA voicing the Iken Parish's appreciation.Making more people aware of the need for funding was discussed and the consequences of the RSPB shutting the sluice gates.
13. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April 2014 at 6.00 pm in Iken Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.15pm