

## **IKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 2nd September 2013

Venue: Village Hall

1. Present Richard Mann(RM), Colin Chamberlain(CC), John Hailes(JH), Dominic Kilburn(DK), Philippa Stewart(PS), Charles Thompson(CT) and Hugh Waterer(HW) and Mel Waterer (Clerk)
2. DK and CC co opted by the council declared their acceptance and were welcomed by the Chairman RM
3. Minutes of the previous meeting  
Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were circulated and agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman proposed by HW and seconded by CT
4. Recent planning applications - see separate sheet  
There were no new applications awaiting approval by the Council
5. Matters arising  
CT researched the cost of an architect to comment on the feasibility of drawing up a proposal to seek planning permission for one or two houses on the village hall land. It was decided the cost would be too high and as the Alde and Ore Trust may take it on as a project in the future it was advisable to wait until then. The aim being to raise the maximum amount of money to put towards flood defenses in Iken.
6. Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership  
PS reported that Iken Village hall land being in the flood plain could be used to swap with other land not in the flood plain and that Edward Greenwall of the AOEP was looking at alternative sights. The AOEP commissioned work to restore the salt marsh on the saltings. A Trust is being set up called the Estuary Trust to be launched in Spring 2014. CC agreed to represent the council at the next AOEP meeting in November.
7. In response to a residents concern about the new trees blocking the view of the river , it was agreed a letter from the Parish Council should be written to the owners regarding the concern of most residents proposed by CC, seconded by JH.
8. A resident enquired if the agenda and minutes could be emailed out to all the residents of Iken. The council did not agree as they felt that the village hall notice board was the democratic choice for all information as not all residents have email, this was proposed by CT, seconded by RM . CC commented however that as a resident he would like to email all the parishioners with the agendas and minutes.
9. Broadband in the village was sporadic, some parishioners have gone onto their own satellite, the cost of putting up a mast was discussed but decided that other options needed to be investigated. CC was going to find out everyones position in the Autumn.

10. JH was going to email the Suffolk Coastal Highways to get something done about the gullies and overhanging branches in the forest which are dangerous.
11. DK was going to get in touch with the SCDC countryside team regarding putting dog poo bins at the top of the picnic site and also mowing the site.
12. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th December 2013 at 6.00 pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.20pm