

Meeting Minutes 22 August 2014

Venue: Iken Village Hall at 6pm

1. Present Councillors - Hugh Waterer(HW), Richard Mann(RM), John Hailes(JH), Colin Chamberlain(CC), Charles Thompson(CT),Loulou Cooke(LC) and Dominic Kilburn(DK), Mel Waterer (Clerk)
2. Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 23rd May 2014 circulated and agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman proposed by CT seconded by JH
3. **Matters Arising** - CT explained that the repeater stations from the Snape green cabinet on households was taking place in batches the next houses with masts were Waterers, Keebles and Thompsons. He suggested that the website bootstrapbroadband.com was looked at and that if anyone was interested to sign up for it and could get more information on the internet for sandlings website.
4. DK informed the council that the website was getting attention
5. CC passed around a draft of the emergency plan for Iken in the event of flooding, fire or road blocks due to fallen trees or snow. It had emergency contact numbers and details of residents' contact numbers, CC was going to update it every year and make sure the residents agreed to having their details available for the public to view. CC also going to to investigate the grant available mentioned by District Councillor Ray Herring.
6. Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership - RM discovered that an Iken resident was no longer required to be a representative as there was already a member from Snape who could keep us informed. RM discussed the possibility of acquiring some clay from Saxmundham available to fix the river walls which JH said the Environmental Agency had measured again
7. HW raised the question of the maintenance of the village hall, including replacing a manhole cover, dealing with brambles and ivy, clearing gutters etc. HW agreed to source and install a new manhole cover and DK volunteered to organize a date in September to do the rest.
8. DK confirmed the decision of posting planning links onto the website which was agreed unanimously

9. DK proposed ,seconded by CC that there should be separate meetings to discuss contentious planning applications.RM said it was good to have diverse opinion and that the current system worked well which was agreed by CT,JH,LC and HW
10. DK wanted it noted that planning applications submitted by a member of the PC should be minuted that they had no part in the voting process. DK was informed it was unnecessary as it was standard procedure
11. LC put it to the councillors that it may be an idea to record how the voting result for planning applications went onto the form sent back to the council to inform them of either support, object, majority or unanimously. After a discussion it was decided that the clerk write a letter to the planning department asking if our current procedure was acceptable
12. **Any Other Business** - A letter from the Iken Parochial Church Council was submitted with their gratitude to the council for their financial contribution towards the mowing of the Church grounds. The council were happy to continue to support it at the rate of £250. Apparently a new sign for the church was going to be put up imminently.
13. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 17th November 2014 at 6.00 pm in Snape Village Hall
14. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.15pm