

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting Thursday 20th August 2015 at 6pm

Venue : Iken Village Hall

1. Present- John Hailes(JH) - Chairman, Colin Chamberlain(CC) - Vice Chairman, Richard Mann(RM), Hugh Waterer (HW), Norman Johnson (NJ),Loulou Cooke (LC), Alistair Winter (AW), Mel Waterer (Clerk). 6 members of the public attended
2. RM declared his interests in the Solar Farm Project
3. JH signed the minutes as a true copy after minor adjustments proposed by NJ, seconded by CC

Matters arising

4. Defibrillator -RM, JH and NJ had had a meeting with the East Anglian Ambulance Service at the suggested location and they gave advice on having a device in Iken. They would train the public to use it and they would maintain it. NJ secured a grant from the British Heart Foundation with the Iken PC having to pay £1264 inc. VAT (which we can claim back).The device has an eight year life. To be funded by the Town Estate Trust. NJ put forward the motion to have a defibrillator installed seconded by CC and the vote was 6-1 in favour
5. Solar Farm Update - CC had been in touch with Gerry Mathews but was waiting for a response
6. Standing orders (SO) of Iken Parish Council. - JH thanked CC for all the work and time he had put in to the first draft. CC had used the outline of other councils SO to form the basis for Iken and with his legal expertise had expanded them. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have 'strike through' changes, so as to understand what had been altered. Annabel Chamberlain agreed to spend time doing this and it was to be readdressed at the next meeting. JH asked the councillors to spend time on it before the next meeting.
7. The precept was discussed and after a motion put forward by RM seconded by CC it was decided that after a look at last year's accounts it would remain unaltered
8. Village hall - was discussed as to who owns it and the liabilities if any. There are two charities, The Town Estate and the Iken Village Hall. The trustees are the Parish Council but CC volunteered to help by looking at the paperwork
9. The Orchard Project which involved the planting of trees on common land such as the village hall site was discussed and decided unsuitable.
10. The overhanging branches on the foot path were dealt by JH but there is a website where one can report obstructions www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/atoz/ under right of way and the SCDC will deal with them
11. CC suggested we preserve the minutes and other paperwork with the Records' office and offered to help getting all the paperwork to the SCDC
12. Joining SALC was discussed , alternatives being Local Council Public Advisory Service (LCPAS) or using the free service from the SCDC. The councillors were going

to look at the various alternatives and as we were a small council it may not be worth the money. It was to go on the next agenda

13. River wall update - CC said progress was slow as the council were using consultants, the money raised is going down and the council were not agreeing to the proposed development sites. It was discussed as to whether the work being done at Snape was going to put Iken in jeopardy. The river wall update was to be added to every agenda.
14. Homestart - it was discussed as to whether Iken gave them a donation. The decision was no as it was inappropriate for Iken and our precept money was not for donations that did not benefit the village. The Charitable Trust was discussed and a suggestion was made that the village were informed on the board and website that it was there to help those with specific needs requiring funding
15. HW asked if the telephone box was still connected to the electric
16. Second Public Forum - Annabel Chamberlain (AC) wanted to know how long the Councillors had been serving on the council. AC said there was a lot of negativity from the councillors regarding the SO and that if the councillors found them too complicated yet she was able to understand them, then how can the villagers have confidence in the ability of the council. JH assured AC that the SO were worth spending time over and that all the councillors wanted to adopt SO but they had to be right.
17. The meeting closed at 7.35pm.