



Draft Minutes of Suffield Parish Council held on 7th February 2024

Suffield Village Hall

Jack Almey - Chairman
David Hawkins
Helen Almey
Louisa Inglis
Morag Neeld
Karen Harris

Clerk Wendy Murphy
Peter Neatherway – NNDC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andy Collins

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received

3. MINUTES

The minutes of 8th November 2023 had previously been circulated in draft form and were approved and signed as a true record.

4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising

5. CO-OPTION

It was proposed by Helen Almey and seconded by Louisa Inglis to co-opt Karl Polglase to serve as a member of Suffield Parish Council. Karl Polglase signed the Acceptance of Officer form.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILORS

District – Cllr Peter Neatherway confirmed that the planning application for Cow Parsley Barn had been withdrawn. NNDC are very busy with looking at the 2024-2025 budget and discussing cuts. David Hawkins confirmed that he was waiting from a reply from Danny Doran at NNDC regarding the abandoned vehicles at the

triangle. When the response comes back David Hawkins will forward the email to Cllr Saul Penfold and ask his advice.

7. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

None present

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To authorise payments

Cheque 100371 Kings Beck Beneficiaries (Grass Cutting) Churchyard £200

Cheque 100372 NALC £252.00

Cheque 100373 NNDC (Election Costs) £20.69

Cheque 100374 W Murphy Salary & Expenses £447.00

9. FOOTPATHS/HIGHWAYS

The clerk confirmed that highways have given permission for the SAM2 to be used on the Street in Suffield. Jack Almey will make contact with Shamus Elliott at Bannigham and Colby Parish Council.

10. BULWER SYMONDS CHARITY TRUSTEES

David Hawkins confirmed that 2 Councillors need to be representatives on the committee. It was proposed by David Hawking and seconded by Helen Almey for Karen Harris to be the second representative.

11. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk confirmed that she had been in contact with DHSC Community AED Grant Team and they would only match fund the cost of the defibrillator if a cabinet which requires electricity is used. The clerk has received a quote for a cabinet that require no electricity, The cost of the cabinet and defibrillator is £1510.00. It was proposed by Louisa Inglis and seconded by Helen Almey to go ahead with the purchase. The clerk will speak to Chris Baker who will arrange this. He will also be able to do regular checks on the defibrillator.

12. 80th ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND LIGHTING OF A BEACON

Jack Almey will ask Patrick Mutimer if the Council can use the Beacon which will be placed on the concrete pad on 6th June 2024. Helen will look it the possibility of providing refreshments – Further update will be given at the next meeting

13. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Mud on roads – David Hawkins will draft a letter to all farmers in the area. This will be approved by councillors and sent out by the clerk.

The clerk will send Saul Penfold an email to see if the Council gritters are able to grit in Suffield. He will also be asked if he would use some of his

members fund for two gritter bins to be purchased – one for Suffield Green and one for Suffield.

Helen Almey will produce a map of the potholes that the clerk can send to Saul Penfold and Highways.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting 15th May at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

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