

# SEMER PARISH COUNCIL

## Agenda for Meeting including Annual Parish

### Meeting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

1. Chairman welcome and introduction of new Parish Clerk – Hannah Clarke-Keens.
2. Minutes of meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January.
3. Purchase of new PC and plus Software etc - £580. We received a government grant of £500 via SALC towards this purchase.
4. Planning Application – Change of use from an Agricultural Building to Dwelling House - Barn at Land at Ash Street. There have been several meetings at the Village Hall with a number of residents in attendance. The Parish Council issued Court proceedings against Babergh District Council following their decision to grant permission for this development under class Q of the Planning Act and having consulted Planning Barrister Mark Westmoreland-Smith. Babergh District Council's legal team have agreed that their decision was unlawful. They will pay all the Parish Council's legal costs associated with the case.
5. Extension of 30 mph Speed Limit in Ash Street to Crouch Farm and Nedging Road. Robert Lindsay says he is unable to get approval for this from Suffolk CC Highways Department. Should we pursue this further. (See e-mail from Robert Lindsey and recent correspondence advertising a radar speed sign for £1,399 which is substantially less than the £4,000 paid recently by Whatfield PC)
6. Overgang Road - overhanging hedge needs cutting and dangerous drop on the opposite side. Re-instated this with Suffolk Highways after e-mail from Jill Leeks. Looked at the problem with Richard Still no Action even though raised by Robert Lindsay.
7. Annual Litter Pick – e-mail sent out about Spring Clean Suffolk.
8. Broadband – correspondence with Simon Frost (Milden Resident)
9. New website - Suffolk Community Action have moved everyone onto the latest version of the Silverstripe Software. This makes the website more mobile phone friendly and gives more functionality. The Clerk has made some alterations to the layout. Has anyone looked at the website recently. (This is a village website how can we get the village more involved in this as a communication tool)
10. New online Councillors Interest Form.
11. New annual Parish Accounts and reporting structure. Forms have been received by e-mail to be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> June.
12. Appointment of a Data Protection Officer. (Have signed up with the Data Protection Office)
13. Babergh DC plan to merge with Mid-Suffolk. Alan Ferguson confirms there will be a referendum this summer. The Boundary Commission will also finalise their proposals.
14. Barclays Bank the Church Meadow Account – have written yet again.
15. Precept for 2018. Has anyone queried the increase? (If we have a surplus at the year-end could we purchase a new seat for the church)
16. The Suffolk Walking Festival 2018.

17. Explore possibility of obtaining a grant to carry out the work at Semer Mere.
18. Neighbourhood Plans – See letter from James Cartlidge meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – Hadleigh Guildhall
19. Everyone must have an e-mail address and a PC.
20. Next meeting is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.
21. Any other business.