

Semer Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Tudor House on Thursday 17th January 2013 at 10.45am

In attendance:

Richard Keens (Chairman), Granville Bendall, Claire Hood, Trevor Mitchell (Clerk).

Apologies:

Pat Andrews and Jacqui Barraclough.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 29th May 2012 were read and approved.
2. Burial Ground - A Caution has been recorded at the Land Registry noting the Parish Council's interest in the property. A period of 12 years will have to pass before the Parish Council can obtain a full freehold title. The land has also been designated as a graveyard with Babergh District Council. Richard will make wooden steps to clear the wall at the edge of the site to make it more accessible. Eventually a notice giving the history of Workhouse will be erected. It was agreed that the following formal resolution would be recorded in the Parish Council minutes – 'That the Parish Council will forever maintain the burial ground site for the benefit of those interested in the history of Semer and for anyone who may have relatives who died at Semer Workhouse and were buried in the paupers graves still visible at the site'.
3. Speed Limit on the B1115 - A letter has been received from Suffolk County Council – Central Areas Highway Management declining the Parish Councils request for a speed limit of 40mph.
4. Speed limit on A1141 at Semer Farm Shop – a request for a 30 mph speed limit at Hollow Trees Farm Shop has been declined by Suffolk County Council – Central Areas Highway Management. They will allow warning signs to be erected at a cost to Hollow Trees of £311.24 each for pedestrian crossing signs, £115.60 each for traffic warning lights and £41.20 per set for road markings. The Highways Department would then manage and maintain the signs.
5. Semer Business Park – Richard will speak to the Planning Officer regarding the complaint received from Suzanne Greenaway who lives next to the Business Park. Heavy vehicles have been going into the site late at night and security lights are left on all night.
6. Planning
 - a. Home Park, Union Hill – single storey extension and side extensions approved by Babergh DC the Parish Council having no objections.
 - b. Cosford Rise, Semer single storey extension – extension of time limit approved by Babergh DC the Parish Council having no objections.
7. Church Meadow - It was decided to obtain a quote from Paul Gillies (Gillies Fencing) to erect either a wire stock fence or post and rail fence along the edge of the meadow together with a gate at the church end. This will deter any threat from Gypsies and will also stop the field being churned up by vehicles driving across the meadow to park. A quote will also be obtained for a diamond gate across the meadow entrance before a final decision is made.
8. Village Hall Cheese and Wine Lunch – The PC took over this event from the Village Hall Committee raising £436 for the Church Meadow Maintenance Fund.
9. Parish Council Precept. It was agreed that this would remain at £400 p.a. The PC currently has a balance of £487 in the General Bank Account and £840 in the Church Meadow Fund.
10. Damaged Speed Sign - Richard will ask the Highways Department to repair the damaged 30mph speed limit sign in Ash Street.
11. Notice Board - A new notice board has been erected at the Village Hall

There was no other correspondence to discuss and no other business.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

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