

Semer Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Semer Village Hall on Wednesday 25th May 2017 at 7pm.
(Including Annual Parish Meeting – Richard Keens agreed to continue as Chairman for a further 12 months)

In attendance:

Richard Keens (Chairman), Granville Bendall, Jackie Barraclough, Robert Thorogood, Trevor Mitchell (Clerk).

Apologies received from Claire Hood

The minutes of the meetings of 12th October and 14th December 2016 were read and approved.

1. Planning – Letts Swimming Pools – New Showroom Door. The Parish Council have no objections.
Approved by Babergh DC 14.3.17
2. Planning – Cherry Hill House, Union Hill – New Dormer Windows - The Parish Council have no objections.
3. Cycle Club Sudbury – Temporary Closure of Watsons Hill for the annual cycle club hill climb on 15.10.17. Letter Received requesting the use of the church meadow for parking. The Clerk has confirmed that the PC are happy to support the event.
4. Doctor Franey's Charity – letter received - Semer Residents can apply for help.
5. Robert Lindsay (new Cosford District Councillor) – E-mail from Robert requesting dates of Parish Council Meetings as he would like to attend.
6. Parish Council Annual Insurance – renewed with Community Action Suffolk – cost £154.22.
7. Speeding in Ash Street – Suffolk Highways have not carried out the traffic and speed survey as promised. The Clerk will contact them again.
8. Road Repairs Semer/ Monks Eleigh – Being Carried out from 29th May.
9. Local Government Boundary Review – Correspondence received and meeting dates given regarding the electoral review of Babergh which commences on 13th June 2017.
10. New Bank Mandate – All five Parish Councillors will be able to sign on the Bank Account with Barclays Bank.
11. Correspondence from Babergh DC – the Clerk advised the meeting that most correspondence is now received by e-mail including planning applications. These have to be reviewed on the Babergh website as plans are no longer sent by post.
12. Church Meadow – Keith Horn has approached Richard Keens regarding a tree planting scheme along the right of way across the meadow. A tree for each household. The PC cannot agree to this as it would make it difficult to cut the field for hay. The hay crop helps towards the cost of hedge cutting and maintaining the field. It would also restrict parking and in the long term would add to the

tree problem we already have around the mere. The PC do however intend to go ahead with the walkway along the mere and purchase of a new bench seat. Richard will discuss with Keith.

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 14th September at 7pm.

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