

Chelmondiston Parish Council

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MINUTES of the MEETING OF CHELMONDISTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY THE 2nd OF JULY 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors David Cordle, C Keeble, D Barwick, R Bareham, R Stanley, N Green, P Ward, T Roberts, Dot Cordle and M Mckinnell.

Parish Clerk: Jill Davis

Public: 3members

Babergh and Suffolk Councillors: 2. DCllr Gould and SCCllr Wood

Abbreviations: **Cllr:** Councillor. **PC:** Parish Council. **BDC:** Babergh District Council. **SCC:** Suffolk County Council. **B/MSDCs:** Babergh /Mid Suffolk District Councils. **CAS:** Community Action Suffolk.

PMBMCIC: Pin Mill Bay Management Community Interest Company. **SALC:** Suffolk Association of Local Councils. **LCPAS:** Local Council Public Advisory Service **CEP:** Community Emergency Plan.

VDF: Village Development Framework. **RoW:** Rights of Way. **TAG:** Tourism Action Group. **AONB:** Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Council and members of the public were reminded by notice and by the Chairman that they may record/film/photograph or broadcast the meeting when the public and the press were not lawfully excluded. This *does not extend* to live verbal commentary.

1. **Welcome by the Chairman:**
The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone.
The Chairman requested a procedural motion in relation to item 9 being moved up the agenda.
The members all agreed to the motion.
2. **Apologies for absence:** to receive and consider apologies
No apologies needed – all in attendance.
3. **Dispensations:** to consider requests
No dispensations requested
Declarations of Interest to receive Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from Cllrs on items to be considered at this meeting.
Item 21.2 Cllr Stanley (training request)
Item 21.3 Cllr Bareham (partner of Clerk)
Item 21.9 Cllr Bareham (partner of Clerk)
Item 21.9 Cllr Green (own expenses)
Item 22 Cllr Bareham (partner of the Clerk)
Item 24 Cllr David Cordle (item connected)
4. **Minutes of the Meeting:** to agree minutes of the meeting held on **the 4th OF JUNE 2019.**
Minutes agreed.
5. **Public Participation Session:** for the public to talk to Cllrs about items on the agenda
Item number 9 Mr Andrew Sterling
AND to receive **Reports** (if available) from:
Climate/Species Information: to inform
Mr Sterling requested the members to consider the following:
"I want parish councils to declare a climate and wildlife (or biodiversity) emergency.
The UK government, and those of Scotland and Wales, plus dozens of towns and cities across the UK have already declared "a climate emergency". But like the Irish government which recognises the sheer gravity of the crisis facing us, it is vital to understand that both climate turmoil and species extinction are two aspects of the same terrible crisis.
Why?
Well, take the climate: the UN has made clear we have a limited window of opportunity before 2030 to limit climate breakdown - to under 1.5 degrees after which runaway, uncontrollable, feedback will occur. It's already started but with radical logistical *structural* changes in the way society is organised we *just* still have time. Many local councils say they want to be carbon-neutral by 2030 - a much more ambitious target than the UK government's, which is to reduce carbon emissions by 80% (compared to 1990 levels) by 2050.
But the point is anyway, climate turmoil is indeed just part of an even more comprehensive existential threat before us: it's not just carbon or other gases like nitrous oxide (300 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than CO₂ which accumulates over 150 years and is higher

today than at any other time during the last 800,000 years - but it's the wholesale decimation and extinction of the ecological structure of the Earth, the disappearance of the number and proliferation of species and their habitats, and the falling apart of the integration and interdependence of their life cycles. Wildlife is the operating system of life on Earth, and upon which we absolutely and completely depend.

To quote the UN's biodiversity chief Cristiana Paşca Palmer, in a recent report, who says "We're losing species at a rate never seen before. This is eroding the systems that sustain life on earth, including human life. The greater threat to humanity comes from the conversion of wild habitats to farmland, the degradation of soil, overconsumption in wealthy nations and the pollution of rivers by industrial effluent, agrichemicals and plastic.

Achim Steiner, administrator of the UN Development Programme said, "Biodiversity and the ecosystem services it supports are not only the foundation for our life on Earth, but critical to the livelihoods and well-being of people everywhere.

And Francisco Sánchez-Bayo, at the University of Sydney, Australia said, "If insect species losses cannot be halted, this will have catastrophic consequences for both the planet's ecosystems and for the survival of mankind."

The impact of ever-expanding transport, road traffic and urbanisation is at the forefront of all this and the impact on human health. Studies show how just the continual noise sets off the body's acute stress response, which raises blood pressure and heart rate, potentially mobilising a state of hyperarousal. It is this response that can lead to cardiovascular disease and other health issues leading to 6.500 deaths per year in the UK. The pollution, the isolation and impersonality of it also has a direct impact on our health - studies show that living near heavy traffic increases dementia risky by more than 10%, and even the experience on (what's left of it anyway) - as though it's not finite and is there for the purpose of being processed into monetary, economic and material gain. of congestion increases cardio vascular disease including heart attacks, strokes and high blood pressure.

All of which calls for a complete reversal of our mindset to the positives of localised, community-based economies and life styles and to seeing nature as absolutely, critically valuable, *in and for itself* - ie in its own terms - for the sake the cohesion, health and survival of this planet, and therefore of ourselves - *and away* from what we habitually see as a series of yet unused and unspent, so-called 'natural assets' i.e. land (including its vegetation - including trees, as in forests), minerals, animals, water, the seas, air and so

I know that this would come over as a somewhat more massive picture than what a parish council would think they are dealing with.

But the point is this: the outcomes of economic globalisation, in terms of environmental and human impact and degradation, is by definition experienced *locally* - *all* round the world.

Whilst dealing with these outcomes locally may feel like spitting into the wind because the problems and their solutions are seen as down to forces beyond our control - such as governments and global corporations etc. - is it not also secretly welcomed in that it lets us off the hook to not bother to do anything - a very convenient rationale.

Plus, we hope that techno fixes, like electric cars, will enable us to continue as we are, but just with different technology. But planes? Lorries? Ships? - all in booming numbers. And electric vehicles pollute anyway. Indeed, they might pollute much more than petrol or diesel-powered cars, according to new Norwegian research. (The Norwegian University of Science and Technology) and electric car factories also emit more toxic waste than conventional car factories, according to their report in the Journal of Industrial Ecology.

But in any case, more traffic of any kind creates the impetus for ever faster building of ever bigger and ecologically disastrous roads, which in turn automatically create the dynamic for ever-larger rampant development, rolling over, at an ever-increasing pace, areas that previously would have been out of bounds ecologically and for the health and people's sanity. (Studies clearly show that we too simply need to be amongst prolific greenery and open spaces for our mental health).

So, most of this development is not due to the pressure of housing need - a much-used, purposefully misleading, term (as is 'affordable housing' - 80% of massively high market rates way beyond those in real need). If it were about need, it would be about social housing - until recently, being sold off - and housing association part-ownership schemes - which the government has also tried to put on the market too. Instead of which swathes of areas of numerous executive housing proliferate, entirely motivated by large profit-making, by both corporate developers and land-owners (and, it has to be noted, for the housing bonuses for cash-strapped - significantly, in this context - councils). Everyone is on a roll of financial self-interest so are blind to the wider housing, ecological and human costs.

Every such development generates urbanisation, the de-personalisation of life, with increasing crime outcomes - and yet more and more *traffic*. More traffic means more roads and further commercial development. And so more traffic. And so more roads. And more commercial development. And more pricey housing. And so more traffic. And so on. And on. And on. The relief - of relief roads - is simply temporary - whilst nature and green open space is seen as sacrificial to this behemoth.

But it just *has to stop*: it has no future - not least because the supply of the resource - principally land space and water - is not endless. They will run out way before the pressures

to build will do, and while it has no future, nor will we - the natural ecology will be decimated and, on its knees, along with us.

Why call for action at parish level? Because, I repeat, the impact, all round the world, *is local*. That's where the dramatic effects happen. And if parish councils were to wake up to their responsibilities to their areas in these terms - and make a public stand - it would have a growing impact on those with greater and wider powers to enable the necessary changes in which the environment - the ecological system - and human health become *absolute* priorities - built into planning law." (Andrew sterling 03/07)

The Parish Council thanked Mr. Sterling.

Cllr Bareham asked for the item to be included in the August's agenda.

a) County Councillor:

SCCllr Wood's report was verbally communicated and circulated to the members and will be uploaded to the website.

b) District Councillors:

DCllr Gould's report was verbally communicated and circulated to the members and will be uploaded to the website.

6. Reports From: Committees/Representatives of other

Committees/Groups/Meetings: to receive **reports and proposals/requests** and to take **any action** deemed necessary.

a) Planning Committee: to update

Cllr Bareham informed the members of the following:

The reserved matters of the 'Woodlands Development' were supported by the Planning Committee at a meeting on the 18/06/2019.

No new planning applications

b) Village Hall: to update

No meeting

c) Playing Field: to update

A resident has erected a chain link fence on the boundary of the playing field.

d) Village Amenities: to update

Nothing to report

e) Other:

Nothing to report

7. Clerks Report: and to consider any action necessary since publication of the agenda

Clerk informed the members of communications received after posting of the agenda

Clerk informed the members that the AONB monthly report for June has been circulated and uploaded onto the website.

The work has been finished on the Jubilee Garden

8. Correspondence: to take any action deemed necessary on correspondence received

Clerk informed the members of the Pin Mill burst main. Anglia Water will need access to Pin Mill Common, dates will be confirmed.

Clerk informed the members of an email received from the Safety Camera Team in relation to the request of having a Police Traffic Van periodically monitoring the speed of traffic in the parish. The members were informed that in September 2019 checks will be conducted in the area to determine whether this can request can be granted.

9. Climate/Species Information: to inform

See item 5.

10. Recycle Centre: to update

£514.00 collected from metal and skip days.

Reserved funds are £9856.61 (end of June).

11. Recycle Centre: to consider

Draft Lease to consider and sign

£10.00 for statutory Notice

The Chairman asked for this item to be deferred due to a query in relation to fly tipping. All the members agreed. The clerk was requested to ask for further information.

12. Dinghy Park: to update

Clerk updated the members with the following:

2 dinghy owners had paid the increased permit costs due to lateness.

£740.00 has been received in permit payments.

13. Village Sign: to consider

Cllr Bareham requested approval to contact Suffolk County Council in relation to moving the village sign so that it is more visible and to paint and clean the sign. After a discussion Cllr Bareham was asked to gain information.

14. Bus Shelter: to consider

Cllr Roberts informed the members that Suffolk County Council were in the process of gathering information for him to present to the members hopefully at the Parish Council meeting in August.

15. Neighbourhood Plan: to update

The Clerk informed the members of an application of a further Grant – £110.00 had been applied for.

Draft Joint Local Plan commences 22/07/2019 for 10 weeks.

Speed watch: to consider

Speeding equipment

16. The members requested information in relation to speed calming measures. After a discussion it was decided to request Suffolk County Council's help in identifying which areas of the parish were suitable in purchasing a speed indicator device.

Proposal: to request support from Suffolk County Council

Proposed: Cllr Stanley **Seconded:** Cllr Mckinnell **Vote:** 7 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention (Cllr David Cordle)

17. **Community Payback Team:** to consider

Schedule of Works – September

The Clerk asked the members to consider a schedule of work with the community payback team beginning at the end of September. This would entail one day guaranteed each month for continuous work in the parish.

Proposal: to approve the motion

Proposed: Cllr David Cordle **Seconded:** Cllr Barwick **Vote:** All in favour

18. **Picnic Area Pin Mill Carpark:** to consider

Cllr Bareham/Cllr Stanley

Cllr Bareham requested approval to contact Suffolk County Council in relation to adopting the picnic area at Pin Mill Road. After a discussion the Clerk was requested to seek information from Suffolk County Council in relation to this.

19. **Suffolk County Council:** to consider

Community Self Help

Clerk informed the members of Suffolk County Council's community self-help scheme. The members asked several questions. All the members agreed to amend the motion. Volunteers to be recruited through various media platforms. Cllr Stanley and Cllr Bareham will take responsibility of this.

20. **Contractor:** to consider

Footpaths etc

Members all agreed for this motion to be withdrawn.

21. **Financial Matters:**

- 21.1 **RFO's Monthly Report:** June's 2019 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk reported on the following:

£1498.20 paid into the bank account

Treasurers Account £24,736.86

Business Instant Account £50,229.59

TOTAL £74,966.45

PETTY CASH £14.00

I UNPRESENTED CHEQUE £42.48

Direct Debit to EE of £32.00 credited back to the account.

The Cheque for £870.00 (Boast about the Garden) had been credited back to the bank account due to illegible printing on the cheque.

The bank statements had not arrived in time for the meeting and will be circulated to all members and uploaded to the website when available.

- 21.2 **Councillor Training:** to consider

Cllr Stanley – Planning Workshop £32.00+VAT (21/11/2019)

Proposal: to approve Cllr Stanley's training

Proposed: Cllr Green **Seconded:** Cllr Bareham **Vote:** 9 in favour, 1 abstention (Cllr Stanley)

- 21.3 **Clerk Training:** to consider

Networking Day – Mileage only

Proposal: to request mileage costs for training

Proposer: Cllr Dot Cordle **Seconded:** Cllr Green **Vote:** 9 in favour, 1 abstention (Cllr Bareham)

- 21.4 **Councillor Training:** to approve

£92.00 for Councillor Induction

The Clerk requested the consideration for the induction training for new councillors.

Proposal: to consider the motion

Proposed: Cllr David Cordle **Seconded:** Cllr Dot Cordle **Vote:** All in favour

- 21.5 **LCPAS Internal Report:** to update

2018 -2019 Internal Audit Report

The Clerk informed the members that the Internal Report had been received from the independent auditor. The report had been circulated and uploaded to the website. The Chairman and members would like their thanks formally minuted.

- 21.6 **External Auditor:** to inform

The Clerk informed the members that all the paperwork had been sent to the external auditor and waiting for the sign off.

Petrol Strimmer: to consider

£130.00

The Clerk asked the members to consider purchasing a strimmer. After a discussion it was decided to amend the motion to purchase a cordless strimmer and the value of up to £300.00

Proposal: to purchase a cordless strimmer up to £300.00

Proposer: Cllr David Cordle **Seconded:** Cllr Ward **Vote:** All in favour

21.8 **Weed Sprayer:** to consider

£130.00

The Clerk asked the members to consider purchasing a weed sprayer. The Chairman informed the members that he had 3 sprayers and that the council could loan any of them when required. Motion was withdrawn.

21.9 **To Consider Payments to:** and other invoices arriving after the posting of this agenda

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| a) 2154 SA Meacock: Monthly Garden services | £208.00 |
| b) 2155 Cllr Green: Cllr training travel expenses | £8.64 |
| c) 2156 SALC: New Councillor training £92.00 [£18.40] | £110.40 |
| d) 2157 Jill Davis: June's Salary | £996.39 |
| e) 2158 Jill Davis: June's Expenses | £347.01 |
| f) 2159 Suffolk Accident Rescue Service: Donation | £40.00 |
| g) 2160 Home – Start South Suffolk & District: Donation | £40.00 |
| h) 2161 East Anglia's Children's Hospice: Donation | £40.00 |
| i) 2162 St Elizabeth Hospice: Donation | £40.00 |
| j) 2163 East Anglia Air Ambulance: Donation | £40.00 |
| k) 2164 The Befriending Scheme: Donation | £40.00 |
| l) 2165 Suffolk Family Carers: Donation | £40.00 |
| m) 2166 Revitalise: Donation | £40.00 |
| n) 2167 Age UK Suffolk: Donation | £40.00 |
| o) 2168 Magpas: Donation | £40.00 |
| p) 2169 Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association: Donation | £40.00 |
| q) 2170 SACKERS: Skip Charge £607.37 [£121.47] | £728.84 |
| r) 2171 HMRC: Month 1 Payment | £138.57 |
| s) 2172 HMRC: Month 2 Payment | £108.15 |
| t) 2173 HMRC: Month 3 Payment | £108.15 |
| | £3194.15 |

Proposal: to make the requested payments

Proposer: Cllr Dot Cordle **Seconded:** Cllr Barwick **Vote:** 8 in favour
(abstentions Cllrs Bareham and Green)

22. **Temporary exclusion of press and public:** That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission at meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Employment Matter: to inform

Parish Support

The Clerk informed the members of supporting a second parish in the interim whilst they recruit. The Clerk further explained that this was just a temporary support.

23. **Temporary exclusion of press and public:** That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission at meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Complaint: to consider

Support requested from a resident

The Parish Council discussed this item and felt that they were unable to help directly with the problem.

24. **Temporary exclusion of press and public:** That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission at meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Complaint: to consider

Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Parish Council discussed this matter and the clerk was requested to contact the resident with their decision on the item. Cllr David Cordle was excluded from the meeting.

25. **Temporary exclusion of press and public:** That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission at meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Employment Matter: to consider

CiLCA

This item was deferred by the Clerk all the members agreed to the action.

26.

The Next Parish Council Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council: Tuesday 6TH OF AUGUST 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm and thanked everyone.

Signed.....Cllr Keeble.....

Dated.....06/08/2019.....

The minutes were signed at the 06/08/2019 Parish Council Meeting.