

# GAZELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Gazeley Parish Council Held in Gazeley Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Present:** Cllr Judy Moatt (Chair), Cllr Kevin Grimwood, Cllr Hilary Appleton, Cllr Charlene Vandembroucke, Cllr John Chambers and Cllr Vini Mallen.

**Also Present:** Parish Clerk, Lynne Francis and 10 members of the public.

**16/7.1 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Tom Morgan

**16/7.2 Declarations of interest in matters on the agenda:**  
None declared.

### **16/7.3 Reports from external bodies**

#### **i. County Council Report:**

No report from Cllr Colin Noble

#### **ii. District Council Report:**

The consultation on devolution began last week.

The proposal is to have deals for housing, jobs, better infrastructure and growth in business and a directly elected Mayor.

The closure of the Mildenhall Air Base is scheduled for 2023.

Consultation has taken place on the location of the West Suffolk Operational Hub. The Mildenhall depot site will be sold and it is proposed to move the hub to Great Barton.

The consultation on the Local Plan has been extended to enable the transport report to be included.

### **16/7.4 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April and the AGM of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

The minutes were confirmed as a true record of both meetings and signed by the Chairman.

### **16/7.5 Clerk's Report and any other matters arising from the minutes**

#### **i. Clerk's Report and correspondence**

- The defibrillator battery needs replacing. The company that supplies them will accept payment by BACS.
- Following reports of horses seen on land at the rear of Tithe Close, the Clerk contacted Lauren Gibson-Green at Strutt & Parker who is investigating.
- Moulton PC has the VAS. We are to liaise with them with regards to the procedures involved in installing the equipment.
- The condition of the overgrown and rutted footpath at Gazeley Stud has been reported to the county council. There has been no response from them so far. A reminder has been sent.
- Blacksmiths Forge – A letter has been sent to the owner by the Enforcement Team at Forest Heath. He has been given more time to address the problems there.
- Moulton Road – once again the drains failed to cope with the deluge on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The Clerk informed Guy Smith. Emails have been received from local residents who believe the

problem is with the pond but the Parish Council is aware that the problem lies with the outflow pipes under the road.

## ii. Other Matters Arising

There were no further matters arising from the minutes.

## 16/7.6 Finance

### i. Authorisation of outstanding payments:

The following outstanding accounts were authorised.

Mrs Sue Prigg, Internal Audit	£50.00
Gazeley Village Hall, Coffee Mornings	£72.00
S.P. Landscapes,	£360.00
Mrs L Francis, defibrillator battery (BACS)	£238.80

**At 9.6.16, the total balance of both Parish Council accounts stood at £17498.15**

## 16/7.7 Planning Matters

- DC/16/1145/FUL - Re-submission - planning application for the construction of 4 dwellings and ancillary outbuildings (following demolition of existing dwelling and out-buildings) and improvement to vehicular access, 50 The Street, Gazeley.

The Parish Council considered the proposals and was in favour of the plan in principle but was also of the mind that if demolition of the original building was unavoidable then all efforts should be made to blend the style of the two new dwellings that directly face the road to match existing properties in the area.

## 16/7.8 Councillors' Reports

- Playing Field – Cllr Mallen. There was no further news on the setting up of a management committee, or when the demolished huts will be removed from the field.
- Playground Maintenance – Cllr Morgan. Cllr Morgan was absent from the meeting and the matter was therefore deferred to September's meeting.
- Speed Device – Cllr Vandenbroucke. Cllr Vandenbroucke has been in touch with the councillors at Moulton. We have to purchase the posts on which to site the equipment. We need to identify the sites for the posts and Charlene will consult Bill Rampling at Moulton for his assistance. Cllr Appleton agreed to help with siting the equipment.
- Town & Parish Forum – Cllr Vandenbroucke. Cllr Vandenbroucke informed the council that she had attended meetings in March and May and would be attending the next meeting tomorrow. In March, complaints were made about the unsatisfactory service in repairing potholes and in May, concerns were raised about the collection of brown bin waste. Those attending were informed that if the brown bin is too heavy for the householder to move then it is also too heavy for the contractor and they may fall into the truck. They were adamant that no vegetable peelings or kitchen waste can be included although it is permissible to include cut flowers.
- **Other matters raised:**  
Reports have been received about parking problems near Mill Meadow where the staff have been parking on the road outside, sometimes causing a blockage for larger vehicles.

## **16/7.9**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the village hall.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Attention was drawn to a request by the owner of the Chequers, Mr Spillane, who had previously asked if he could take a few branches off the tree near the pub sign. It was noted that this tree is a particularly attractive specimen and the shape would be completely ruined if any of the branches were removed.

A resident of Highwood Crescent noted that several bushes or trees owned by Gazeley Stud were over-hanging gardens there and he was informed that householders were at liberty to cut back any overhanging branches from neighbouring properties.

It was noted that the hedge at The Hutch has far outgrown its original position over the years.

The density of trees and bushes on the grass in front of Highwood Court has meant that several residents have to keep their lights on all day. The Clerk will inform Forest Heath DC.

It was noted that the level of a drain in Moulton Road has dropped.

The Chairman also noted that All Saints' Church has been successful in a recent appeal to the Listed Places of Worship scheme for a grant to repair the north nave gully. She acknowledged the considerable work involved in securing the grant. Churchwarden Simon Gash said that they had been particularly pleased because All Saints' had been one of only 12 successful applications in Suffolk.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.