

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 21st November 2016 in the Village Hall.  
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

**Present:** Councillors R Housley, A Dew, D Ferguson, S Fuller, P List and several parishioners.

### **Public Participation.**

Residents from The Street were still very concerned about the intensity of large lorries from Aspoll Cyder passing through to go to a weighbridge in Kenton. There are many more lorries than 3-4 months ago and continue through the weekend. Cllr Hicks reminded residents that any business can operate on the highway.

Speeding in The Street was also raised again. Speeding is not a police priority but when they are able to monitor speeding in the village they will try to attend at busy times. e.g. school runs, leaving off time. Highways determine where a VAS can be positioned; one will be sited near Laurel Cottage, The Street, and the other near The Mallards, Church Road.

The footpaths are very muddy and difficult at this time of the year. The path from St. Mary's Row to Southolt is flooded at times.

**1** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

**2 Apologies.** None

**3 Declarations of interest.** None

### **4 Minutes.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting. They were then signed and dated.

**5 Matters arising.** None

### **6 Telephone kiosk consultation.**

The Telephone may be removed as records show that it has not been used in the last year. Some villages have adopted their kiosk and moved it. Is there electricity in the kiosk? BT has been contacted and replied that an engineer would attend. Who owns the land that the kiosk stands on? BT does not pay wayleaves for it. The Councillors response to the consultation was that they are looking to adopt the kiosk subject to two issues, the electricity supply and the ownership of the land it is on.

### **7 Highways.**

Cllr Hicks has agreed to finance the installation of the posts for the VAS. He has also offered a grant towards the cost of a VAS from his locality budget. (Circa £300-£400)

The price of the VAS complete plus VAT will be about £3000. With grants promised and donations received there is currently a shortfall of about £300. A grant may be available from the Police and Crime Commissioner and this has been requested. P List and R Housley will consult on which VAS to purchase. The SCC Highways Engineer will be requested to revisit to consider additional locations for the VAS.

The clerk had received a letter from Aspoll Cyder stating that one of the projects they are looking to complete next year includes the construction of a weighbridge onsite. This would reduce the number of lorries passing through The Street considerably.

Deterioration of the road from Mill House to Plash Knoll is due to abrasion of an earlier jet patching maintenance exercise and is relatively shallow and unlikely to meet the criteria for repair at present.

## **8 Correspondence.**

A letter appealing for donations has been received from Headway Suffolk who offer rehabilitation, support and care for people who have suffered a brain injury, a stroke or other neurological condition. Anyone wishing to support this work can find details at [www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk](http://www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk).

## **9 Planning.** None

## **10 Finance**

The grant of £60 has been received from SCC for the cost incurred for the website. All the councillors agreed to pay Community Action Suffolk £60 for hosting our website.

## **11 MSDC report**

Devolution with Norfolk and Suffolk is off but MSDC have voted in favour of devolution and Suffolk is likely to ask the Secretary of State for a deal for Suffolk.

## **11 SCC report** – previously circulated

## **12 AOB**

In the Town and Parish Newsletter from MSDC are the new recycling details and opportunities for village halls to apply for funding. This would be forwarded to all councillors.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Monday 23rd January 2017 7:30pm

Everyone was thanked for attending.