

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Guildhall, Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present Mr C Reeve Chairman.

Mrs D Twitchett, Mrs J Baker, Mr B Panton, Mr T Sheppard, Mr J O'Mahony, Mr A Searle,
1 member of the public.

Mrs Margaret Maybury, recently elected District Councillor representing Lavenham Ward.

Election of a Chairman

Mr Reeve asked for nominations for Chairman. Mrs Baker proposed Mr Reeve and Mrs Twitchett seconded. Mr Reeve indicated that he was willing to serve a further term as Chairman. There were no other nominations and Mr Reeve was elected. Mr Reeve signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman

Mr Reeve proposed Mr O'Mahony, who indicated that he was willing to serve. Seconded by Mr Panton. There were no other nominations and Mr O'Mahony was elected Vice-Chairman.

Public Forum – no public participation

Declarations of Interest – none

Apologies had been received from Miss Mortimer and Dr Posner.

Review of Membership of Working Groups

Proposed by Mr Sheppard, seconded by Mr Searle and agreed, membership of the groups were agreed as follows:

Finance: Mr Reeve (Chairman), Mr O'Mahony, Mr Sheppard, Miss Mortimer, the Clerk

Operations: Mr O'Mahony (Chairman), Mr Searle, Mr Panton, Miss Mortimer, Dr Posner

Planning: Mr Sheppard (Chairman), Mrs Twitchett, Mrs Baker, Mr Searle

Housing and Social: Mr Reeve (Chairman), Mrs Twitchett, Mr Panton, the Clerk. Mrs Gurling is also a member of this group as a resident of the village.

Finance**Bank Mandate**

It was agreed that it was not necessary to amend the Bank Mandate. Mrs Baker, Mr Panton and the Clerk are authorised to sign cheques and this arrangement has not caused any difficulties to date.

Review and adopt Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

Copies of the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders had been circulated to all Councillors and were taken as read. With no amendments required it was proposed by Mrs Baker, seconded by Mrs Twitchett, that these be adopted. Carried.

Resolution re service of agendas/minutes

It was agreed that service would continue via email.

Review of policies

Copies of all policies had been circulated and it was proposed by Mr O'Mahony, seconded by Mrs Baker, and agreed that these be adopted as they stood with no amendments.

Programme of meetings

It was agreed that monthly meetings would continue to take place on the first Thursday of the month, in the Guildhall commencing 7.30 pm. It was pointed out that from time to time extra meetings might be necessary to discuss specified bigger subjects such as the JLP, traffic control etc.

Planning Applications received:

DC/19/01955 Windwards, Bury Road, Lavenham

Full Planning Application - Change of Use of agricultural land to residential curtilage and erection of 2 No dwellings, detached garages and new vehicular access; Erection of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and replace roofing material to existing dwelling
Prop. Mr O'Mahony, sec. Mr Searle, recommend approval. Carried.

DC/19/01360 - 2 Lady Street, Lavenham

Application for Consent to Display Advertisements - Erection of 1 no. Fascia sign and 1 no. Projecting/Hanging sign.

Prop. Mr Sheppard, sec. Mrs Baker, recommend approval. Carried.

Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

No 2 Lady Street, exchange of contracts still not taken place, enquiries to be made with our solicitor regarding the present position.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.