

Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Sutton St Edmund Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm Chaired By: Cllr Rogers – Chairman of Parish Council

Also present: The Parish Clerk, County Cllr Webb, District Cllr Seymour, Anne Best from Fire and Rescue, PCSO Ben Harrington and 15 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present.

2. The Clerk's notes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were read and proposed to be a true record of the meeting, it was resolved to sign the notes as minutes.

3. The Chairman gave a short address: Report attached

4. The clerk gave a short financial statement:

The total income for the financial year will be approximately £7000 with expenditure in the region of £8100. The Precept (the money received from SHDC) this year was £4300.

Other income has been generated by Allotment rents at £1200 an insurance claim for the ropes at the playing field for £900 and trailing a poor 3<sup>rd</sup> is £3 in Bank interest.

The Parish Council awarded a grant of £50 to Parson Drove Surgery car scheme.

The Accounts for 2011/12 were signed off by the internal and external Auditors and the notice displayed for the required period on the Parish notice board.

The task the Parish Council faces each year in setting its budgets is considerable as the nature of local government demands that estimates have to be made well in advance of the financial year to come, with the precept request normally being submitted by December.

At the year-end our estimated reserves will be in the region of £2100 but these include funds earmarked for on-going and future projects and administration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and all the councillors for their continued support.

5. Talk by Annie Best our Community Fire Safety Advocate & FIS Advisor  
On Free Home Fire Safety Checks:

Very informative giving options available and handed out literature and application forms for free inspection visit and free alarms to be fitted.

6. Items from Parish for discussion:

- Provision of Bus shelters for school bus pick up points

Following a discussion on sites, costs and usage this item was not taken further.

- Network of Safe Bridle/Footways within the Parish

Following a proposal from Mr Marthews and a discussion, this Item was not taken further.

- Safety issues at Junction of Broadgate and South Eau Bank

Following a discussion and several ideas it was proposed for the Clerk to contact Highways and request a "Concealed Turning" sign be placed prior to Broadgate on South Eau Bank On the right hand side before the bend at the Four Horseshoes. Also the possibility of topping the trees in the Garden of the Four Horseshoe's was discussed.

7. There followed an open forum:

Items raised and discussed were as follows:

- Re siting or reflective markers at the edge of South Eau Bank
- The effect on traffic of visitors to the new Museum on South Eau Bank and Broadgate junction.
- Where is the 25% increase in Parishioner's precept for 2013-14 being spent?
- Better Broadband provision for the Parish
- The proposed Windfarm and the impending Appeal.
- Neighbourhood plans and clustering of Parish Councils

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm

Confirmed and approved

Signed:

Date