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Minutes of Cavendish Parish Council Meeting on 9th September 2020

Meeting in the Memorial Hall, on 9th September at 7.30pm

Attendees: Parish Councillors Malcolm Halliday, Annette Williamott, Ted Gittins, Danny Rowe and Patricia Rudd. District Councillors Karen Richardson, Marion Rushbrook and Jim Meikle, Chris Turner (Clerk) and one member of the public.
Apologies-County Councillor Mary Evans

Open Forum - The parishioner present had a number of comments to make as follows:
There has been a rise in traffic congestion in the middle of the village, partly brought about by vehicles parked on both sides of the road at a narrow part of the road. The vehicle causing the main problem also parks on the kerb obstructing the pavement. The traffic enforcement officers, who have visited the village 19 times in July, have a limited authority but can leave advisory notes on vehicles that are causing obstruction. On the plus side comment was made that at least it causes a slowing of the traffic. The council were asked about the budget following the large expense incurred in completing the car park at the Memorial Hall. This was on the agenda and was covered later in the meeting. We had already budgeted for the cost and although costly, with grants and using reserves the Council's accounts are in order.

CC Mary Evans report - See attached

District Councillors reports - See attached

In addition. a comment was made that hopefully the village will be receiving a visit from the mobile post office for an hour or two, on a regular basis depending on number of users. Hope to start in October/November.

Meeting closed for the Parish Council meeting as follows:

- 1 Minutes of last meeting (via Zoom) on 8th July 2020 were approved - Signed by Chair

2 Clerks comments - Confirmed that no applications have been received for the vacancy of a Parish Councillor. The Chair will report on The Ambrose Trust meeting of the trustees (see item 5).

3 Financial Report-

i) The two-month financial report to 31st October was accepted by all, accounts signed by the Chair.

ii) The minutes of the finance committee meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. All councillors accepted the details shown and agreed with the comments on the AGAR (Return 2019-20).

iii) The budget position for the year to 11th August had been discussed in the Finance Committee meeting of the same date. Since the meeting we have received a letter from the Trustees of the Pamela Matthews Trust who are unfortunately unable to assist us with the Memorial Hall costs. Our costs this year have been high, but we did hold earmarked funds to cover costs for the hall, even if we were unable to receive a grant. Costs for the wildflower area would be covered from monies from grants (see item 8).

iv) All in agreement with allowing the pre-school group who have a lease with us to have a rent holiday until the New Year, to be reviewed then.

v) The quote received from Maestro Tree Services was accepted unanimously by Councillors. Clerk to confirm the go-ahead to the company.

4 Local Housing Survey - We have received a request to hold a survey in the village to ascertain whether there is a need for additional housing within the village. West Suffolk have informed us that they are willing to meet some of the costs, but we would need to fund the balance. To be discussed in further detail and also ask whether a representative from CAS could attend and give a presentation. There is also a survey request to changes in planning regulations, Cllr Gittins will deal with.

5 Report by Parish Council Chair - Number of issues relating to the Memorial Hall. Lettings are greatly reduced due to Covid 19 restrictions, although there has been a number of additional lettings for Badminton. The keep-fit classes will be resuming again. There is a H&S system running in the hall which appears to be working well. He was pleased to report that The Ambrose Trust will be giving us a grant of £10,000, to help towards the various costs that have occurred over the last few years. The Play-area on the village green had had a Risk Assessment made, and this included signage and weekly cleaning. Now that the school have returned, the weekly cleaning has been stopped. Thanks go to Cllr Williamott re Risk Assessment and Cllr Rudd and her husband for the cleaning. All of the trees on the green are to be crown lifted. We are to discuss in the future the planting of new trees. The Community Council have now taken possession of the red chairs we had stored in a room in the hall. These were used very infrequently, for hiring out only, as we replaced them with better quality chairs a few years ago.

6 Parish Councillors reports - Cllr. Rowe confirmed that the allotments looked good with only a few not being worked on. He also has responsibility for footpaths; a number had been cut back. Cllr. Williamott who had completed the H&S risk assessment for the play-area mentioned that no action had been taken by Suffolk CC on a branch hanging over the play-area from a tree in the school grounds, this needs chasing. She is to liaise with clerk about rewriting the cemetery rules. Commented on the possibility of a bench near the village shop, care needs to be taken that this does not affect sightline for traffic.

7 Planning Issues - No contentious issues, see attached schedule.

8 Wildflower area update - Cllr Gittins updated the Council with the latest position. Turf removal to start on 28th September. Seeds to be ordered from Emorsgate, who had been recommended, and were one of the cheapest, from quotes received. We will require sand and other materials. The cost will be covered by 3 District Councillors and EGA Planning Ltd. The pond will be cleared work commencing 6th October, with volunteers from "Stour Valley Trust" who hope to do the majority of the work needed. The area will be marked off by tape.

9 Councillor Vacancy - As stated above no applications received. We are therefore able to co-opt if we find someone who wishes to become a councillor. We will advertise via, the village magazine, web site, noticeboard and Facebook.

10 Correspondence/Other - We have received a gift of a painting, which Cllr. Williamott had collected. This is to be placed in The Garrett Room. We have had an offer of a piano which the Council have declined, as there would be little use for it. A Parishioner has asked whether it is possible to have a permanent car parking spot in the Memorial Hall car park, this was refused. The car park is for hall users with occasional parking for others. Letter received regarding the pavement on the left-hand side coming into Cavendish from Clare near Mill Lane. We have cut back as much as was possible and have reported this to Suffolk CC. It is very narrow for wheelchairs, scooters etc.

Following the meeting, an AGM was held for The Finbow Ambrose Trust for which the Councillors are trustees.

Meeting finished at 9.30

Next meeting 11th November 2020

CR Turner- Clerk

Below is a list of payments made by the Parish Council in the last 2 months:

The balances on the Councils bank balance was as at 31st August;

Current account £30572

Deposit account £9469

Income received for the 2 months to 31st August £4752.42 incl. VAT refund £4589.92

DATE	TO WHOM	Chq No.	AMT
01/07/20	I J Landscapes re steps	863	430.00
ditto	Expenses- Covid 19	864	76.92
ditto	AJ Smith re Car Park inclVAT	865	25890.00
06/07/20	Field Compost rePlayarea	866	292.00
ditto	M Brazil re Car Park lines	867	1000.00
14/07/20	W Suffolk DC re Allot waste	d/d	23.43
	ditto re cem waste	d/d	25.74
	ditto re hall(village) waste	d/d	66.93
20/07/20	Playarea repairs	868	183.80
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 32-35 incl	869	386.40
ditto	C Turner July 20	870	538.10
27/07/20	D Kirkman Inv 37-39 incl	871	285.90
28/07/20	Chubb re hall	d/d	19.74
	Sub total		29218.96
14/08/20	Suffolk CC Highways re A1092	872	3500.00
ditto	SALC re Audit fee	873	282.00
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 40/41(Covid 19)	874	206.81
16/08/20	W Suffolk DC re Allot waste	d/d	23.43
ditto	ditto	d/d	7.06
ditto	ditto re cemetery waste	d/d	25.74
ditto	ditto re Memorial Hall waste	d/d	66.93
ditto	Haven Power	d/d	0.41
25/08/20	C Turner Aug 20	875	458.10
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 42/43	876	237.45
ditto	Ladywell Accountancy Svcs	877	51.00
ditto	Badminton Net re Hall	878	21.94
ditto	Cav Speedwatch exps(Covid19)	879	41.46
27/08/20	Chubb re hall	d/d	19.74
	Total for period		34161.05
	Total b/fwd		5940.84
	Total year to date		40101.89

**Response by Cavendish Parish Council
to West Suffolk Council Planning Applications – September 2020**

DC/20/0937/HH – Householder Planning Application – Choodles, Melford Rd – Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension

No Objection. Single storey so no overlooking or loss of amenity for neighbouring properties.

DC/20/0789/TPO – Tree Preservation Order – Trees on Cavendish green.

Parish Council Application. Lateral reduction work on beech tree on lower green and crown lifts on all trees on the green. Passed.

DC/20/0787/TCA – Trees in a Conservation Area – Claremont, Poole St – Fell one Cherry Tree.

No Objection.

DC/20/1289/VAR – Planning Application -Rawhide, Lower St – Variation of the compliance with approved plans allowed at appeal (DC/19/1688/HH)

No Objection.

DC/20/1113/LB – Application for Listed Building consent – Houghton Hall – demolition of barn

Object.

* No objection to the demolition of the post-war agricultural buildings but the traditional former agricultural buildings have been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair. However, no structural or condition survey has been submitted to support the view that they cannot be restored.

* Planning policy supports the conversion of rural buildings for residential, employment and tourism uses and it has not been demonstrated that these uses are not feasible in this case.

* Class Q is aimed at the conversion of existing buildings and not as a "trade-off" to erect new dwellings in the countryside which is normally contrary to policy. Allowing a Class Q permission such as that granted under 18/0716/PMBPA to be replaced by a new dwelling would set an unfortunate precedent for such permissions to serve as a stepping stone for new market dwellings in the countryside.

* The PC consider that all avenues should be explored to safeguard heritage assets through the retention and conversion of the older farmstead buildings for their own sake and in order to enhance the setting of Houghton Hall.

DC/20/0978/HH and /LB – Re-consultation in respect of a planning application – Church Farm – Peacocks Rd

No Objection.

C R Turner – Parish Clerk

From: Mary Evans (SCC Councillor)
Sent: 09 September 2020 13:10
To: CAVVPC@outlook.com; Malcolm Halliday
Cc: Karen Richardson; Rushbrook, Marion
Subject: cavendish report for tonight

Dear All
Here is my report for this event

I have taken up the concerns of residents about the continued closure of Stonehall Surgery under Covid measures. I understand the worries of people who fear that in the long term the surgery might be closed completely and have raised this with the Deputy Director of Primary Care, NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group

Work proceeds on the introduction of the ETO on the A1092 – I am awaiting a full briefing but the plan still is to have the lorry wight ban in force by the end of this year.

In August, the local SNT got in touch with me to say they were looking to have more involvement with parish councils. They are planning to hold virtual meetings with local parishes where you can raise questions. They have divided the area in two groups. It is broadly the area covered by the Clare Division plus Kedington, Barnardiston, Chedburgh, Chevington, Hawstead and Whepstead. I have supplied them with the email addresses for the parish clerks covering our local villages.

I am still working with colleagues re setting up a scheme for automatic number plate recognition cameras to be used to strengthen action on speeding on key routes such as the A1092. We can access funding for kit and are in talks with Suffolk Police to agree the logistics and procedures for operating a scheme. At SCC we understand the anxiety among residents who live on roads used for rat running and by high volumes of commuter traffic. I have seen VAS reports locally demonstrating that while traffic volumes have reduced through our communities during lockdown speed hasn't.

At SCC we have set up a fund of about £3m for community enhancements projects to be undertaken this year. The idea is that the Suffolk 2020 fund will finance projects across the county and not be over bureaucratic! Schemes in the pipeline for approval are planting more trees including the establishment of a healing wood as a site of commemoration post Covid19; a network of electric car charging points at village/community halls; the designation of quiet lanes and – of interest to you I think – a new app and upgraded smart marker posts for rights of way prioritising walking routes which parishes have publicised with leaflets as well as long distance routes such as the Stour Valley Path.

We have worked very hard to make arrangements to get the 12,000 children entitled to free school transport to school safely. Full details are on www.suffolkonboard.com
I will be able to provide an update on the situation at Samuel Ward, Haverhill, if required this evening.

The re-opening of the Household Waste Recycling Centres has gone extremely well and we are looking at making the system of booked appointments a permanent feature.

Suffolk's Fire Chief Mark Hardingham is leaving us to take up the prestigious role of Chair of the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC). This is a nationally significant position with considerable responsibilities. Mark, who holds the Queen's Fire Service Medal, led the parade of UK's uniformed Civilian Services at the national Remembrance Day Service at The Cenotaph in 2018. He will be hugely missed when he leaves SCC. The deputy Chief Fire Officer Dan Fearn is stepping up in the interim pending a formal recruitment process.

Saturday 15 August was the 75th anniversary of VJ Day in the UK, marking Victory in Japan at the end of the Second World War. Troops from the Suffolk Regiment served across the Far East including in the Razmak District of Pakistan, Burma, and Singapore, as well as in Europe and Africa. It was following the loss of Singapore in February 1942 that the 4th and 5th Battalions spent three and half years as Prisoners-of-War, initially in the infamous Changi Jail, then constructing the Burma to Thailand Railway. The team at Suffolk Archives have put together a [special online exhibition marking VJ Day](#), exploring the stories of two Suffolk men who were taken prisoner in the Far East, Able Seaman Harold Lock and Private Raymond Suttle, from the 4th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, as well as looking at the way our county marked the end of the Second World War.

Suffolk Highways has completed its 1,000th resurfaced mile, following the Council's commitment to relay new road surfaces on a quarter of Suffolk's road network. In 2017, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet committed to resurfacing 1,000 miles of road across Suffolk over a four-year period in a bid to improve the quality of roads, reduce the number of potholes and to help stop potholes from forming in the first place. The commitment also makes sound financial sense, as preventing the deterioration of road surfaces by machine surfacing or surface dressing helps reduce the need to spend more money on reactive maintenance repairing potholes now, and in future years.

The County Council's Bikeability team is now offering FREE cycling sessions to provide practical skills on how to cycle on today's roads. Everyone is welcome to take part - adults, families, and children. The sessions are aimed at those who want to cycle more regularly, whether to keep fit, to commute to work or school, or to visit friends. A session lasts between 2 and 2.5 hours and is delivered by a fully qualified Bikeability Cyclist Trainer. The trainer chats to you first about what you are trying to achieve and tailors the session to your specific needs.

Travel behaviour has transformed during lockdown, both nationally and in Suffolk, as more people turn to cycling for essential journeys and exercise. It has been a cycling revolution! Journeys made by bike rose by 120% during the pandemic, while bus, rail, ferry, plane and car journeys fell by as much as 95%.

Latest research also suggests that as much as 16% of the population in England (8.9 million people) have been cycling per week during the pandemic. Suffolk County Council wants to encourage more people to get out and about by cycling and walking for their short journeys. The aim is to embed active travel as part of a long-term habit and reap the associated health, air quality and congestion benefits.

Suffolk has already implemented several cycling schemes in Ipswich as a result of funding received from the Department for Transport and further schemes are now being considered in Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Beccles, Felixstowe, Stowmarket and Sudbury. It is also promoting the Government's Fix Your Bike £50 voucher scheme, and has provided funding to Greater Anglia to install more cycle racks at their train stations across Suffolk to help more people make cycling part of their commute or daily routine.

Apprenticeships Suffolk is launching a reward package, **Recruit Retain Reward**, providing £1,000 grants for businesses taking on new and/or redundant young apprentices, aged 16-24. In a bid to give small and medium-sized Suffolk and Norfolk businesses as much support as possible, the project aims to offer a flexible 'Apprenticeship Incentive Fund' of £1000, giving businesses a boost to recruit their workforce for the future.

Employers who take on apprentices can experience a wide range of benefits. Developing apprentices' skills to be relevant to the organisation, along with improved productivity, better quality of product or service, and higher staff morale are benefits highlighted by around three-quarters of employers. More than 8 out of 10 employers recommend an apprenticeship to others *

The new incentive scheme across Suffolk and Norfolk, will complement and enhance the new Government apprenticeship incentives announced recently by the chancellor Rishi Sunak (£2,000 for 16-24, £1,500 for 25+), and also the existing age incentives of £1,000 for 16-18s (19-24 with an Education Health Care plan).

In addition to the one-off financial payment, there will also be continued support for organisations who are new to apprenticeships. A collection of online resources is being created to support businesses employing an apprentice for the first time. This includes practical guidance and useful information from existing, local apprenticeship ambassadors to help add real value to the business. Apprenticeships Suffolk provides an impartial service to all employers, providers, apprentices and stakeholders. Further details of the project can be found here: apprenticeshipssuffolk.org

We are supporting the Government's Kickstart scheme to fund employers to create job placements for 16-24-year-olds and we are exploring with our partners in the district and borough councils and business how to extend the scheme and make it really relevant to Suffolk residents. The ideas under consideration are *Suffolk Kickstart+* which would involve giving extra support to younger and more vulnerable candidates to enable them to secure placements and *ReStart Suffolk* to support mature workers aged 50+ to get back into employment including guidance on switching career.

New resources have been published to help young people in Suffolk understand how movement and physical activity can improve their emotional wellbeing. The resources, which include a handy, pocket-sized information card, have been developed for young people with input and feedback from young people.

Made possible by Suffolk Mind and the Suffolk Most Active County Partnership, with assistance from Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's engagement hub, the resources provide essential information about seven ways young people can improve their mental health through movement.

They also include three simple and effective ideas that young people can try straight away to help them take control of their mind and mood through movement, as well as a range of key local contacts for further support. The resources will be distributed to schools, GP surgeries and libraries across the county. They are also available as a direct download from keepmovingsuffolk.com/wellbeing and thesource.me.uk/move.

Report to Cavendish Parish Council Wednesday 9 September 2020

On behalf of Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook

In these strange times we would like to wish you all good wishes. We know you have been busy with all the help you are giving in the community and you are to be commended for this very hard and essential work you and the village are continuing to do.

Families and Communities-

Since the lock down the team has grown by 300%, they have de-ployed staff from other departments. We know that you Have been working closely with the team and hope you agree with us as we believe they are doing an amazing jobs working under pressure and dealing with quite emotive issues.


Compost bin use up by 300 per cent. Take up in home compost bins rose 300 per cent during lockdown, according to Suffolk Waste Partnership figures. The Council attributes demand to suspension of the Garden Waste Collection Service and seems more people then invested in a compost bin.

Community Action Suffolk to hold first virtual fundraising conference

UK Fundraising. Taking place on Tuesday 8 September, the Virtual Fundraising Conference for Suffolk has a theme of Financing, Sustainability and Resilience, and will run between 9.30am and 1pm. Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council, West Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Babergh/Mid-Suffolk Council will also be involved in delivering workshops during the event. There will also be online workshops for participants to learn more about fundraising strategies, overcoming challenges associated with the pandemic, and exploring long-term income generation.

New plug-in point offers 30-minute battery recharge. West Suffolk Council have installed the rapid EV charger installed in the newly resurfaced All Saints car park. During the lockdown there has been a 45% fall in air pollution in the district.

Report to Cavendish Parish Council.

Council	Cavendish	Date:	9th September 2020
Councillor	Jim Meikle, Independent, Clare, Hundon & Kedington Ward.		
1	<p>Coronavirus Pandemic.</p> <p>I had hoped that the pandemic threat had receded for a while, however events in Haverhill and nationally have confirmed how real the threat of a secondary wave is. I shall be continuing to work with our Covid response group to tackle the rise in infection. Younger people's social association is creating risk. We still need to take great care.</p> <p>In terms of my involvement, I daily worked within the ward with the response groups who supported volunteers in the surrounding villages deliver services and support.</p> <p>Food and advice are available through the Clare Community Hub. At the high point we had 106 volunteers and team leaders across Stoke, Clare & Cavendish. An incredible effort.</p> <p>Financially I donated locality money to the community shop and worked with officers in West Suffolk Council to ensure every eligible business received their entitlement under the government rules.</p> <p>Requests for assistance are now beginning to emerge from families being affected by the economic downturn. More can be expected. You may know someone who needs assistance, support, food or advice upon coping with things. Information on how to access these services in on the Clare Community Facebook page.</p> <p>Reach Community Projects T: 01440 712950</p> <p>Immediate help can be obtained from REACH by telephoning. They will respond and activate help, food essential supplies either directly or through local groups.</p>		

Cllr. Jim Meikle.

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Also please remember if you are struggling to access medical services, shopping and hospital appointments don't forget **CLASP** can help.

The mobile post will be visiting the village from Wednesday 26th of October 2020 at 12:30. Delayed unfortunately by the pandemic, the service will be here soon. Keep an eye on Facebook for more details.



Families & Communities:

Throughout the pandemic I have been working very closely, often daily, with or Families & Community Section with referrals and supporting the more vulnerable in our community with remarkable success. Now I am working with them to sustain that level of support in several ongoing projects that I will keep you posted. Meanwhile I would like pay tribute to those officers who have produce incredible results for us.

Local Plan:

Preparation of the next stage of The Local Plan consultations are nearing completion. The strategic planning team will have reached a conclusion of the viability of the speculative developers' submissions to the process and the team will have selected those that may fit the council' sustainability profiles. They will be consulting with the communities affected during the autumn.

Affordable Housing:

The council is seeking options for what is known as Exceptional Housing Schemes in some the villages. These are small schemes of affordable houses for subsidised purchase, part buy/rent and rent. They are generally built on the edge of the development envelop attached to another existing scheme. I have discussed the

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scheme with Chair. Whilst such developments don't increase the precept they bring expand spending into he community.

Rural Task Force:

The rural task force objectives have been published and I am continuing to work with the portfolio holder and officers on initiatives that might benefit our A1092 corridor. I will keep you advised of what might transpire.

Council finances:

In general terms the council has spent government allocations on the pandemic response, plus a surplus that we are awaiting allocation of from government. However, nationally councils are struggling and the Local Government Association are pressing government for full settlement and more to restore stability to local government finances.

Meanwhile within the current budget the council is pressing on with commitments to boosting our economy that have already been started.

Devolution:

Government have given notice that they are once more going to look at reorganising local government. With intent of devolving powers and service provision down through the system. Consensus is that they will work towards large county sized mayoral authorities. That would not benefit West Suffolk at all in my opinion. I will keep you informed of developments.

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Localism Succeeds Again:

3 Along with college parents, key and NHS workers I have lobbied Stagecoach Bus East and we have been able to have restored the axed week day daily express service into Cambridge resuming tomorrow. The X13 servicetimetable is available on the companies website <https://tiskon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/East/COVID19/06.09.2020/13%20-%2006.09.2020.pdf>

Departs Clare at 06:52,
The Red Lion at 07:01.
Arrives Addenbrookes – 08:05.
City Centre : 08:20.

Returns:
Dep. City Centre 16:15.

	<p>Dep. Addenbrookes 16:30 Return Stoke by Clare – 1720.</p> <p>The service is designed to support 6th form college use but also timed for key workers start and finish times. The service can avoid the jams on bus routes more of which are being built now. The fare is competitive to car use, especially if you have to pay for parking. A good option perhaps to try if your mainly working from home and have to go into the city infrequently.</p> <p>Please try and encourage others to support the service so that it can be sustained.</p>
4	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>I have reviewed the current planning application and have no comments or concerns to make.</p>
5	<p>Please keep safe and well.</p>
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