

## **Semer Parish Council**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Semer Village Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm.

### **In attendance:**

Richard Keens (Chairman), Robert Thorogood, Trevor Mitchell, Jackie Barraclough and Hannah Clarke-Keens (Clerk).

No Apologies

The minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were read and approved.

1. New Mandate Forms – Richard has completed the process for the new forms. This is now a lengthy over the telephone procedure and he should receive email confirmation of changes to the mandate for the Church Meadow account and Parish Council account.
2. Precept Forms – The precept was agreed to be maintained at £3,500 and the forms were signed at the meeting.
3. Church ceiling repairs – The council has sent a letter the Parochial Church Council in support of their endeavours to try and obtain the funds needed to repair the church ceiling.
4. Green Spaces – Babergh District Council issued a notice about potential changes to the Green Spaces policy. The notice was reviewed at the meeting and agreed that it was not relevant to Semer at this moment in time.
5. Potential Parking Charges in Hadleigh/Sudbury – Alan Ferguson has requested feedback on the proposal of introducing parking charges in Hadleigh and Sudbury. The council has provided feedback opposing these changes.
6. Babergh Budget Strategy 2019 – Babergh has released its budget strategy for 2019, this information was shared at the meeting and is available to view on the Babergh Mid Suffolk website [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk)
7. New Noticeboard for the Church Meadow – Trevor put forward the idea of obtaining a new noticeboard for the village. The noticeboard will be shared between the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and Village Hall and aims to help share information and serve as a reference point due to the potential loss of the Roundabout magazine. The cost for the green aluminium framed noticeboard is an estimated £1200 and within the council's agreed budget. Location of the noticeboard has not been decided but it is proposed to be erected close to the entrance of the Church Meadow within view of passing traffic and close to the layby area for parking safe viewing.

### Any Other Business:

Litter pick – It was decided that although a good idea to do a communal litter pick event there isn't enough visible litter to warrant it.

Summer Event – The council discussed making more use of the Church Meadow and potentially hosting an even in conjunction with the Parochial Church Council in the Summer (June time). Although in the early planning stages, it was discussed that funds raised could go possibly go towards the church ceiling repairs, and responsibilities could be shared between the two councils.

Ideas put forward were for a bbq, bar, band and garden games for families/children keeping costs to a minimum.

Meeting Dates – Future meeting dates were determined:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 AGM – everybody welcome.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Signed.....

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