MEETING OF CAMPSEA ASHE PARISH COUNCIL, Thursday 22nd May 2025, 20.00 at Village Hall

PRESENT/ Participants: Clare Reid (CR), Nigel Pringle (NP) Felicity Gillott (FG), Nicola Snell (NS); Klaus Fortmann, clerk (KF) and members of the public

25.01 Apologies; SCC Cllr Alexander Nicoll (AN), ESC Cllr Sally Noble (SN), Eddie Berger (EB), Michele Dawson (MD)

25.02 Declarations of interest none

25.03 To consider requests for dispensation on agenda items - none

25.04 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 18th March 2025
Notes approved as an accurate record and signed by CB;

25.05 Public Participation
Members of public attending participated in discussion re

25.06 Membership update; As per earlier AMC, Michele Dawson and Nicola Snell were co-opted to the Parish Council. Clare Reid was elected chair, Nigel Pringle elected Vice Chair. Due to health reasons, Edward Berger resigned as Chair of PC. The PC is grateful for his positive and measured contributions to the PC over the past few years and wishes him well. He will remain on the PC until the legal formalities of the bank account are resolved.

25.07 Highways
1) Clerk reported on recent traffic issues, including a crash on western part of Ivy Lodge Road, continuing Stokes related lorry issues and the upcoming SzC Southern Transport Forum (STF). Improved A12 signage still not in place, but we have been assured it is in progress. The recent traffic monitoring results have still not been published by SzC and clerk will report to PC as soon as they become available.
2) Clerk reported on upcoming meeting JPTI / ESC, with the emphasis remaining on the Bentwaters / Rendlesham related issues as well as progressing on the idea of a cycling path connecting the railway station Campsea Ashe to neighbouring villages. **KF**

25.08 Planning Matters / Energy Projects
1/ Clerk tasked with initiating contact with local landowners re call for land for new Local Plan. **KF**
2/ Clerk tasked with drafting the Sea Link DCO / Relevant Representation. **KF**

25.09 Play Area / Recreation ground
1/ Clerk reported no issues re Playarea, and warned that current volunteer Derek Balaam might not be able to continue his work, which might incur more costs. Member of public stated that other volunteers including himself could be found.

25.10 Village Hall
1) Easement – signature have been made and document handed over to solicitor. However, due to changes at PC, a new document might be required. Clerk is awaiting response to his query.
2) The chair of the VH committee had given a presentation at the earlier AMP regarding the progress of the project. Discussions were held regarding type of renovation, modular new build and the issues of village engagement.

25.11 Clerks Report

1 The PC agreed the 2024/25 Annual Governance and Accountability Return and approved the accounts for 2024 / 25.
2 The Internal Audit was reviewed and accepted.
The one issue brought up was the omission of the actual amount of the precept for 2025/26, with all other issues passed.

25.12 RFO Report

1/ RFO has produced the following statement

Balance on 01/04/25	£ 2823.50	in Community Account (Current)
	£ 3793.08	in Business Savings Account
	£ 6616.58	
Payments received	£ 7129.46	ESC precept
	£ 820.00	esc Grant Wac
	£ 1000.00	Clarke & Simpson
	£ 8949.46	

Expenditure approved

	Monthly authorisation for	DD	
	E26/1 1-12; 12 x monthly	IONOS	£ 7.80 (£93.60)
			£ 2.50 (anti virus)
	E26/2 SALC subs	SALC	£ 231.25
	E26/3 D Ireland	WAC/VED	£ 68.50 (pd)
	E26/4 CAS	web/email	£ 109.00
	E26/5 Durrants	legal	£ 600.00
	E25/6 HMRC NI	employ	£ 53.77
	E25/7 Salary Clerk	K Fortmann	£ 775.44
	E25/8 Village Voice/VE Day	RM Phoenix	£ 186.00
	E25/9 Internal Audit	Heelis Lodge	£ 130
		Total	£ 2169.56

Expenditure Yr to date (= approved payments)	£ 2169.56 (excl 7.80 DD)
Balance after approved & uncashed chqs	£ 13541
(of which earmarked reserves	£ 4123.19)

2 The PC resolved to change the clerks pay to be monthly, due to the NI issues arising with the bi-monthly payment structure. The contract will be changed to reflect this change.
3 The PC is grateful for the continuing financial support by Clarke & Simpson.

25.13 Correspondence received

- all relevant communication passed on to PC members
The clerk will send summary of meetings to all members, as PC acknowledges that members could be more active in partaking.

Date of next meeting to be held:
Clerk to review the scheduled meetings. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th July 2025, from 19.00 in Village Hall.
Bold red initialled (xx) points refer to specific actions to be undertaken
Klaus Fortmann, Clerk ; 28/05/2025