

SIBTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting of the Parish of Sibton held in the Peasenhall and Sibton Methodist Meeting Room, Sibton on Thursday, May 17th 2018 at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr. A. Dale (Chair); Cllr. A. Cable; Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener and Cllr. D. Sims:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one parishioner:

1) Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. S. Lear and Cllr. A. Candler:

2) To approve the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting:

There were no Minutes as there had not been any Annual Parish Meeting held in 2017.

3) An Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council:

Cllr. A. Dale said that he was very pleased now to have a Clerk in place and he hoped that this would continue. He said that he was also very pleased to report that the Parish Council now had six Councillors and there was now just one vacancy for a Councillor.

He reported that the hedge had now been trimmed near the Methodist Church, the vegetation had been cut in Pouy Street and on the footpath near the School. Cllr. A. Dale said that he has sent forms to Suffolk County Council regarding having a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and whilst originally the Parish Council had considered partnering other councils with a SID, he said that the Parish Council was considering going it alone. He said that he hoped that the District and County Councillor S. Burroughes would contribute to the cost. Finally Cllr. A. Dale said that the Parish Council may fund a new village sign as the Council had accumulated large reserves and now that the Parish Council had a Clerk they could now administer spending it wisely.

4) A Report from the County and District Councillor S. Burroughes:

County and District Councillor S. Burroughes was not at the meeting but the Clerk circulated the Annual Suffolk Coastal District Council Written Report.

5) Reports from Local Groups & Organisations:

The Playing Fields Association reported that the playing field was only used by dog walkers. It was noted that the village had some small children but few older youngsters. Cllr. S. Sims said that rambling is very popular and therefore keeping footpaths free of foliage was very important.

6) Summary of Parish Council Audited Accounts to 31 March 2018:

The Clerk reported that this year (2017-2018), the Receipts were the Precept Income of £1750-00 which including the carry forward of £14775-41 from 2016-2017 and other income of £3-13 equalled £16 528-54. With payments of £969-33, this left a carry forward of £15 559-21 to next year.

At the end of March 2018 the Community Account held £9 304-98 in it and the Savings Account had £6 591-79 totalling £15 896-77. However with three cheques outstanding which total £337-56, the reconciled amount in the Bank Account is £15 559-21. This means that £783-80 has been added to the Parish Council's assets in the last year. However the Council has some plans to help cut speeding and to perhaps buy a defibrillator. These will soon reduce Parish Council reserves.

7) Local Issues:

A parishioner said that he hoped that the Sign Indicator Device would be set up very soon. He said that he was pleased to see that the noticeboard had been tidied up with all old notices going and current notices being on display. Finally the parishioner said that it was good to see that the vegetation had been cut back across the road from the Methodist Church.

8) Any other business approved by the Chairman:

There was no Any Other Business.

The Meeting ended at 7-22pm.