

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, July 22nd 2019 in the Peasehall and Sibton Methodist Meeting Room, Sibton at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Dale (Chair) (Arrived 7-14pm); Cllr. A. Candler (Vice-Chair); Cllr. A. Cable; Cllr. S. Lear) (Arrived 7-14pm); Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener; Cllr. C. Nicholson and Cllr. D. Sims:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes (Left 7-45pm) and one member of the public (left 7-49pm).

1) Apologies:

There were no apologies.

2) To receive declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of Interest.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) To receive a report from the County and District Councillor:

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that Suffolk County Council was helping to set up electric points for cars across the County. In consultation with the Bus Operators he said that the County Council was working to reduce their carbon footprint and transforming their services.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that the new East Suffolk District Council now had a new leader and cabinet in which he was a member for Customer Services and Operational Partnerships. He said that he saw the start of the cycle race through Suffolk and was sure that there will be future cycle races in the county. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that planning would now be divided between the North and the South which began a discussion in the use of paperless planning applications and how a projector can be used connected to a laptop to show planning applications to Parish Councillors in the future. Parish Councillors were sceptical in that there had to be a mobile phone signal in the meeting room and a projector available to be used. As Sibton Parish Council met at the Methodist Church, it would have to ask them to buy all this equipment and even then, councillors felt that they would still like to see some parts of a planning application on paper. The Parish

Councillors also asked about extensions to deadline dates for planning applications were no longer available. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said the Parish Council should contact David Richie (Cabinet Member for Planning) and the Leader of the Council, Steve Gallant.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes was asked why the ward he represents had expanded to which he said that there were less councillors on the new East Suffolk council so each ward had to get bigger and the Boundary Commission had created the wards.

5) Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda.

A member of the public from Peasenhall asked about the plans for flooding in Sibton. He said that Peasenhall had met with the Police where there would be two sessions of inhouse training and two sessions of training on site for those involved in the Speedwatch Scheme. He said that the police had identified five sites with three in Peasenhall and two in Sibton. He said that the start still had to be confirmed but they did have all the equipment including a speed gun.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 20th 2019 and Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 14th 2019.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 20th 2019 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Cable: Proposer: Cllr. A. Candler:

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 14th 2019 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims: Proposer: Cllr. C. Nicholson:

7) Environment Agency:

Cllr. A. Dale reported that three officials came to Pouy Street and took notes. He said that they have returned as yet.

8) Highways and Speeding:

Cllr. A. Cable said that he had discussed buying speeding equipment with County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes and would be discussing the issue with councillors in Walpole and Bramfield.

9) Village Sign:

Cllr. S. Lear said that the Village Sign needed cleaning and painting. She said that she would do the refurbishment but first it needed to be brought down from its post. Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener said that she would ask her husband if he could help.

10) Sizewell C Consultation:

Cllr. A. Dale said that he thought that the railway should be the main method of transportation for the materials needed to build Sizewell C. Cllr. D. Sims said that he would research the feasibility of using the railway mainly for the building of Sizewell C.

11) Planning Matters:

Proposal: *Removal of Condition 1 on Application DC/18/2073/VOC (Variation of Condition No. 3 of C/10/1457 - Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage and conversion of former granary to holiday accommodation including creation of new vehicular access)*

Address: *The Granary, North Green Farm, Sibton Green, Sibton. IP17 2JY*

Ref: *DC/19/2712/ROC*

Proposal: *Proposed extension to existing poultry farm comprising erection of 3 poultry barns, weighbridge and lodge and ancillary parts and associated landscaping.*

Address: *Park Farm, London Road, Thorington, Suffolk.*

Ref: *DC/19/2461/FUL*

The Clerk said that these planning applications had just arrived and would have to be discussed at an Extra-Ordinary Meeting.

12) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk reported that the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children had held its Suffolk Annual Reception and Meeting at Somerleyton Hall on July 1st 2019. He said that Community Action Suffolk were making insurance changes though its new 'Parish Connect' Policy. The Clerk reported that the Citizens Advice Bureau AGM had been held on July 10th 2019 and that Bus Timetables would no longer be changed by Suffolk County Council at Bus Stops and were asking Parish councils to do this instead.

The councillors agreed not to make a donation to the Free Car Parking in Halesworth but did agree to pay £40 to the Information Commissioner Office and £55 to the Peasenhall and Sibton Methodist Church in payment for hiring the hall for Parish Council Meetings.

Finally, the Clerk said that he had received a letter from the Friends of St. Peter's Church, Sibton asking for a donation for bench repairs. Cllr. S. Lear said that she would speak to the church and the council would repair the bench. There was a discussion on moving the bench elsewhere.

13) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on July 12th 2019:

Business Community Account	£9 043-16
Business Money Manager	£6 604-21

b) **Cheques for payment and review receipts:**

Cheques:

Chq. No. 100361	Information Commissioner	£40-00
Chq. No. 100362	Methodist Hall – Council Meetings	£55-00
Chq. No. 100363	SALC – Internal Audit	£117-60

Receipts:

c) Bacs	Bank Interest	£3-54
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Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear: Proposer: Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener:

14) **Acceptance of the Internal Auditors Report and to pay their invoice with any amendments:**

Councillors accepted the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Internal Audit Report 2018-2019 and agreed to pay the invoice to Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) who had completed the Internal Audit.

There was a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the outstanding Internal Audit Report.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener: Seconder: Cllr. A. Cable:

15) **To receive information and agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting:**

It was agreed to put the Village Sign including the Sibton/Walpole sign on the agenda. It was also agreed to put Sizewell C and trimming verges and hedges on the agenda in September too.

The Meeting ended at 9-30pm.