

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, November 25th 2019 in the Peasenhall and Sibton Methodist Meeting Room, Sibton at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Dale (Chair); Cllr. A. Candler (Vice-Chair); Cllr. A. Cable; Cllr. S. Lear; Cllr. C. Nicholson and Cllr. D. Sims:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

All councillors declared an interest in Item 13.

3) Requests for dispensations:

It was agreed by the Councillors for all to have dispensation for Item 13.

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

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that he could say much as the General Election Purdah Period had begun and that he could not offer any money from his budgets for local initiatives. However County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that the County Council had made a good raid in Lowestoft on illegal cigarettes and he warned all to be aware of scams. He reported that Mills Meadow Care Home had gained an 'outstanding' grade from the CQC and they had also taken over Castle Care. Finally County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that the County Council Boundary Changes would see the number of divisions fall from 75 to 70 but this would leave some Divisions with up to 30 parishes. He said that the Council was investing in IT.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that the District Council was setting up community area Partnerships and was holding a Business Festival again. Cllr. A. Cable said that the signpost in Rendham Road, Kelsale had fallen over. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes asked that he sent an email to the County Councillor.

Cllr. A. Dale asked if the 'Village Self-Help Scheme' had gone too far as he said that a man trying to cut back a hedgerow off a bridge in Sibton had fallen off it into the dried up 'river' below and the concrete he fell on to broke his pelvis and ribs. County and

District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that Suffolk Highways should be contacted and asked to cut back the hedgerows.

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

There were no members of the public at the Meeting.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on September 23rd 2019.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 23rd 2019 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims: Seconded: Cllr. A. Cable:

7) Highways and Speeding:

Cllr. A. Cable reported that he had not received a reply from Suffolk County Council and therefore had sent an email to Suffolk Highways. He said that he had also not heard from Westcotec regarding prices of the speeding equipment. Cllr. A. Cable said that he would ring Westcotec and he would lower the Pouy Street Sign Bracket so that the pole can be used by the Sign Indicator Device (SID). It was also reported that a parishioner had been mowing the grass from Garden House Drive to the Church.

8) Village Sign:

Cllr. S. Lear reported that she had gained advice regarding paints and asked that once she had chosen which paints, she would ask the Parish Council if they would be willing to pay for the paints. The Councillors agreed to discuss this proposal once she had chosen the paints.

9) Sibton Future: Councillors to discuss Cllr. C. Nicholson's ideas.

Cllr. C. Nicholson began by saying that Sibton Parish Council could aspire to many things if they had a joint meeting with Peasenhall Parish Council. Cllr. A. Dale said that there was no chance of a 40mph speed limit all the way through to Yoxford as the Police do not back it. Cllr. S. Lear said that the Playing field would be vandalised and too many dogs' messes would diminish its use by children.

Cllr. A. Candler, Cllr. S. Lear, Cllr. C. Nicholson and Cllr. D. Sims agreed to meet to discuss Cllr. C. Nicholson's ideas.

10) Planning Matters: To agree and discuss planning issues.

Proposal: Discharge of condition Nos.3,4,9,10,11,13 and 14 of DC/17/4100/FUL - Erection of 3 dwellings. Existing 3 derelict dwellings to be demolished.

Address: Kayleys Yard, Pouy Street, Sibton, Suffolk.

Ref: DC/19/3909/DRC

The Clerk said that the Council had no decision to make on this planning application but to just note it as information.

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) - Installation of a GF175 biomass boiler and control system plus electrical connections together with associated pipework, holding tank and flue, on a flat concrete pad adjacent an existing agricultural store in the position shown at the application site address in the location shown, on drawing no. 4065-01A.

Address: South Grange Farm. Green Road. Sibton. Suffolk. IP17 2ND.

Ref: DC/19/3731/CLE

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The Clerk said that this was information for the Council.

11) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Peasenhall Parish Council asking for formal permission for their Community Speedwatch to operate in Sibton.

The Councillors formally agreed and gave permission to Peasenhall Parish Council for their Community Speedwatch to operate in Sibton.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received this statement from Cllr. D. Sims regarding his Submission to the Sizewell C - Stage Four Consultation - transport of materials.

Many East Suffolk residents are very concerned regarding the impact of the additional traffic expected on the A12 under the Integrated Strategy. Those who are not too worried may not realise that all aggregates for Sizewell B, a huge tonnage, moved by sea together with some other materials; a portion of the large steel sections moved by rail. The road at Martlesham is of particular concern with two thousand new homes to be built on Martlesham Heath and now possible plans for a 2700 homes 'garden village' close to the A12/A14 junction at Seven Hills roundabout. The road already reaches saturation point at certain times of the day and to add to this the heavily laden and slow Sizewell HGV's will cause chaos.

EDF Energy have stated that they believe that rail should play an important part in the delivery of freight during construction, but that Network Rail cannot commit to a definitive programme for carrying out the necessary works to the East Suffolk Line, (Project overview 2.1.3). These works would include a passing loop in the Campsea Ash area and alterations to the signalling on 33 crossings although this large number has been questioned

With the challenge of this huge project, would it not be possible for Network Rail to make this work a priority, perhaps with a little Government persuasion and a larger contribution from EDF?

If Network Rail were enabled to carry out the necessary modifications to the East Suffolk Line, then we note on the consultation document (P.66 Para. 3.6.6.) that it would be possible to run five freight trains during the daytime within the timetable constraints of the passenger services. If this was to be the case, then the night period 2300 -0600 would also be free for freight movements at periods of large movements. If measures were taken to make it possible for Network Rail to carry out the work on the line, then there could be a dramatic reduction in road movements; it needs approximately 50 lorries to lift the material that can be carried on one goods train

We note that two freight Management Facilities are under consideration on the A14 to the west of Felixstowe (Associated Development, (pp.166- 169) and understand that some consolidation from part to full loads will also take place. This could be operated so efficiently at Felixstowe and the material stuffed (loaded) into containers for transport to site. Whilst the Felixstowe line is very busy the Port is presently constructing a 1.4km passing loop between Trimley and Nacton which will allow them to increase the number of trains they can handle by 30%, (EADT Aug 13 2019). They also have long term plans for a new railhead alongside the A14 to connect to a 300-acre port business park at Innocent Farm, Kirton, one of the localities under consideration by EDF Energy themselves

Whilst the percentage increase in traffic movements shown in the modelling tables, for Woodbridge for example, is quite small these are presumably based on overall movements when the majority of the traffic on the A12 consists of cars and vans; HGV's at present are only a very small percentage. The effect of slow moving heavily laden HGV's on the basic traffic flow can be imagined!

We believe that EDF must go back to the drawing board and together with Network Rail find a way to carry out the necessary improvements to the East Suffolk Line. The present Strategies are not fit for purpose.

The Clerk reported that he had received the Local Boundary Commission for England Divisions consultation for Suffolk County Council and communications from the Community Partnerships Initiative and the Connected Communities Initiative.

The Clerk said that Citizens Advice Bureau had asked for a donation. The Councillors agreed to give donations of £25 to the Citizens Advice Bureau, Air Ambulance and the Poppy Appeal.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Nicholson: Second: Cllr. A. Dale:

Monday, May 18th 2020
Monday, July 27th 2020
Monday, September 28th 2020
Monday, November 23rd 2020

The Meeting ended at 9-26pm.