

# **Sibton Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the Peasehall 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. R. Levett-Scrivener; Cllr. C. Nicholson and Cllr. D. Sims:

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one member of the public (left 7-28pm).

#### **1) Apologies:**

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes.

#### **2) To receive declarations of interest:**

Cllrs. A. Dale, S. Lear, R. Levett-Scrivener and D. Sims all declared an interest in Planning application DC/19/0496/FUL. It was agreed that they all would not vote on this planning application. As Cllrs. A. Dale, S. Lear, R. Levett-Scrivener had a pecuniary or indirect pecuniary interest in the planning application they would all leave the room.

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#### **3) Requests for dispensations:**

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

The County and District Written Reports were distributed to Councillors.

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

There were no questions.

**6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 were agreed.

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

**7) Environment Agency:**

Cllr. A. Dale reported that the Environment Agency had visited Pouy Street to look at desilting the river between the houses and the road. He said that they had cleared the vegetation ready for the desilting but although it was now in the Works Programme, the environment Agency did not know when the desilting would be done.

**8) Noticeboards.**

Cllr. A. Dale said that he would take the doors off the noticeboards so as to put new Perspex in the doors before reattaching them to the noticeboard if the Perspex needed renewing.

**9) Sizewell C Consultation:**

The Councillors discussed the effect the building of Sizewell C would have on Sibton. Cllr. A. Candler said that the roads would be affected through Sibton as whilst it might not be traffic directly increased by Sizewell C, more traffic would travel along the A1120 and up Pouy Street to access Halesworth that was generated indirectly. It was noted that the building of Sizewell B had not impacted on Sibton greatly with the village being more anti-nuclear in general rather than against Sizewell B. Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener was very worried by the building in Friston where she said buildings and land equal to 26 football pitches was to be used to link into Sizewell C. Other councillors felt Friston was too far away from Sibton to affect the village and Cllr. S. Lear said that the country does need more electricity generated and what was the country to do? She did believe that the building supplies for Sizewell C should come by sea and if the seabed was not suitable at Sizewell, perhaps a suitable harbour such as Felixstowe could be used with the supplies coming by train. Cllr. C. Nicholson said that he was living relatively close to Hinckley recently and there were always many aggregate lorries going around Bridgewater and 24 miles away, the hotels were always full. The Council concluded that the railway should be used much more in supplying materials to Sizewell C with the railway made two tracks again from Ipswich to Felixstowe and to Saxmundham and possibly also electrified all the way to Leiston. It was also felt that this infrastructure would be needed after the building of Sizewell C to service all the new houses being built in the area.

**10) Agenda Item 10 was looked at before Agenda Item 7:**

**Planning Matters:**

As Cllrs. A. Dale, S. Lear and R. Levett-Scrivener all left the room, the Deputy Chairman, Cllr. A. Candler, took the Chair for this planning application.



