Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, September 23rd 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 one parishioner:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of Interest.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) Suffolk Rural Coffee Caravan – Annette Dunning to give a presentation:

Annette Dunning said that Suffolk Rural Coffee Caravan was set up in 2003 by some farmers' wives who bought a caravan to visit farmers having a tough time. It grew to providing coffee to those outside farming adding cake to its menu to each village it visited. Soon it brought information like bus times as well and began to transfer information between the villages. It began then to help villages gain facilities such as a village hall. Currently the Coffee Caravan is promoting the Warmer Home Project from money bid for by east Suffolk Council in order to get information regarding making the home warmer and to have a SMART Meter. Annette Dunning said that she was holding an Energy Event Meeting on Wednesday, November 13th 2019 at Holton Village Hall at 10am for Councillors from all the local Parish Councils.

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

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes was not at the meeting but had sent a written County and District Report which was circulated around all the councillors.

6) <u>Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda.</u>

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

7) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on July 22nd 2019 and August 5th 2019.</u>

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 22nd 2019 were agreed.

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

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on August 5th 2019 were agreed.

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

8) Highways and Speeding:

Cllr. A. Cable reported that he had researched three suppliers and recommended Westcotec as the supplier of their new Sign Indicator Device (SID). Cllr. S. Lear asked about prices to which Cllr. A. Cable said he would find out. Cllr. A. Dale asked about where the poles had been agreed to be sited with Suffolk Highways for the SID to sit on. Cllr. A. cable aid that he would find out about this issue too.

9) Village Sign:

Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener's son agreed that he would arrange for the Village Sign to be taken down and put back up once it had been repainted by Cllr. S. Lear.

10) Sizewell C Consultation:

Councillors reviewed the report from Cllr. D. Sims on Sizewell C in that the deep-water port of Felixstowe could be how materials arrive. With a new curve built from the Felixstowe Railway Line to the East Suffolk Railway Line at Westerfield and a doubling of the East Suffolk Railway Line between Woodbridge and Saxmundham would mean much could be transported to the site by rail. The electronic signalling system would need to be adapted for the slower and heavier freight trains but the view would be that once Sizewell C is built, the infrastructure would be then be in place for the half hourly train service no doubt needed with all the new houses being built along the line over the next twenty years. It would be money well spent.

It was agreed to adopt Cllr. D. Sims report as the Council's submission to the Sizewell C Consultation in the use of rail as the main method of transportation of materials to Sizewell C.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims: Seconder: Cllr. A. Dale:

11) Planning Matters:

There were no planning applications.

12) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk had nothing to report.

13) Financial Report:

a) <u>Balances at the Bank on September 12th 2019: To receive an update on</u> the current financial status:

Business Community Account £8 287-44
Business Money Manager £6 607-50

b) Receipts and Cheques for payment: To review receipts and approve payments:

| Chq 101364 | Clerk's Pay for July – September 2019 | £224-54 |
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| Chq 101365 | Clerk's Tax for July – September 2019 | £56-00 |
| Chq 101366 | Clerk's Expenses for April – September 2019 | £24-99 |
| Chq 101367 | CAS Insurance 2019-2020 | £176-36 |
| Chq 101368 | East Suffolk Council – Uncontested Election Fee | £76-16 |

Receipts

Interest £3-29

Proposer: Cllr. A. Cable: Seconder: Cllr. C. Nicholson:

Agenda Item 15 was now received:

The Clerk explained that the Council could have a three-year deal for £176-36 or a one-year deal for £185-64. It was agreed to have the three-year deal.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Nicholson: Seconder: Cllr. S. Lear:

14) Financial Regulations:

The Clerk explained that new Financial Regulations had been published with the latest amendments incorporated. It was agreed to adopt the new Financial Regulations.

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

15) Insurance Renewal:

This was discussed before Item 14.

16) Laptop and Projector:

It was agreed that the Council would look to buy its own projector and then to keep it at the Meeting House. It was agreed to discuss this further at the November Meeting.

17) <u>To receive information and agenda items for the next Parish Council</u> Meeting:

Cllr. C. Nicholson asked for an item to be on the agenda for his ideas regarding Sibton to be on the next Meeting Agenda on Monday, November 25th 2019.

The Meeting ended at 8-59pm.