

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, July 27th 2020 at 7pm.

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 (left 7-15pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. R. Levett-Scrivener:

2) To receive Declarations of Interest and confirm all Members have reviewed their Declaration of Interest Forms: Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting:

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:

Cllr. S. Burroughes apologised for sending his report late but asked if councillors had any questions. He was asked about his promised contribution at the May Parish Council Meeting to the Sign Indicator Device being bought by the Parish Council. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he had received the invoice and was actioning it.

Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that there will probably be an announcement soon from central government regarding the reorganisation of local government.

Cllr. A. Dale said that the Parish Council had received a letter from the Church Lands Trust opposing the Planning Application SCLP 12.60 Land adjacent to Farthings, Sibton Road, Peasenhall but with a proviso that 8 properties built across the whole of the Trust Land including that in Sibton Parish may be acceptable. As the proposal was for land only in the Peasenhall Parish Council Area, this was the first notice for Sibton Parish Council of the plans to build 14 houses even though some of the Church Lands Trust Lands are in Sibton Parish. Cllr. A. Dale said that he had received a further letter from four trustees of the Church Lands Trust also opposing the building of 14 houses on the land but also making it clear that they did not support the building of eight properties on the whole land either. Cllr. A. Dale said that in response Sibton Parish

Council should write a letter to Cllr. S. Burroughes, East Suffolk Council Planning Department and the Monitoring Officer. Councillors agreed to write the letter and Cllr. A. Dale said that the letter would be emailed to all Parish Councillors tomorrow.

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 Meeting held on May 18th 2020.**

The Minutes were approved of the Parish Council Meeting held on May 18th 2020:

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear: Seconded: Cllr. D. Sims:

7) **Highways and Speeding:**

The Clerk reported that Cllr. S. Burroughes had been sent the invoice for a contribution to be made from his Highways Budget and had paid the invoice so as to get the Sign Indicator Device ordered. He said that he had not heard from Westcotec.

8) **Sizewell C:**

The Clerk said that he had received a letter together with a Memory Stick with all the papers being submitted by Sizewell C to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order. He said that whilst the Planning Inspectorate are looking at the papers, they also welcome comments from interested parties regarding the papers submitted to them. The Clerk said that the period open to interested parties to make comments was until September 30th 2020.

Cllr. D. Sims said that Sizewell C were still using mainly a road strategy and he warned that the A1120 may have more traffic using it through the building work than is anticipated. He said that they were not really upgrading the railways and he believed that the papers should emphasise the use of railways and how the commuters were to get to the site.

It was agreed that Cllr. D. Sims would write a submission for the Parish Council and would circulate it around councillors for agreement by email.

9) **Village Sign:**

Cllr. S. Lear said that she would start work on repainting the sign once she has a roof on her working area.

Receipts:

Gross Interest £3-09

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear: Seconders: Cllr. A. Cable:

19) To appoint a Responsible Finance and Proper Officer for 2020 - 2021:

The Clerk, Paul Widdowson, was appointed the Responsible Finance and Proper Officer for 2020 - 2021:

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims: Seconders: Cllr. A. Candler:

20) Review of Standing Orders:

The Council reviewed the Standing Orders and agreed to continue to adopt the National Association of Local Councils' Template 2018 for England with the added amendments in 2018 and 2020 for the year 2020 - 2021. The 2020 amendment is as follows:-

Section 18 – Financial controls and Procurement (parts f and g)

f) A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £189,330 for a public service or supply contract or in excess of £4,733,252 for a public works contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include advertising the contract opportunity on the Contracts Finder website and in OJEU.

g) A public contract in connection with the supply of gas, heat, electricity, drinking water, transport services, or postal services to the public; or the provision of a port or airport; or the exploration for or extraction of gas, oil or solid fuel with an estimated value in excess of £378,660 for a supply, services or design contract; or in excess of £4,733,252 for a works contract; or £663,540 for a social and other specific services contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in OJEU) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear: Seconders: Cllr. A. Candler:

21) Review of Financial Standing Orders:

The Council reviewed the Financial Regulations and agreed to continue to adopt the National Association of Local Councils Template 2019 for England with the added amendments in 2020 for the year 2020 - 2021. The 2020 amendment is as follows:-

Contracts - The footnotes should now read

For public supply and public service contracts £189,330

For public works contracts £4,733,252

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconded: Cllr. A. Candler:

22) Adoption of Code of Conduct:

The Clerk said that the Code of Conduct was unchanged. The Council agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct for 2020-2021.

Proposer:

Cllr. A. Candler:

Seconded: Cllr. A. Cable:

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

The Councillors reviewed and accepted the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Internal Audit Report 2019-2020 and agreed to pay the invoice to Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) who had completed the Internal Audit.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconded: Cllr. A. Cable:

24) To receive information and agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting on September 28th 2020:

It was agreed to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Zoom and that Sibton Future, defibrillator and Section 106 money would be items on the agenda. Cllr. A. Dale also confirmed that he would be sending his letter regarding the church Lands Trust.

The Meeting ended at 8-20pm.