

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, September 28th 2020 at 7pm.

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 County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes (left 7-35pm):

1) Apologies:

There were no absences to record apologies.

Cllr. A. Dale wished to record that Peter Cole who was a former member of the council, had died last Saturday.

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:

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that the new road bridge in Lowestoft to be called the 'Gull Wing' had been given the go-ahead and it was hoped that this would allow much freer movement across Lowestoft. He said that there had been an increase in Covid-19 in some schools in West Suffolk and Suffolk County Council had worked with Norfolk County Council in the recent outbreak in Banham.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that Places Leisure were now running Waveney Valley Leisure centre which was the former Bungay Pool. He said that it was planned to open the new refurbished centre in Mid-October and he hoped that BBC Radio Suffolk would broadcast its Breakfast Show there on the first morning. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that Water Lane would now close for a refurbishment of that centre. Finally he noted that no schools were using the swimming pools currently.

10) Sibton Future:

Cllr. C. Nicholson gave some ideas including the painting of the rails in Pouy Street. It was agreed that this had already been discussed in Item 4 and that no further discussion was needed.

11) Defibrillator:

Cllr. A. Dale reported that he had discussed with the White Horse Public House their hosting of a defibrillator who he said were very happy to discuss further. He said that a defibrillator should be budgeted for in the 2021-2022 budget but there needed much more research and discussion on where it was to be sited.

12) Section 106 Money: Can the Trustees of Sibton & Peasenhall Playing Field make use of the funds available?

Cllr. A. Dale said that there was nothing for the money to be spent on within the remit of the Section 106 fund. He said that £165 had been collected at recent local church services.

13) Planning Matters:

There were no planning matters.

14) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk reported that the Community Action Suffolk Membership was free and it was agreed to join. The clerk said that he had received a North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone Design Guide Letter, a Coastal Adaptation Letter covering the coast from Holkham to Felixstowe. Finally, the Clerk said that he had received the Notification of Exempt status for the External Audit and that the Local Government Boundary Commission was holding a consultation on the Local County Council Boundaries.

15) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on September 12th 2020:

Business Community Account	£4 779-51
Business Money Manager	£6 617-18

b) Receipts and Cheques for payment:

Cheques

100390	Clerks Salary – July until September 2020	£224-34
100391	Clerks Tax – July until September 2020	£56-20
100392	Clerk Reimbursement – Printer Paper	£16-19
100393	Insurance Renewal for 2020-2021	£176-36

Receipts:

BACS Second Precept Payment £875-00

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

16) Internet Banking:

Councillors agreed to add the Internet Banking payment option to the HSBC Bank Community Account. Cllr. S. Lear said that she would contact HSBC Bank.

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

17) Clerk's Pay 2020-2021:

It was agreed that the Clerk's Pay would be set at Point 11 on the New Clerk's Pay Scale.

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

18) Insurance Renewal 2020-2021

The Insurance Renewal was agreed for 2019-2020 with a Three-Year 'Long Term Understanding' at £176-36. It was agreed to pay the insurance renewal for 2021-2022.

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

19) Data Protection Fee:

The Clerk said that the £40 fee had still not been paid and he had been told that no cheques are being cashed. However the Clerk said that he had been assured that no fines etc would be levied.

20) Council Papers from Past Years:

The Clerk said that he had papers from past years and wondered if they could be accommodated elsewhere. Cllr. A. Dale said that he could take in some papers.

21) To receive information and agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting on November 23rd 2020:

Councillors agreed to put the Budget and Precept on the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Meeting ended at 9-20pm.