

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasehall Methodist Church on Monday, November 28th 2022 at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr. A. Candler (Vice-Chair); Cllr. A. Cable; Cllr. S. Lear; Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener and Cllr. D. Sims:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and three parishioners
(Two parishioners left at 7-42pm and one parishioner left at 7-47pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. A. Dale (Chair) gave his apologies which were accepted.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

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 had sent a written report.

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

The members of the public at the meeting had no questions.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, September 26th 2022:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, September 26th 2022.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

7) Noticeboards:

Cllr. S. Lear reported that a new noticeboard cost around £582 whilst a refurbishment would cost around £200.

Councillors agreed to buy a new noticeboard and Cllr. S. Lear was asked to secure quotes with the name of the Parish Council added to the Noticeboard.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Seconder: Cllr. S. Lear:

8) Railings:

Cllr. S. Lear said that she was trying to contact Suffolk County Council to get advice on what paint and which railings could be painted in the parish from a Health and Safety point of view. She also said that the Sibton sign would be painted green and cream.

9) Highways and Speeding:

Cllr. A. Cable reported that the Sign Indicator Device (SID) was about to go up in Pouy Street for a month and then the SID would go to the A1120. He said that the average speed of traffic along the A1120 according to the SID was above the speed limit of 30mph.

10) Footpath in Pouy Street:

Cllr. S. Lear reported that the Suffolk County Council were repairing the river wall soon.

11) Planning Matters:

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage. Part demolition of existing house and erection of two storey extension. Erection of cart shed double garage.

Address: Grove Cottage, Sibton Green, Sibton, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 2JU

Ref: DC/22/2105/FUL

The applicants gave a brief history and the reasons for the planning application. In view of the revised plan, the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Cable:

Proposal: Erection of 4 No. ancillary buildings in respect of the 4 No. tourist accommodation Lodges approved under application reference DC/21/5750/FUL.

Address: Green Farm, Sibton Road, Yoxford, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 3JP

Ref: DC/22/4073/FUL

The Parish Council stood by its previous comments made in response to Planning Application DC 22 5750 FUL in that there are more buildings being proposed and also the Parish Council believes that they are of disproportionate size.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that he had received a letter from St. Elizabeth Hospice asking for a Donation and the Election Costs 2023-2027 from East Suffolk Council. It was agreed to discuss the donation at the next Parish Council Meeting in January 2023.

13) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on November 12th 2022:

Business Charitable Account	£15 059-02
Business Money Manager	£6620-78

b) Payments and Receipts:

Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Sept. 2022	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Oct. 2022	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Nov. 2022	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Dec. 2022	£5-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay for Oct. until Dec. 2022 – Awaiting Amount	
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax for Oct. until Dec. 2022 – Awaiting Amount	
Internet Banking	Suffolk Cloud – Hosting Website 202-2023	£110-00
Internet Banking	SALC Six-Months Payroll Service	£22-80

Receipt:

BACS	CIL Payment – October 2022	£2 916-91
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Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Cable:

14) Clerk's Pay 2022-2023 and 2023-2024:

It was agreed to set the Clerk's Pay at Point 13 on the National Association of Local Council (NALC) Clerk's Pay Scale 2022-2023

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Second: Cllr. A. Cable:

It was agreed that the backpay to April 1st 2022 from the pay increase for each scale point agreed in November 2022 would also be added.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

Second: Cllr. D. Sims:

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Parish Council an article suggesting that the Clerk's Hours for a Parish Council the size of Sibton should be 17.5 hours a month. It was agreed that the Clerk's Hours rising from 8.667 hours per month to 10 hours a month from 1st April 2023.would be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting in January 2023.

15) Budget and Precept 2023-2024:

The Clerk set out the Budget and after some questions, the councillors agreed the Budget:

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

The Councillors agreed to set the Precept at £2250 for the Financial Year 2023–2024:

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

16) To decide the date and receive agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting:

It was agreed to add Donations, Cil Money and the Clerk's Hours to the next Parish Council Agenda.

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday, January 23rd 2023 at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 9-14pm.