

# **Sibton Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasenhall Methodist Church on Monday, January 23rd 2023 at 7pm.**

## **Present:**

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

## **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes (left at 7-40pm):

## **Agenda Item 4 was taken at this point:**

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that to help businesses with the cost of living there was the Rural England Fund with 1.9 million. He said that the last two towns to become 'Digital Towns' were Halesworth and Bungay who now had free Wi-Fi. Finally, County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that East Suffolk Council had managed to keep all the Swimming Pools open unlike some other councils owing to the huge energy costs.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that much Suffolk County Council Money went on Adult Community Care, Vulnerable Children and Looked After Children. He said that early intervention was best.

Cllr. A. Cable asked about the Pouy Street Riverbank. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that the County Council was still waiting for the Environment Agency. He suggested the Parish Council write a letter to the relevant Suffolk County Council Cabinet Member may be useful.

Cllr. A. Dale asked why the District and County Councils used contractors as he believed that there was no feedback and no accountability. Cllr. A. Cable gave the example of the sign on Rendham Road. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that the budget set by Suffolk County Council for signs next year was only enough to resurrect mandatory signs.

### **1) Apologies:**

Cllr. S. Lear. Councillors accepted her apologies.

### **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:**

Agenda Item 4 was discussed before Agenda Item 1.

**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 had no questions.

**6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, November 28th 2022:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, November 28th 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:                      Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

**7) Noticeboards:**

After some discussion, it was agreed to buy a new noticeboard from Noticeboards UK.

It was also agreed to check if Cil Money could be used to purchase the noticeboard.

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

**8) Railings:**

Cllr. A. Dale asked about painting the railings on the A1120 and in Pouy Street. It was noted that the Parish Council could not paint the railings on the A1120 owing to Health and Safety reasons. However the Pouy Street railings could be painted but it would need to be painted with the right type of paint. Cllr. A. Dale said that two people had been approached and one had not quoted and the other would only do Pouy Street and on an hourly basis.

**9) Highways and Speeding:**

Cllr. A. Cable said that the Sign Indicator Device (SID) would be moved to Pouy street in the next few days otherwise there was nothing to report.

**10) Footpath in Pouy Street:**

Councillors agreed that this had been discussed in County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes' Report in Item 4.

### 11) Planning Matters:

The Clerk said that a Planning Appeal Inspector had written a letter to the Parish Council asking if the Parish Council had anything to add regarding DC 22 1474 FUL by January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023. The Clerk said that he had sent the Appeal Letter to all Councillors.

### 12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk went through the Procedures for the forthcoming Parish Council Election and the need for Voter ID at Polling Station. He also reported that he had received a letter from the HSBC on Bundling Rules.

### 13) Donations:

Councillors agreed to the following donations to the following organisations:

St. Elizabeth Hospice - £50  
Royal British Legion - £50  
Citizen's Advice Bureau - £50  
East Anglian Air Ambulance - £50

Cllr. A. Dale asked what the Parish Council was going to do for the King's Coronation on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023. It was agreed to discuss this issue at the next Parish Council Meeting.

### 14) Financial Report:

#### a) Balances at the Bank on January 12th 2023:

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

#### b) Payments and Receipts:

Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – January 2023	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – February 2023	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – March 2023	£5-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay for October until December 2022	£321-40
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax for October until December 2022	£80-40

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:                      Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

### 15) Cil Report:

The Clerk explained how the Parish Council had accumulated Cil Money and that the Councillors had to decide how to spend it over the next four to five years. Councillors agreed to think about projects to spend the Cil money on to benefit the parishioners.

