

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasenhall Methodist Church on Monday, July 17th 2023 at 7pm.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); Cllr. J. Ewart (Left 7-43pm) and three observers (Left 8-17pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener sent his apologies and Councillors accepted his apologies.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes was not present.

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 Councillors:

District Cllr. J. Ewart said that she had a post in Health at East Suffolk Council. She reported on the Planning Forum on July 7th 2023 and how planning applications could again be 'Called In'. District Cllr. J. Ewart said that if a Parish Council challenged a planning application, it would now go to the East Suffolk Council Planning Committee whereas before it may have been decided by a planning officer.

District Cllr. J. Ewart reported that the court challenge regarding the lack of water for Sizewell C had been dismissed. She said that water would now be brought by lorry to help build Sizewell C. Cllr. S. Lear asked how the concrete mixers were going to be transported to the Sizewell C site. Cllr. A. Candler said that all supplies could only use the A12. District Cllr. J. Ewart said that Electricite De France (EDF) were now speaking to the Parish Councils and that she had drafted a letter for Sibton Parish Council to adopt. Cllr. A. Dale said that he had met a person from Hinckley where a Nuclear Power Station is being built and they had said that it had greatly helped the local small towns including Hinckley. He said rather than oppose it, he thought that the local

parishes should be negotiating with EDF regarding how it is built so as to have beneficial infrastructure for the future. Cllr. S. Lear said that the parishes needed to get the best for the area especially for young people and not just oppose. Cllr. D. Sims gave the example of how the Woodbridge to Saxmundham Railway could be improved. District Cllr. J. Ewart agreed and reported on the renewable sources of generating electricity.

District Cllr. J. Ewart reported on the closure of Saxmundham Free School in 2024, the Wickham Market to Chediston Cycle Ride and the Cost-of-Living Crisis. She said that no-one should be hungry and East Suffolk Council had a new scheme for the Council to help pay rent to landlords to make available empty properties.

District Cllr. J. Ewart said that she had been told that it would take thirty days to get someone to look at the hedge. She said that she had been working on the Pouy Street River issue and that there was £25 000 available for Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership Projects. It was agreed that Cllr. A. Dale and Cllr. S. Lear would attend the next Framlingham and Wickham Market Community Partnership Meeting on July 25th 2023 in Melton.

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.

Agenda Item 7 was taken at this point:

A spokesperson from County Broadband made a presentation. He said that he understood that the Parish Council was neutral and that this presentation was for information. The spokesperson said that it was planned that 85% of the UK Population should be connected to fibre by 2026 so this meant that the populated areas were being upgraded first leaving the rural areas until later. He said that County Broadband could upgrade rural areas sooner if 20% of the local households in a village signed up over a four-month period. It was noted that Sibton Green already had fibre broadband.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, May 15th 2023:

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, May 15th 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Secunder: Cllr. A. Candler:

7) County Broadband:

Agenda Item 7 was discussed before Agenda Item 6.

8) Hedgehog Highway Project:

Councillors discussed the project, agreed to help the hedgehogs and would do what they could to support them. However, the Councillors decided not to join the Hedgehog Highway Project.

9) Railings:

It was noted that this had been discussed with District Cllr. J. Ewart in Item 4.

10) Village Sign:

It was reported that the new Oak Post had been delivered and would be put in once the foundation was ready.

11) Highways and Speeding:

Cllr. A. Cable reported that there had been a survey box for over two weeks on the A1120. He said that the average speed in the 30mph had been between 39-55mph and one morning a car had travelled at 60mph. Cllr. A. Cable said that there was a need for the Police Speed Van to come to the A1120 in Sibton.

12) Footpath in Pouy Street:

It was noted that this had been discussed with District Cllr. J. Ewart in Item 4.

13) Planning Matters:

***Proposal:** Variation of Condition No. 6 of DC/22/4073/FUL - Erection of 4 No. ancillary buildings in respect of the 4 No. tourist accommodation Lodges approved under application reference DC/21/5750/FUL. - Condition no. 6 to be varied, for development to instead be carried out in accordance with the Addendum letter (Ref: IE21/066) dated 24 March 2023 to the JP Chick Stage I/ Tier I (SITI) - Contaminated Land Desk Study and Walkover Survey 24 March 2023 and cover letter (Ref: IE21/066) dated 26 May 2023.*

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

***Ref:** DC/23/2336/VOC*

The Parish Council approves this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

14) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received a NBB Recycled Furniture leaflet, an East Suffolk Planning Alliance Affiliation Reminder, a letter from the Royal British Legion and an Uncontested Election Costs information email.

The Clerk reported on the Planning Forum held on Friday, July 7th 2023 and said that he had received the Annual Subscription Fee letter from the Information Commissioner.

15) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on July 12th 2023: To receive an update on the current financial status.

Business Charitable Account	£22 264-02
Business Money Manager	£6 665-46

b) Payments and Receipts: To review receipts and approve payments.

Payments:

Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – April 2023	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – May 2023	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – June 2023	£5-40
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – July 2023	£5-40
Internet Banking	SALC Annual Internal Audit 2023-2024	£202-80
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – April until June 2023	£311-30
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – April until June 2023	£77-80
Internet Banking	Information Commissioner Fee	£40-00

Receipt:

BACS	Bank Interest – June 2023	£22-25
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The Clerk's Financial Report was accepted.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Candler:

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

Councillors discussed the Internal Audit Report, accepted it and agreed to pay the invoice from SALC.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

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

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Monday, September 18th 2023 at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 9-10pm.