

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasenhall Methodist Church on Monday, September 18th 2023 at 7pm.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); District Cllr. J. Ewart (Left at 7-50pm) and one parishioner (Left at 7-50pm):

1) Apologies:

County Cllr. S. Burroughes sent his 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:

Cllr. A. Dale said that he had a personal Interest in Item 11.

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 reported that the Community Partnership Meeting had been very good and she hoped that the Project Manager and the Parish Councils would now have a close partnership. She said that she had been at the Leiston Office of the Citizens Advice Bureau and she said that there is help for those needing help in the current Cost of Living Crisis.

District Cllr. J. Ewart said that there had been some thefts recently. Cllr. S. Lear said that a mower had been stolen around three weeks ago. District Cllr. J. Ewart said that all thefts must be logged with the Police so that the Police can see theft patterns. have a Police Officer assigned to the area and a list available online if the thefts that have taken place locally.

District Cllr. J. Ewart said that there was a list of grants available and that if the Parish Council had a large project for Cil Money to be used, East Suffolk Council had money in their Cil Fund. Cllr. J. Ewart reported that if the Parish Council made a response that was different to the Planning Officers decision, it would be looked at by the District Councillors.

District Cllr. J. Ewart reported that East Suffolk Council would pay the deposit and the rent for someone to live in a property that is currently empty and Cllr. S. Lear said that a local contractor was giving a quote to cut back the Inner Causeway Hedge in October.

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

The parishioner answered questions from Councillors regarding the planning application in Item 11.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, July 17th 2023:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, July 17th 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Cable:

7) Railings:

It was agreed that the Railings had been discussed in the County and District Councillors' Report.

8) Village Sign:

Cllr. A. Dale reported that the Village Sign and the Post were ready to go up and a contractor was ready to put the Village Sign up. However, he said that the sign needed a base.

Councillors agreed to buy a base and to put up the Village Sign with a maximum budget of £2000.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Dale:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

9) Highways and Speeding:

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the 20's Plenty Campaign which was noted by the Councillors.

Cllr. A. Cable said that the Sign Indicator Device (SID) was currently in Pouy Street but it would soon be moved to the A1120 within the next few weeks.

10) Footpath in Pouy Street:

It was agreed that the Footpath in Pouy Street had been discussed in the County and District Councillors' Report.

11) Planning Matters:

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage. Demolition of existing house and replacement with new dwelling and erection of cart shed double garage. (Replacement approval DC/22/2105/FUL).

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

Ref: DC/23/3289/FUL

The Parish Council approves this planning application as the street scene will suffer no variation.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that he had found that the Parish Council's response to the Planning Application DC 22 4073 FUL had not appeared in the appropriate section of the East Suffolk Planning Website. He said that he had sent the response in and it now appears on the Planning Website. The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the Suffolk Police Locality Inspector who was introducing herself and also informing the Parish Council of the increase of Police Patrols in the area. He also said that he had received emails from East Suffolk Council regarding Grit Bins, from the Citizens Advice Bureau East Suffolk informing the Parish Council of a Public Meeting and from East Suffolk Council who are holding a 'Custom and Self-Build Housing Consultation'.

The Clerk said that he had received an email from Suffolk County Council responding to a complaint that a footpath was impassable owing to rape crop by saying that it was the landowner's responsibility and not Suffolk County Council. Finally, the Clerk said that he had received a Pensions Regulator Letter informing the Parish Council that it will need to re-enrol by July 1st 2024.

13) Insurance Renewal 2023-2024:

Councillors agreed to renew the Community Action Suffolk Insurance for 2023-2024 and agreed to pay the premium of £405-80.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Candler:

14) Bank Accounts Review:

Councillors agreed to discontinue the £350 Max Daily Payment Limit on the Charitable Account as an increasing number of invoices were above the daily limit. It was agreed that Cllr. A. Dale and Cllr. D. Sims would complete the paperwork to effect this change at the HSBC.

Councillors also agreed to make a £10 000 transfer from the Charitable Account to the Money Manager Account.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

15) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on September 12th 2023:

Business Charitable Account	£21 457-12
Business Money Manager	£6 692-86

b) Payments and Receipts:

Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – August 2023	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Sept. 2023	£5-00
Internet Banking	ESC Uncontested Election Fee	£67-32
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – July until Sept. 2023	£TBC
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – July until Sept. 2023	£TBC
Internet Banking	Clerk's Expenses – Printer Ink and Folders	£24-60
Internet Banking	Insurance Renewal 2023-2024	£405-80

Receipt:

BACS	Bank Interest – September 2023	£27-40
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The Finance Report was accepted.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Cable: Second: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

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

The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday, November 20th 2023.

The Meeting ended at 8-28pm.