

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasenhall Methodist Church on Monday, September 2nd 2024 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); County Cllr. S. Burroughes (on the telephone from 7-18pm until 7-39pm) and five members of the public (One member of the public left at 7-13pm and three left at 7-53pm):

1) Apologies:

County Cllr. S. Burroughes was not present and District Cllr. J. Ewart gave 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.

Item No. 5 was taken at this point of the meeting.

Parishioners at the meeting asked that the Hedgerow on the A1120 was not cut down. Cllr. A. Dale said that the Parish Council knew about the Hedgerow and had been considering what to do with the Hedgerow. The Parishioners asked that it was not cut down but it was maintained into the future.

4) To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:

County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he had sent a written report to the Parish Council.

Cllr. A. Dale said that there could not be any progress until the issue with pole carrying fibre wires had been resolved and that he would be checking on the current progress.

A Parishioner asked if the hedgerow was in a conservation area. County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he did not believe that it was in a conservation area.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes asked the Parish Council to publicise and ask parishioners to report any incident of theft and fire to the Police.

Councillors asked County Cllr. S. Burroughes to ask Suffolk Highways to replace the Village Entrance Sign to Sibton from Yoxford.

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

This Agenda Item was taken after Agenda Item No. 3.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 28th 2024:

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 28th 2024 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

7) Highways:

It was reported that the Police Speed Camera had been in the village and that the river was becoming clogged up.

8) Website:

The Clerk reported that Suffolk Cloud would help the Parish Council in the event that Cllr. A. Cable was not able to continue to maintain the Parish Council Website.

9) Footpath in Pouy Street:

It was noted that this item on the agenda had been discussed in Item 4.

10) Local Energy Developments:

Councillors noted for discussion with Sizewell C whether the single-track railway between Woodbridge and Saxmundham would not delay the passenger trains in view of the number of goods trains planned to arrive and leave the Sizewell C site overnight. They also noted for discussion with Sizewell C the roundabout planned at Willow Marsh Lane and the link from the new Car Park at Willow Marsh Lane to Darsham Station.

11) Planning Matters:

Proposal: An Outline Planning Application for tourism development at Cockfield Hall Estate. The application, which includes detailed proposals for the matter of access, (with all other matters to be reserved for future determination), is for the erection of up to 37 cottages/farmsteads (comprising up to 200 beds).

Address: Cockfield Hall, Station Road, Yoxford, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 3ET

Ref: DC/23/4864/OUT

b) Payments and Receipts:

Payments:

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| Internet Banking | Charitable A/c Bank Charges – May 2024 | £5-00 |
| Internet Banking | Charitable A/c Bank Charges – June 2024 | £5-00 |
| Internet Banking | Charitable A/c Bank Charges – July 2024 | £5-00 |
| Internet Banking | Charitable A/c Bank Charges – August 2024 | £5-00 |
| Internet Banking | Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Sept. 2024 | £5-00 |
| Internet Banking | Clerk's Pay – April until June 2024 | £419-10 |
| <i>Internet Banking</i> | <i>Clerk's Tax – April until June 2024</i> | <i>£7-20</i> |
| <i>(Not Paid as the Parish Council is already in surplus to the HMRC)</i> | | |
| Internet Banking | SALC Internal Audit | £212-40 |
| Internet Banking | Information Commissioner Fee 2024-2025 | £40-00 |
| Internet Banking | Insurance Renewal 2024-2025 | £TBA |
| Internet Banking | Clerk's Pay – July until September 2024 | £TBA |
| Internet Banking | Clerk's Tax – July until September 2024 | £TBA |

Receipts:

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| BACS | Interest | £87-73 |
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The Financial Report was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

14) 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. A. Cable:

15) Cil Money:

Councillors noted that Sibton Parish Council had a substantial sum of Cil Money and could pool it with other Parish Councils and possibly with East Suffolk Council.

Councillors discussed the possibilities of a new Village Hall, an upgrade of the Playing Field and other sports facilities.

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

Councillors noted the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday, November 18th 2024 at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 8-56pm.