# 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) <u>Apologies:</u>

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

#### 2) <u>To receive Declarations of Interest and confirm all Members have reviewed</u> <u>their Declaration of Interest Forms: Councillors to declare any Pecuniary</u> <u>or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members may subsequently declare an</u> <u>interest at any point in the meeting:</u>

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3) <u>Requests for dispensations:</u>

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) <u>To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:</u>

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) <u>Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask</u> <u>questions on topics on the agenda.</u>

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

#### 6) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on</u> <u>Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024:</u>

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) <u>Highways:</u>

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

#### 8) <u>Website:</u>

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) <u>Footpath in Pouy Street:</u>

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 Councillors agreed that they had nothing to add to their comments when the planning application came to their attention in the Parish Council Meeting held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

Proposal: Full detailed planning application for the creation of two water bodies as part of a larger Landscape masterplan, to hold water within the landscape including the creation of reed bed and wetland habitat. The lakes will provide recreational use and mooring points, associated with the wider tourism development. A new pedestrian bridge will retain the existing public right of way.

Address: Cockfield Hall Estate, Station Road, Yoxford, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 3ET Ref: DC/23/4867/FUL

Councillors agreed that they had nothing to add to their comments when the planning application came to their attention in the Parish Council Meeting held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

# 12) <u>Clerk's Report, Donations and Correspondence:</u>

The Clerk reported that a new Member of Parliament had been elected for the Suffolk Coastal Constituency and that the Re-declaration of Compliance with the Pensions Regulator had been completed on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 and been confirmed. The Clerk said that the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance and Accountability Return had been put on noticeboards and on the Website.

The Clerk said that he had just received the Insurance Renewal for 2024-2025 with a cost of £458-55. The Clerk said that some criteria used in the quote needed to be changed including the Internal Auditor's suggestion that the Fidelity needed to be increased in view of the Parish Council's Cil Money. Councillors agreed to pay the Insurance Renewal cost after the necessary criteria changes.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener: Seconder: Cllr. A. Candler:

The Clerk noted that the HSBC Bank were reducing the Money Manager Account Interest Rate from 1.92% to 1.8% and he had received a letter asking for a donation from the Yoxmere Benefice. Councillors discussed the request and decided not to make a donation. The Clerk reported that he had received further emails from parishioners regarding smoke and noise. Councillors discussed and noted that the issue had been passed to the local East Suffolk Councillor J. Ewart and the East Suffolk Council Officers.

# 13) Financial Report:

# a) Balances at the Bank on August 12th 2024:

Business Charitable Account	£13 582-37
Business Money Manager	£16 929-55

# b) <u>Payments and Receipts:</u>

## Payments:

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

#### Receipts:

BACS Interest

The Financial Report was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

£87-73

#### 14) <u>Acceptance of the Internal Auditors Report and to pay their invoice with</u> <u>any amendments:</u>

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) <u>Cil Money:</u>

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) <u>To decide the date and receive agenda items for the next Parish Council</u> <u>Meeting:</u>

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

#### The Meeting ended at 8-56pm.