

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasenhall Methodist Church on Monday, July 21st 2025 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 after Item 4) and County Cllr. S. Burroughes joined the meeting by telephone (8-12pm until 8-22pm).

1) Apologies:

There were no 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. Levett-Scrivener declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 13.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no Requests for Dispensations.

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

There were written reports from County Cllr. S. Burroughes and District Cllr. J. Ewart.

District Cllr. J. Ewart reported that East Suffolk Council did not adopt the 20's Plenty Proposal. She said that she was working with East Suffolk Services regarding a new Dog Bin in Pouy Street and had written a paper with practical solutions for the Sea Link Project.

District Cllr. J. Ewart said that Parish Councils should note that a planning application refused a few years ago and opposed by the Parish Council could now be permitted owing to planning changes. She gave an example and advised that the Parish Council organise a Land Bank as any spare land could be built on.

Councillors looked at the East Suffolk Council Community Officer's Plan for the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field where they discussed who would own the concept and who would lead the project. It was agreed to set up a working party to organise an event on September 20th at the Playing Field for parishioners to give their view. Councillors believed that the Playing Field should be broad in its uses with

changing rooms for sports events but also perhaps a village hall and a bandstand for community events. Councillors agreed that the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Fields Trust should manage the field.

District Cllr. J. Ewart said that she had contacted the Environment Agency regarding giving permission for Essex and Suffolk Water to repair the water pipe across the river in Pouy Street.

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

No members of the public were at the meeting.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, May 19th 2025.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 19th 2025 were agreed.

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

7) Highways and Speeding:

It was noted that there was now a 30mph speed limit from Yoxford to just before Dorley's Corner near Kelsale which had led to more traffic travelling via Sibton. It was also noted that there were more vehicles breaking the speed limit in Pouy Street.

Cllr. A. Cable reported that he had reset the Sign Indicator Device (SID) and was downloading the data. He said that he had not received a reply from Suffolk County Council regarding the bracket and extension.

8) Footpath in Pouy Street:

Cllr. A. Dale reported that District Cllr. J. Ewart had agreed to contact the Environment Agency for permission to make a repair.

9) Dog Bin:

Cllr. A. Dale reported that District Cllr. J. Ewart had agreed to speak to East Suffolk Services regarding installing a Dog Bin in Pouy Street.

10) Local Energy Developments:

Cllr. A. Candler reported that Sea Link Project was currently at the Pre-Examination Stage.

He said that he was unable to attend the Sizewell C Meeting in August. Cllr. D. Sims agreed to be a substitute for the meeting.

Cllr. A. Dale asked if the Willow Marsh Lane Development and the new 30mph speed limit past the site could be discussed at the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, County Cllr. S. Burroughes joined the meeting by telephone.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that the repairs on the Orwell Bridge were causing much delay and there were many calls now for a 'Northern Bypass' to be built. He said that the Library Service was now back under direct control of Suffolk County Council and that all forty-five libraries were being kept open.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that Suffolk County Council was supporting one unitary council for the whole of Suffolk and encouraged everyone to have their say in the survey which was open until August 4th.

Cllr. A. Cable said that he had not received a reply from Suffolk County Council regarding the bracket and extension. Cllr. A. Dale asked if there had been any progress regarding the Pouy Street issue. County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would investigate both issues.

11) Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field:

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

12) Cil Money:

It was noted that the Cil Money could be used to hold an information day for parishioners to attend at the Playing Field on September 20th 2025.

13) Planning Matters:

Proposal: 1no. Beech (marked on plan) – Fell

Address: Pouy Street Cottage, 16 Pouy Street, Sibton, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 2JH

Ref: DC/25/2709/TCA

As Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener had declared a pecuniary interest in this planning application he left the room for this Agenda Item while Councillors discussed and agreed their response to this planning application.

The Parish Council approves this planning application as the Parish Council believes that the tree is too close to the cottage and has outgrown its environment.

Proposer: Cllr. D. Sims:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Candler:

14) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Public Rights 2024-2025 had been put on the noticeboards and on the website. He said that the Exemption Certificate had been sent to the External Auditors.

The Clerk said that he had been informed that the Parish Council were expected to adopt the gov.uk email and website addresses by March 2026 which the Clerk believed the Parish Council would meet as he was working on this issue currently with Suffolk Cloud.

The Clerk reported that he had received emails regarding Affordable Housing and a Tour of Britain Cycling Grant for a Community Event. He said that East Suffolk Council was also asking Councillors to take part in a Planning Questionnaire on the future of the area.

15) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on July 12th 2025:

Business Charitable Account	£12 966-44
Business Money Manager	£17 243-63

b) Payments and Receipts:

Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – June 2025	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – July 2025	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – August 2025	£5-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – April until June 2025	£440-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – April until June 2025	£12-40
Internet Banking	Information Commissioner Sub. 2025-2026	£52-00

Receipts:

BACS	Bank Interest	£73-20
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The Financial Report was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Lear:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Candler:

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

It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday, September 15th 2025 starting at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 9-22pm.