

# **Sibton Parish Council**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasenhall Methodist Church on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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 at 7-45pm) and four Observers. Two Observers left at 7-47pm and one left at 8-17pm.

### **1) Apologies:**

County Cllr. S. Burroughes gave 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:**

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:**

There was a written report from County Cllr. S. Burroughes.

District Cllr. J. Ewart reported that she had been heavily pre-occupied with a planning application in Yoxford and recommended that the Parish Council set up a planning committee to consider future planning applications. She said that there were many concerns regarding the demand for water and she was trying to mitigate the traffic issues through the area caused by the local developments.

Cllr. A. Dale asked District Cllr. J. Ewart to note that the Suffolk County Council Representative had visited Pouy Street to see if the works had been completed to the plan. He noted that the Parish Council had not received a copy of the plan and recent rain had now caused some slippage of land beside the river.

District Cllr. J. Ewart said that she had much casework as there was much poverty in the villages and the food banks were now coming out to help these villagers. She also reported that she was working to have Post Office provision returned to Leiston and Halesworth.

**Agenda Item 11 was taken at this point of the meeting and was opened to the observers to comment and ask questions:**

Councillors understood that water mains pipes tended to be located next to gas pipes and the new reservoir would be on the surface near the water tower between Sibton and Walpole. It was commented that the new reservoir should not be near residential property. It was believed that it was planned to build the new reservoir in three years' time as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

It was requested that the Parish Council and other relevant councils would be thoroughly involved in the detail of the planning as there were 300-year-old oak trees and hedgerow to be considered. It was also asked that local people were consulted as they would probably be able to give alternatives to the planners. It was noted that the A12 traffic restrictions were implemented to help the new developments but as local people were not consulted, traffic was now taking different routes to avoid the A12 making these routes more dangerous.

A question was asked about increased light pollution and it was believed that as the Sizewell C Development was using more water, they should contribute to resolving the problems with providing this extra water. It was also wondered why the top of the reservoir was planned to be gravel and to not allow anything to grow on it.

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council needed more detailed information in order to make a response to the Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer and Storage Project Consultation.

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

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, September 15th 2025:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 15th 2025 were agreed.

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

**7) Highways and Speeding:**

Cllr. A. Cable reported that he had not received any reply from Suffolk County Council regarding the missing bracket and pole. Cllr. S. Lear suggested asking Suffolk County Council if they could put a pole into the ground and the Parish Council would purchase a new bracket.

Cllr. A. Cable said that he would be putting the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Pouy Street.

**8) Footpath in Pouy Street:**

Cllr. A. Dale said that this issue had been discussed in Agenda Item 4. He noted that there was a crack in the earth on the side of the river and he believed that the soil would probably fall into the river.

**9) Local Energy Developments:**

Cllr. A. Candler and Cllr. D. Sims said that they had attended a Sizewell C Neighbourhood Meeting recently where they had been informed that the number of lorries allowed per day to be involved in the Sizewell C Development was 600. They said that they had been told that 590 were currently deployed so the number of lorries was near its maximum.

Cllr. A. Candler and Cllr. D. Sims also reported that they had been told that the 30mph speed limit on the roads around the Sizewell C Development were for the Health and Safety of those on or near the roads.

**10) Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field:**

Cllr. A. Dale reported that two groups were currently using the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field. He said that dog fouling was a problem but he believed that the dog bins were not being emptied frequently enough.

Cllr. A. Dale said that it had been proposed that a group including Peasenhall Parish Council and Sibton Parish Council was formed in the Spring to plan the future development of the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field.

**11) Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer and Storage Project Consultation:**

This Agenda Item was taken after Agenda Item No. 4.

**12) Planning Matters:**

The Parish Council noted the following notification from East Suffolk Council:

**Proposal:** *Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) - works to form access permitted by planning permission DC/21/1563/FUL*

**Address:** *Abbey Farm, Yoxford Road, Sibton, Suffolk. IP17 2LU*

**Ref:** *DC/25/2867/CLE*

The Parish Council said that it had approved the planning application DC/21/1563/FUL and had nothing to add to this planning application.

**13) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:**

The Clerk reported that he had received emails from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS), the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) informing the Parish Council that the Internal Audit Service Fees List 2026 was now available and from East Suffolk Council regarding the Local Plan Call for Sites.



It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2026.

**The Meeting ended at 8-27pm.**