EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 20th May 2021

At 7.30 pm Earl Soham Village Hall

Minutes

In attendance David Grose, Mark Rutherford, Lucy Murrell, Andrew Patterson, Anna Goymer, Candida Cook, Neil Warden, Peter Russell, Tom Johnson

1) Apologies for absence From NW

2) Declaration of interest AG, DG, TJ, CC allotments

3) A)Approval of minutes from 1st and 8th April 2021 both unanimously approved

 B) Matters arising from 1st and 8th April 2021 Meeting other than to be discussed later none

4) Public Comment none at this point

5) Reports from councillors Maurice Cook none

6) Planning Applications: DC/21/2100/VOC no objections approved

8) Village Hall DG Village Hall from Paul Perkins Firstly, I hope that you are well in these most unusual times. As you will appreciate, this extended period has been a busy one in the life of the Village Hall, both in terms of events and behind the scenes fundraising efforts, and more recently with a programme of long-awaited improvements. Many thanks to all of you who have attended events before the enforced closure due to the worldwide pandemic (especially to those who have played some part in organising these) as well as those who have contributed (financially or otherwise). The Village Hall continues to be a focal point in the village and helps to bring extra life and spirit to our community which I am sure many will appreciate. As you will no doubt be aware, the Village Hall is currently closed, It will re-open again on the 24th of May. However, even with the Village Hall closed, the spirit of the community was very much alive, and we are delighted that so many of you are keeping in contact (…from a distance) and trying to help each other/the wider community. Hopefully, you will find this update useful and if you have any questions about this, or indeed in respect of the Village Hall more generally, please do speak to one of the committee members.

Lorna Perkins takes responsibility for day-to-day operations of the Village Hall and special thanks must go to her for ensuring the smooth operation of the Village Hall. Colin has been doing the roll of secretary and has been invaluable. As a Committee, we are also very grateful to the various other subcommittees/friends of the Village Hall who do so much in organising events and participating in these.

Sadly, Neil and Colin have indicated that they wish to step down from the committee after several years of stellar service and will do so once Village Hall life returns to normal and we can ensure a smooth handover. They will be greatly missed from the Committee. If anyone else would like to join the Committee (or recommend a friend…) please do let us know. We are looking to fill the position of treasurer, and  at  the next AGM.

9) Allotments project Various options were discussed to help with water collection from the stream during the wetter months and store in IBC containers a request for funding for a project was put forward this included a 10000 litre tank at £1398 2 field shelters at £500 and 100 meters of hose at £113 plus some infrastructure to help distribute the water around the allotments. LM suggested that there is possibly some IBC tanks at the cement works and would investigate and report back this would alleviate the cost of the 10000 litre tank.

10) Speed indicator flyer needs to out to all households, Benches have now been installed on the village green well done MR Finger Posts are well on the way and expected late June the Telephone Box as reported by CC needs some refurbishment as the door is rotten and needs painting GH provided 2 websites that specialise in phone box spares and paint CC to also get quote for shelving, 4 posts to be fitted at the splay entrance to Townlands field cost £240 approved, Warnes seeds planting trees later in the year, TJ Green Canopy to celebrate next year’s platinum jubilee suggested the area by the bridge and maybe put a small orchard with a plaque

11) Sizewell CC big week there is much dispute over how long it will take The Government Advice Group saying it will probably be out of date before it’s started

12) Quite Lane Comments PR consultation with the village and meeting resulted in 8 emails 5 for and 3 against no members of the public attended the Zoom meeting. A vote took place to continue with The Quite Lanes initiative voting unanimously approved the plan to go ahead

13) Financial Report attached GH reported that Barclays had shut down the Neighbourhood plan account with £8458.75p due to inactivity during the previous Covid19 restricted year GH and DG went to the bank on the 4th April 21 and have been assured the funds will be returned within 12 weeks!

14) Cheques signed Suffolk Norse £234, Townlands £200, Signs of the Times £2011.44p, ICO £40

15) Correspondence since last meeting The council has been contacted to extend the 30mph speed limit heading east on the A1120 much discussion that had reservations and no support

16) Any other business Guy to be contact for defibrillator, water on the road near bridge during heavy downpours, curbing opposite street farm needed as the edge of the road has become very close to the ditch

17)Next meeting Thursday 1st July 2021

Signed Guy Harvey 12/05/2021

The Public and Press are cordially invited to join the meeting government COVID 19 guidelines will be followed for any more information contact the clerk via email clerk@earlsoham.org.