**EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 11th January 2024 7.30pm Earl Soham Village Hall**

**Minutes**

Tom welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chairman and thanked David for his service to the Council over the last 8 years. Tom also said he would like to keep order the same as David but topic that is lengthy to be put onto the next agenda.

1. Apologies for absence. David Grose
2. Declaration of interest. None
3. a) Approval of minutes from Thursday 16th November 2023. Approved

 b) Matters arising from Thursday 16th November 2023. None other than later in agenda

 c) Approval of minutes from Thursday 12th December 2023 approved

1. Public Comment none
2. Report from Elaine Bryce. EB report sent
3. Report Owen Grey and Vince Langdon-Morris report sent
4. Planning Application ALL Missed planning application GH to talk to East Suffolk
5. Approval of Proposed Precept 2024/25 Unanimously Approved
6. Discuss East Suffolk Planning Alliance. TC to attend meeting on the 17th February
7. Village Hall CC reported that last year was the first year in a long time that type hall financially stood on its on feet. More events planned for 2024. Thanked the PC for last years donation and its further support in 2024 with £1500
8. PC projects – SID, Telephone Box TJ happy to get prices to renovate telephone box, Dog Bin now done, Newsletter now done, Replacement tree on the Village Green, John Hutton Plaque to recognise 40 years running the butcher's shop GH to get prices, Water Pump on village green repair GH to advise at next meeting
9. Village Hall event re “preserving our footpaths”CC reported that there will be an event at the village hall on the 28th January at 10am for 20-30 people soup and bread available CC asked if the PC would donate £50 to help this was Unanimously approved
10. Footpath issues and presumed footpaths CC to put forward a form for approval the wording was agreed and will be printed out
11. Update on Sizewell C. CC have lost a judicial review and no date to sign off funding not all there
12. Flooding issues and suggestions for the future ALL it was agreed to set up a WhatsApp group to report village issues on. Church lane and the causeway TJ to talk to Highways. Bridges at School and tennis club footpath have been moved/lifted by floodwater
13. Report from bank on unexplained closure of parish accounts GH reported that after 2 months without a bank account Barclays finally admitted the the closure was wrong and compensated the PC account with £568 all seems fine at the moment
14. Finance report GH attached
15. Cheques signed. GH
16. Correspondence since last meeting. GH Barclays various

Next meeting 7th March 2024

Signed Thomas Johnson Chair 7th March 2024