

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30pm

AT EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present:, Cllrs Richard Tinkler (Chair) John Hulme, (Vice Chair) Andrew Patterson, Jackie Barrow, Celia Peacher, Chris Pratt, David Grose

Clerk Jane Page

Public: None present

The Minutes are in the order of the Agenda:

1. Apologies – apologies were accepted for Cllrs Murrell, Rutherford
2. Declarations of Interest - there were no declarations of interest
3. To consider confirming the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th May 2016 - the Minutes were confirmed and signed
- 4 An opportunity for the public to make comments - none present
- 5.1 Play Pot fund - Cllr Hulme will approach Earl Soham Scouts to see if they could use the fund
- 5.2 Phone masts - some funds may be available. Cllr Pratt will follow up an article in the EADT and seek more information
- 5.3 Community Engagement with SCDC/Waveney - the council will monitor developments before making comment
- 5.4 Fit Village opportunity - Cllr Pratt will pass the information on this matter to the village hall
- 5.5 Outdoor playing space funding - council have no objections to the application by Framlingham Town Council
6. Public forum - none present
7. To hear reports from:
 - SCC - no report as new councillor only just elected
 - SCDC - Cllr C Hudson - no updates
 - School – Mr P Lambillion-Jamieson

Earl Soham Primary School: 2015 to 2016 A Very Busy Year.

Educational Visits

In November the whole School went to Leiston Film Theatre and saw the movie 'inside out'. This was an excellent experience and the film itself provided some useful opportunities for discussion in class, especially in PSHE lessons. In December Red Class visited the Wolsey Theatre to see a performance and the other Children enjoyed a visit to the Pantomime. It was very pleasing to receive an email from a member of the public, congratulating our pupils on their behaviour.

More recently (May 23rd) the whole school have visited Framlingham Castle which links directly to our theme this term 'Castles and Castle Life'. The theme has driven the curriculum and provided a focus for our writing and history work as well as drama.

The Egg

Shortly after the Autumn half term holiday children were amazed to see a giant egg in the school hedgerow. The project lasted a week and involved visits from a 'professor', the local vets and a 'Journalist' (thanks to them all for their help). The project certainly encouraged the pupils 'embrace wonder' and most importantly gave them a reason produce some excellent pieces of writing.

Sports and Competitions

Pupils have represented the school in the following competitions: Sports Hall Athletics, Basketball, gymnastics, football and Tag Rugby. A Hockey match against Year 7 Pupils at Debenham High School resulted in a convincing victory for Earl Soham. Thanks to DHS for hosting and selecting an appropriate team. All teams have made a very good job of representing the school and it was especially pleasing that one of the Gymnastics teams won their event and have progressed to the county final (8th July 2016).

Sports Relief (March 2016)

The School council organised a day of events including: come to school in sports kit/dressed as a sports star, a penny trail (spelling out Sports Relief 2016 on the Hall floor) and a 'danceathon'. The children organised this themselves with support from staff. £127.08 was raised.

Poetry and a live broadcast

In the Spring Term Pupils were treated to a live poetry performance and workshops when Adisa the Verbaliser visited the school. This inspired some excellent poetry which formed part of our Radio Broadcast on Radio Castle. Whist Blue class were broadcasting live from the studio the rest of the school listened to them back at school. Many parents (and other relatives) also listened to the broadcast either live or using a playback facility.

Curriculum Information Evening

At the start of the Summer term the school held a curriculum information evening for parents. The discussion covered the main changes to assessment, concentrating on Writing and Grammar. Parents were shown typical work from our pupils and the national exemplars. They also had an opportunity to look at the example Grammar Tests for years 2 and 6. The evening was well received.

Robin Hood

Last week the children put on a production of Robin Hood which was exceptionally well received. There were three performances and all of the children were involved as they sang and act out the story of Robin and the Sheriff of Nottingham. Thanks are due to all staff for their hard work and in particular Mrs Elliott who directed the play.

School Council

The school council (a group of elected pupil representatives) have shown considerable resilience in organising their own Educational Visit. Earlier in the year they asked to go to Banham Zoo. Since then they have been busy raising funds to finance their venture. A cake sale was held and the proceeds reduced the entry charge to £1 per pupil which parents paid. They also sent representatives to the PTFA meeting to request support with the cost of the transport. The whole school really enjoyed the trip to the zoo on Wednesday July 6th. The pupils have developed an appreciation that it is necessary to work towards a goal.

PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association).

The PTFA have been very busy organising events and more importantly raising funds. The most recent events were a Glow party (Disco) for the children and the annual fayre. They have raised in excess of £5000 this year and the school is very thankful for their continued support.

8. Planning applications and Notifications

To consider any planning applications received by the date of the meeting where reasonable and practical to do so

DC/16/1934/FUL Oakhill Farm - conversion of existing barn to residential modifying details approved under DC/14/3017/PN3 and DC/14/4226/FUL - *no objections*

DC/16/2081/FUL Land adjoining Wilbury, Low Road Amended design for plot 2 and site layout including addition of twin block garage and minor adjustment of site plan previously approved under DC/16/1311AME and DC/15/3816 AME. NB Plot one previously approved is under construction - *no objections*

9. Correspondence since last meeting circulated to Councillors *emailed

Suffolk Observatory Review*

Reply from SCDC re correspondence from last meeting*

SARS report*

Suffolk Flood Risk Management Strategy*

Sizewell report*

Countryside Rights of Way Consultation*

LCPAS newsletter*

Coastline*

10. Financial matters and payments due:

Finance report up to July 2016

Cheques for approval

	100731 Townlands Trust	187.5
	100732 Clerks expenses	27.37

Total 194.87

Uncashed cheques 0

s/o deposit acc D Peacher - Jun + July 127

s/o deposit acc Clerk -Jun-July 497.16

Transfers 0

Income received

SCDC precept 3613

Bank interest 0.79

Before cheques paid Current Account 845.6

	Business Account	7754.65
After payment	Current Account	630.73
	Business Account	7442.57
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11. Reports

Clerks Report

Site Allocations submission has been made

Dog bin has been purchased and is now installed

Hole in layby opposite Sunnyside has been reported but not yet mended

30MPH sign has been reported as knocked down - sign removed not yet returned

Flooding Bedfield Road/A1120 has been reported and dealt with

Clerk has put in VAT reclaim for 2015-16

A working party is to clean the bridge railings then clerk will request Highways paint them

Clerk to report overgrown verges on Church Lane

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed

Dated