

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Earl Soham Village Hall
Minutes for ESPC 04/01/18 at 19.30

Attending Chairman David Grose and Councillors, Mark Rutherford, John Starke, Peter Russell, Anna Goymer, Lucy Murrell, Andrew Patterson and Clerk Guy Harvey
Public; 2 members of the public (names held by chair)

DG Opened the meeting at 19.30 and welcomed everyone

1 Apologies: from Celia Peacher and Neil Warden

2 Declaration of interest: from Neil Warden ref anything to do with Mr B Hinton

3a Minutes from 02/11/2017: Approved and signed

3b No matters arising from Nov meeting

4 Public comment: none

5 Reports from Robin Vickary, Chris Hudson, and School: none

6 Planning application None to discuss at this meeting but would need to add an additional planning meeting for next week 11/01/18

7a DG Explained the importance that everyone understood the proposals and the impact on parishioners council tax. At the moment the Precept for Earl Soham is £7344 this equates to £37.81p per year for a band D household if Earl Soham Parish Council approved all the proposals being made the increase would take the Precept up to £9759 so for a band D household this would then cost £49.12p per year or an additional .96p per month. DG also explained that the costs to run the council such as insurance, wages, compliance, LSPAS etc would pretty much stay the same so any increases made would be spent directly on village upkeep and the parishioners would see a benefit straight away.

DG then went through the key increases

i) Pinch gate maintenance £200 per year

ii) Defibrillator installation training and consumables £500

iii) To start cemetery planning 1st year £500

iv) Grass cutting the verge from bus shelter to the Elms, village green and grass near bridge £600 per annum.

v) Village website revamp/ refresh £240

vi) Following a request from the Village Hall Chair to help them access further funds and grants to increase the ESPC donation to £1000

vii) Clerks salary needed to implement and run new data protection requirements from government directive 17 extra hours per year plus 2% increase

After general discussions it was agreed that ESPC would not make any further donations to outside parish charities as worthy as they are but would only donate to causes within the parish.

DG then asked for a vote on all items in 7a and the increase from £7344 to £9664 was unanimously voted in

DG Thanked Mark and Neil for their help and in-put to the Precept for 2018/19 together.

DG also thank Andrew Patterson for his many years of grass cutting in the village.

7b

i) cemetery one off clean up £480 reserves

ii) Defibrillator purchase £1200 CILs

iii) Replace missing pinch gate and missing fence with chevrons on at Bedfield road
£1500 split between CILs £1184.26p and reserves £315.74p

iv) Neighbourhood Plan 3 day consultancy £2000 CILs

iv) Village green protection from erosion £1000 CILs

vi) Computer £300 Reserves

vii) Filling cabinet with lock £200 Reserves

Total CILs £4384.26

Total Reserves £2295.74

Total Expenditure £6680.00

DG then asked for a vote 7b. Voting was unanimously in favour of all expenditure in 7b

8 Earl Soham Business Centre DG no further update

9 Neighbourhood Plan Update from Chris Sharpe See attached

10 Jubilee wood dog bin a new dog bin will cost the council £244 plus vat to install he council felt they wanted to help as much as possible will offer £100 as a one off donation unanimously agreed

11 Financial Matters GH We have to comply with the governments latest directive to do with data protection and all councils require a data protection officer (DPO) as we are small this is something I'm happy to undertake LCPAS run a course to help me on my way £40 part of this requires the council to own its own computer, software and anti virus the cost of this is circa £300 we will also need a lockable file cabinet circa £200

Cheques signed and current accounts attached

12 Correspondence GH reported that there had been a planning application that had arrived DC/17/5058.FUL and might need another meeting to discuss this. The 11th January 2018 was agreed.

13 Anything to add to next agenda none

14 Next meeting 11/01/18

The Chairman Thanked everyone for their support and coming to the meeting

Meeting closed at 21.45

Signed Date

