

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 3rd September 2020

At 7.30 pm Virtual meeting

Draft minutes

Attending: David Grose, Mark Rutherford, Lucy Murrell, Andrew Patterson, Anna Goymer, Candida Cook, John Starke

- 1) Apologies for absence Maurice Cook and Neil Warden
- 2) Declaration of interest none
- 3) a Approval of minutes from 12th approved and 21st August 2020 approved
b. Matters arising from August meetings ESCCRG will be discussed on item 9
- 4) Public Comment a member of the public asked when the findings from AECOM will be in the public domain MR commented that it had been difficult to tie them down but was hoping to get a meeting/report in the next few weeks
On a lighter note there is a video of otters playing in the village
- 5) Councillor Vacancy Peter Russell sent a resume and was present the council unanimously approved and welcomed Peter back
- 6) Reports from councillor Maurice Cooke none received
- 7) Planning application DC/20/2957/FUL no objection
- 8) Update on current projects; posts on village have now been fitted, the finger post had some artwork and it was agreed to put "Earl Soham Parish 2020" on the top Polo final artwork to be sent and confirmed, defibrillator by doctors surgery a poster to be made up and circulated at various locations and put in parish magazine, the Fido bin has been ordered and instructions on position given as agreed previously 1 councillor objected to the position and after further discussion a vote was taken to reposition 1 agreed, 1 abstained and 5 against so the position remains as previously agreed, SID positioning of posts to be circulated and agreed.
- 9) ESCCRG A detailed discussion took place regarding the ESCCRG and the purchasing of Chromebooks for Earl Soham primary school from donations made by the village.
It was concluded that due to continuing concerns over the conflict of interest and in light of the discrepancies in the number of Chromebooks received by the school against the expense claim, as well as legal guidance received, the Parish

Council took the unanimous decision to stop any payment for the Chromebooks. The Parish Council also wish to make clear that they would like to establish as quickly as possible a new relationship with the group given the funds that it is still safeguarding for them.

The Councillors's requested that the group liaise with us let us know of the new arrangements over structure, roles and responsibilities as soon as possible, so we can allow funds to be accessed again for the purposes that they were given.

- 10) Neighbourhood Plan update MR confirmed talks with AECOM
- 11) Financial matters GH see attached
- 12) Cheques to be signed GH Chris Hoare website £14.39, Ladywell payroll £51, East Suffolk return of food bank grant £1000, CAS insurance £198.97, BT phone box adoption £1.00
- 13) Correspondence since last meeting GH a letter about Broadband in the village but good service received
The paddocks on Brandeston road are asking to put up container council suggest seeking planning permission and for a grant from the village ref planting trees along a footpath, no grant from village funds available but maybe woodlands trust might be able to help
- 14) Any other business Logo needed more work, register the defibrillator with the ambulance service
- 15) Next meeting 5th November 2020 7.30pm

Signed