EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 7.30pm 17th February at the Village Hall

Extraordinary meeting

Minutes

In attendance: DG, MR, TJ, CC.

1. Apologies for absence

AG,NW,PR,AP

1. Declarations of Interest.

None

1. Public Comment

None

1. Meeting Protocol

DG spoke of learning that there were questions over expectations at PC meeting. However for this to be discussed he felt that all members should be present and suggested it go on the next Agenda, when hopefully everyone would be present.

1. EDF planning consultation

A long discussion took place with all members contributing to the discussion. After this debate the following wording was unanimously agreed to be sent.

‘The only reason that this application has come about, is due to ongoing concerns over the instability of the land as existing.  
However, we agree that the investigation should go ahead, but if the outcome confirms that this proposed work will not solve the unstable land then we would consider that this whole project would be too high risk to proceed any further.’

1. Planning Applications DC/22/0411/FUL

The above application was discussed by all, and a vote was taken and the following agreed to be sent in reply to ESDC.

‘ The Parish Council held a meeting to discuss the above planning application and unanimously voted to object.

The basis of this vote was that the ESDC Local Plan says that employment sites should be protected. By changing the existing planning permission status from employment to residential goes against this objective set out in the Local Plan, and therefore this application should be resisted.

Parish Council vote: Object – Unanimous’

1. Bench refurbishment in cemetery free offer

The above generous offer was discussed and although it was agreed in principle to accept, it was felt that the following should be understood and agreed first. 1) the wording on the bench must be agreed first,2) the time span for this refurbished must be agreed, 3) the final location for the bench must also be agreed.

1. Drones used for estate agents.

The above was discussed by all and it was agreed Dg would write to the local Estate Agents and the General Body of Estate Agents.

1. Tree on village green for Queens Platinum Jubilee

A resident has requested that a tree be planted on the Village Green, which they would be happy to contribute towards the cost of up to 50% of the potential cost which could be in the region of £500 - £600. A Copper Beech was spoken of as a potential tree. The Tree is to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. Following a discussion it was found that there were a number of different views and it was decided that DG would write to all councillors , as some were not present, and ask that they visit the Village Green and see if they agreed with the proposal and if so what they saw as the best solution,ie type of tree(s) and location. This will be put on the next PC Agenda.

1. Cheques to be signed

Done

1. AOB

None

Date of next meeting Thursday March 10th

Signed …………………….

Chairman