

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 7.30pm 13th January at the Village Hall

Minutes

In Attendance: DG,CC,AG,PR,TJ,MR,AP

DG made a statement regarding Lucy Murrell. Lucy had been in touch to say that as she had to undergo a major operation and would therefore be unable to attend a PC meeting for a considerable length of time she need to stand down. This was very sad news for the Council after Lucy had devoted many years of service and she had made a valuable contribution over many years. The Parish Council thank Lucy for her service and loyalty and wish f]her the very best in her recovery.

- 1) Apologies for absence – NW and Elaine Bryce (ESDC)
- 2) Declarations of Interest – None
- 3) a) Approval of minutes - Unanimously approved
b) Matters arising – None
- 4) Public Comment – None
- 5) Reports
 - a) ES District councillors - Elaine Bryce and Maurice Cook. Councillors not in attendance, but reports sent. Comment was made that reports are sent out too late re reply when feedback etc is requested.
 - b) County Councillor – Lydia Freeman – Not present
- 6) Planning Applications – No applications and previous application for the business park was withdrawn.
- 7) Precept discussion and approval for 2022/2023 – Unanimous approved as presented.
- 8) Parish Council project updates
 - SID – NW not present to update. Finger Post – Due to arrive any day. Telephone Box - Shelve quote still waiting for. There was a discussion on electricity to the box, after a debate the majority felt that it should be kept if possible. TJ would investigate. Double Kerb on Village Green – waiting for highways still. Brandeston Road Pinch Gates - ordered
 - Quiet Lanes – waiting for ESDC to get in touch.

- 9) Cemetery plan update – The quote for £750 plus VAT for a survey was discussed and passed unanimously. TJ said they could start in Feb, and GH confirmed Precious Gardens would do a tidy up before they started.
- 10) Website update – Content required from societies. New Joint Chair of the school P.Goymer would do the school content for the website.
- 11) Sizewell C update – CC reported The Daily Telegraph was reporting issues with the proposed reactor, with shutdowns and design questions. A major investor has withdrawn, and the government were looking at the Rolls Royce module solution. There is a public event on 24th April 2022 at Snape Maltings, and you can do Sizewell C walk which is about 5mls and very informative.
- 12) Neighbourhood plan update - meeting is planned for early February with Ian Poole which should kick start the process.
- 13) Finance report – This was published by GH before the meeting, it was discussed and no questions raised
- 14) Cheques to be signed – done
- 15) Correspondence since last meeting – none
- 16) AOB – Jubilee Wood, TJ reported the sapling has been planted are are now just awaiting the plaque.
Suffolk Transparency – Theberton and Eastbridge, DG will seek update.
The subject of ratifying Trustees for the village church Trust was raised but concluded in was not in our remit.

Date of next meeting – Changed to Thursday March 10th

Signed