**EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 6th March 2025 7.30pm Earl Soham Village Hall**

**Draft Minutes**

In Attendance TJ TC PB AE AP PR Elaine Bryce and Vince Langdon-Morris

1. Apologies for absence. DG CC
2. Declaration of interest. None
3. a) Approval of minutes from Thursday 9th January 2025. Unanimously approved

b) Matters arising from Thursday 9th January 2025. None other than listed on agenda

1. Public Comment no public attendance
2. Report from Elaine Bryce. EB sent a report prior to meeting and spoke about devolution, library issues and the Quarry at Westerfield the sign at the bottom of Mill Hill has been reported to Highway’s
3. Report sent by Vince Langdon-Morris he also offered help with footpath at Jubilee wood
4. Planning Application DC/25/0462/FUL no objection
5. Land ownership and the roll of ESPC TC was enquiring to who owned various pieces of land around the village and whether there was any opportunity to have a playground Gh explained that this had been looked at in the past and no sites were deemed appropriate at that time
6. Neighborhood Plan TC still no progress
7. Litter down Church Lane TJ Church Lane is getting an alarming amount of litter dropped along it probably workers from Richard Westerns? Also there has been a 3rd fly tipping issue of tyres on Dial Lane this has been reported and Vince Langdon-Morris has also been involved
8. Change of day from Thursday to Tuesday for Parish Council meetings in the future CC a vote was made and unanimously agreed that from September 2025 meetings would move to a Tuesday bi-monthly
9. Speed limit extension from existing to beyond Yew tree and Moat business centers the council considered this and unanimously would note support
10. Village WhatsApp group and rule TJ/TC has proved a great success and has over a 100 members this is for our community use only and ESPC are happy to leave this and monitor
11. Discuss East Suffolk Planning Alliance. TC nothing to feed back
12. Village Hall and Village Hall event re “preserving our footpaths”CC no report
13. PC projects – SID have asked for photos of proposed sites, Telephone Box better weather so painter will be able to get on, Newsletter any news feed to Tony, Finger Post on Brandeston road now erected Village website PB change front page and adding more groups TJ asked for bus stop to be added to projects as rotting wood etc will investigate quotes GH also mentioned that the pinch gates on the a1120 were due some maintenance and had a quote for £1183.51 from Prescious gardens to repair and repaint all 4 gates this was unanimously approved

1. Allotments communal Shed TC circa 10ft x 16ft x 8ft high approved subject to a line drawing
2. Footpath issues and presumed footpaths CC it was unanimously agreed to spend £350 on materials to improve the surface in Jubilee wood
3. Update on Sizewell C. CC no update
4. Finance report audit letter of engagement approved GH attached
5. Cheques signed
6. Correspondence since last meeting. GH other than discussed none

Next meeting 2nd May 2025

Signed Thomas Johnson