EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 4th March 2021

At 7.32 pm Virtual meeting on Zoom

**Minutes**

In attendance- David Grose, Mark Rutherford, Lucy Murrell, Candida Cook, Andrew Patterson, Neil Warden, Peter Russell and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence GH Anna Goymer, DG announced that John Stark and sadly resigned and thank John for his valued contribution and humour and he will be much missed
2. Declaration of interest ALL David Grose and Candida Cook on allotments as they are allotment holders
3. a) Approval of minutes from 21st January 2021 all approved

b) Matters arising from 21st January meeting DC/20/5294/FUL, DC/20/5295/FUL permitted DC/20/5237/PN3 withdrawn

1. Public Comment DG AND CC left the meeting at this point A member of the public wanted to ask the council if they could help with erecting water collection units on the allotment site they had system already used by an allotment holder that had been very successful and had provided all the water needed through the summer months on a full sized allotment GH explained that it would need to be put the proposal on the agenda for the council to make a formal decision. LM asked how much do allotment holders pay, who they pay, who owns the allotments, GH confirmed that the council rented the land from townlands trust for £200 and the council passed this on to the allotment society the allotment holders couldn’t say what they’re income was. PR as a drainage and water expert had his doubts whether the proposed system would work as the average rainfall over the spring/summer months was only 30/40mm PR also offered his expertise to look at all the options and best value for money to achieve the best results GH to pass his details on to arrange a meeting.
2. Report from councillor Maurice Cook weekly reports received and passed on to councillors
3. Planning applications and notifications nothing to consider
4. Pending projects the finger post has been on hold through the pandemic but GH was waiting for new artwork and has asked another supplier to quote. Benches on village green MR asked for a group of councillors to join him on the village green on 6th March to decide on the siting of 2 benches LM kindly offered some concrete for the bases, Pinch Gates on Brandeston road GH to get quotes in and talk to highways on positioning, GH to pass on proposed SID positions to councillors for approval, Quiet Lanes is moving forward, CC asked for The Phone Box to go on the agenda next time
5. New letter AG not here so DG commented that the newsletter had received positive feedback along with the launch of the new website last week DG asked for ideas on content CC people/unsung heroes who do work around the village ie clearing litter, roadside wardens, pruning trees, keeping bench clean etc., alert to future projects, village hall, school report, also offered was articles on countryside remembered
6. Posts on the verge between John Huttons and allotment bridge it was decided that the curb was quite high here and to start with put 2 posts either side of the splay at the allotment bridge CC also said that it would be good to have a bridleway sign along this stretch CC to contact highways
7. Flooding in graveyard GH explained about the block drainage pipe PR happy to investigate and and report back.
8. Sizewell C CC to champion this on behalf of the council GH to forward all information.
9. Church lane verges GH had received a request to talk to land owners about when to cut or not cut cut council decided not to pursue this as it’s more to do with highways
10. Comments back on planning GH asked councillors to try and respond back within 48 hours either way.
11. Email addresses GH with the launch of the new website all councillors will be given their own council email addresses this will mean that when a councillor leaves the council their email address can be shut down.
12. Financial report GH see attached GH also explained it was end of year and audit etc due
13. Cheques to be signed GH £102.17 Christmas tree Battery and lock, £14.39 domain name renewal
14. Ladywell accountants have resigned GH looking for new and will advise on new and costs
15. Correspondence since last meeting GH passes most on to councillors as they arrive there has been negative comments about the new red dog bin outside the tennis court
16. Any other business MR reported that there was nothing to report on the neighbourhood plan
17. Next meeting 5th May

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

David Grose

Chairman