

Sibton Parish Council

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Sibton & Peasenhall Methodist Church on Monday, January 20th 2025 at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr. A. Dale (Chair); Cllr. A. Candler (Vice-Chair); Cllr. A. Cable; Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener (Arrived 7-07pm) and Cllr. D. Sims:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District Cllr. J. Ewart (Left 7-50pm):

Agenda Item 4 was taken at this time of the meeting.

Councillors received the written report from County Cllr. S. Burroughes and District Cllr. J. Ewart.

District Cllr. J. Ewart reported on the proposed changes to local government. It was noted that Cllr. A. Dale, Cllr. D. Sims and the Clerk would all attend a virtual meeting with District Cllr. J. Ewart and officers at East Suffolk Council to discuss the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field. District Cllr. J. Ewart and the Councillors also discussed the issue in Pouy Street and planning applications.

1) Apologies:

Cllr. S. Lear gave her apologies which were accepted.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes gave his apologies.

2) To receive Declarations of Interest and confirm all Members have reviewed their Declaration of Interest Forms: Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting:

Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener and Cllr. A. Dale said that they had a pecuniary interest in Item 11.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:

Agenda Item 4 was discussed before Agenda Item 1.

5) **Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda.**

No members of the public were at the meeting.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, November 18th 2024:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 18th 2024 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Candler:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

7) **Highways and Speeding:**

Cllr. A. Cable reported that he was still to move the Sign Indicator Device to Pouy Street.

Cllr. A. Cable said that some reflectors indicating the side of the road had fallen down and therefore he would report it to Suffolk County Council.

8) **Footpath in Pouy Street:**

Cllr. A. Dale gave an update on the situation in Pouy Street and there was some discussion regarding the temporary water pipe and whether to approach the local press.

9) **Local Energy Developments:**

It was noted that Yoxford Parish Council had held a meeting regarding Local Energy Developments.

Cllr. A. Candler reported that there had not been any meeting recently regarding Sizewell C and he said that he hoped that there would be a meeting soon.

10) **Cil Money:**

It was noted that there was a Meeting with East Suffolk Council on Thursday, January 23rd at 1-30pm to discuss the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field.

11) **Planning Matters:**

Cllr. A. Dale and Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener both left the room for Item 11.

Cllr. A. Candler took the Chair for Item 11 whilst Cllr. A. Dale was absent from the meeting.

Proposal: *To remove existing single storey rear extension and construction of new single storey extension.*

Address: *Pump House, Green Road, Sibton, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 2ND*

Ref: *DC/24/4453/FUL*

The Parish Council approved this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Candler:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Cable:

Proposal: *Listed Building Consent - To remove existing single storey rear extension and construction of new single storey extension.*

Address: *Pump House, Green Road, Sibton, Saxmundham, Suffolk. IP17 2ND*

Ref: *DC/24/4454/LBC*

The Parish Council approved this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Candler:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Cable:

12) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had received a report from St. Elizabeth Hospice and had sent in the Cil Report and Precept Request to East Suffolk Council. He said that he had received an email from Suffolk Cloud reporting that they had become part of Freethought Ltd and the Clerk said he would be touch with them regarding moving to a 'gov.uk' email address for the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that there was an East Suffolk Council Planning Forum on January 30th at Riverside, Lowestoft and February 3rd at East Suffolk House, Melton. Finally, he said that he was receiving regular emails from Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) regarding Devolution.

13) To agree Audit Arrangements:

It was agreed to use Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) for the Internal Audit 2024-2025.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

14) To agree Council Risk Assessment Procedures:

The Council Risk Assessment Procedures for 2024-2025 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Cable:

Seconder: Cllr. A. Candler:

15) To agree Council Asset Register:

The Council Asset Register for 2024-2025 was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Sims:

16) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on January 12th 2025:

Business Charitable Account	£12 126-66
Business Money Manager	£17 092-45

b) Payments and Receipts:

Payments.

Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Dec. 2024	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Jan. 2025	£5-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – October until December 2024	£481-80
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – October until December 2024	£22-80
Internet Banking	Meetings – May 2024 until January 2025	£80-00

Receipts:

BACS	Interest	£81-02
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The Financial Report was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Levett-Scrivener: Second: Cllr. A. Candler:

17) To decide the date and receive agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting:

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday, March 17th 2025 at 7pm.

The Meeting ended at 9-07pm.