



**7) Highways and Speeding:**

Cllr. A. Cable reported that he had still not received a reply from Suffolk County Council Highways regarding the loss of an extension pole and bracket. He said that he would ask County Cllr. S. Burroughes to take up the issue.

**8) Footpath in Pouy Street:**

Cllr. A. Dale gave a report noting that he believed the recent work completed on the area around the river could still lead to flooding in the future.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes joined the meeting by telephone at this point in the meeting.

**Agenda Item 8 was further discussed after Agenda Item 9 when a Parishioner arrived at the meeting.**

**Agenda Item 4 was resumed at this stage of the meeting when Cllr. S. Burroughes joined the meeting by telephone:**

County Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that Suffolk County Council was meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 to discuss proposals for the one unitary council model for Suffolk to be put forward to the Government by September 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 as part of the local government reorganisation.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that Suffolk County Council was not happy with the National Grid Application for new pylons to be constructed between Norwich and Tilbury and he noted that Suffolk County Council was working to minimise the A12 changes because of the number of developments of Solar Farms and Sizewell C.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes noted that the works at Pouy Street had been completed but he believed not to plan. He said that the Highways Engineer was visiting to look at the current situation and he was in contact with District Cllr. J. Ewart. Cllr. A. Dale said that he had concerns about the new river bank as he believed that it would lead to flooding. County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would speak to Suffolk County Council Highways. Cllr. A. Dale asked why the plans were not shown to the Parish Council as there was some surprise at the amount of water flowing down the river. County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would try and get some changes made by the end of the week.

Cllr. A. Cable asked about the extension pole and brackets that had not been returned and that he had reported it on the Suffolk County Council Highways Website. County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would speak to Suffolk County Council Highways.

**9) Local Energy Developments:**

Cllr. D. Sims said that he attended a meeting with Sizewell C representing the Parish Council and reported that he believed that the Sizewell C Representatives listened. They said that they would try to do something about the 30mph speed limits as there were long columns of cars travelling along these roads. The Sizewell C Representatives also reported that there was now equipment on the B1125 Yoxford

to Leiston Road measuring the Average Speed of traffic using the road. They said that they did not want to see any accidents and that the A144 was getting busier.

Cllr D. Sims said that the Sizewell C Representatives reported that Sizewell C had taken over High Lodge in Darsham and that six hundred people would be housed there with no cars during the building of the nuclear plant. It was also noted that the level crossing at Darsham Station as becoming very uneven and that there had been complaints from residents about the noise from the idling locomotives in Leiston and Saxmundham.

Cllr. A. Dale asked about the construction of a harbour at Sizewell C. Cllr. D. Sims replied that the Sizewell C Representatives confirmed that one was going to be built and that accommodation was being made for a possible future Sizewell D.

Councillors believed that other energy developments were not engaging with the public in the same way as Sizewell C.

**Agenda Item 8 was further discussed at this stage of the meeting when a Parishioner arrived at this point of the meeting.**

**10) Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field:**

Cllr. A. Dale reported that the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field was being hired out and that there were prospective hirers as well.

Cllr. S. Lear reported that the Peasenhall and Sibton Playing Field Trustees had all fully agreed to developing the Field and to arrange a 'Field Day' in the New Year rather than on September 20<sup>th</sup> as originally discussed. She also said that there were ongoing discussions with Peasenhall Parish Council.

**11) Insurance Renewal:**

The Clerk explained that the new Insurance Renewal Quote was £522-47 but the Clerk said that as some criteria had changed, he would be contacting the insurers and this may change the quote.

Councillors agreed to pay the Community Action Suffolk Insurance Renewal Premium due after the changes to the criteria had been made for 2025-2026.

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

Cllr. S. Lear reported that the Noticeboard in Pouy Street had been moved into storage and a new noticeboard was to be discussed at a future meeting.

**12) Clerk's Pay 2025-2026: To agree the National Joint Council for Local Government Services Pay Scale for 2025-2026 and therefore the Pay Increase for the Clerk backdated to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. To also review the Clerk's Contract and Pay for 2025-2026.**

Councillors agreed to the pay increase for each scale point and to set the Clerk's Pay at Point 16 on the Local Government Services Clerk's Pay Scale 2025-2026. Councillors also agreed to the backpay to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

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

**13) Planning Matters:**

The Clerk reported that there were no planning matters.

**14) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:**

The Clerk reported that he had received a Confirmation of Receipt from the External Auditor. He said that he had received an Outdoor Play and Fitness Equipment Brochure and a report that the 'Sibton' Sign had fallen down on A1120 from Yoxford.

**15) Financial Report:**

**a) Balances at the Bank on September 12th 2025:**

Business Charitable Account	£12 909-44
Business Money Manager	£17 311-98

**b) Payments and Receipts:**

**Payments:**

Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Sept. 2025	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Oct. 2025	£5-00
Internet Banking	Charitable A/c Bank Charges – Nov. 2025	£5-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – July until September 2025	£TBA
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – July until September 2025	£TBA
Internet Banking	Insurance Renewal 2025-2026	£TBA

**Receipts:**

BACS	Bank Interest	£68-35
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The Financial Report was agreed.

Proposer:                      Cllr. D. Sims:                      Second:                      Cllr. S. Lear:

**16) To decide the date and receive agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting.**

It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 starting at 7pm.

**The Meeting ended at 9-03pm.**