

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019

At 7.35 pm Earl Soham Village Hall

Minutes

Neighbourhood plan prize draw: this was drawn just before the meeting by David Grose the winning ticket 93 was won by Sam Starke

1. **Apologies for absence:** GH none
2. **Declaration of interest:** ALL none
3. a. Approval of minutes from 8th November 2018: approved
b. Matters arising from November meeting: nothing to add
4. **Public Comment:** A member of the public attended the Sizewell C public meeting and had concerns, EDF Sizewell C is a huge building project and there will be a massive impact on the area with new road and rail links, although HGV traffic will be forced to use A12/A14 but there is nothing they can do to stop the workforce using their private cars and vans on the A1120 this is going to increase traffic movements through the village and this will last for the duration of the project circa 10 years
5. **Reports from councillors Robin Vickery and Christopher Hudson:** Mr Vickery reported that there was a new head at highways and they were trying to implement new procedures to improve the efficiency of dealing with potholes in the district. A discussion took place about the justice department measuring the traffic speeds over a 7-day period. It was found that there was less than 5%, of the 32400 vehicles recorded, speeding. Subsequently this did not meet the speeding criteria, so they will not take the matter any further at this stage. DG had a conversation with the police who had suggested we could have 30mph signs painted on the road and red bands also painted on the road entrances to the village whilst highways wouldn't pay for this DG would get a quote from them with regards to cost RV said he could make a contribution to this once we had costs in place RV also said that he felt that SID speed indicator device works very well as its position can be moved frequently these cost about £3000 and RV can contribute £1500 towards this. Alternatively, there is group called SAVID which we could join and use a SID on a rotational basis DG said he would talk to the clerk at Witnesham Keith Baron who coordinates this with 7 other villages, highways will site the posts for free.
Mr Hudson did not report
6. **Planning applications and notifications:** nothing to consider
7. **Budget for precept 2019/20 proposals:** following the discussions at the November parish council meeting and subsequent email suggestions all these ideas were added to the precept proposal, prior to the meeting all items were costed, these were then discussed at length and adopted unanimously as part of the new parish council budget all the other items on the proposal were also discussed and were also adopted consequently the precept would rise to £11131 this increase equates to .59p per month for a band D household

8. **CILS and reserves review, and spending commitments:** reserves spending was discussed £914 on the cemetery, parish council laptop and a filing cabinet, £750 was allocated to a pinch gate which has not been spent. CILs in the year £2329 was spent on the NP and 30mph stickers for the resident's bins in addition £1200 was allocated for a defibrillator we did allocate £750 towards a fence and chevron sign which is now not needed. The NP has had £2000 from CILs and have received £8556 grant there is an expected shortfall that could be up to £2000 it was agreed unanimously to allocate the rest of the £2055 of the CILs money to this project any monies not spent will be reallocated in next years budget
9. **Update on current projects;** Traffic calming, it has been agreed to clean all the traffic signs and clear foliage away from the signs, village greens, main green DG to write to RV to update on posts, green outside the Victoria pub have had the posts renewed, all at the council would like to thank John Bjornson for getting this work done, defibrillator DG has written to RV and is awaiting a response.
10. **Neighbourhood Plan:** update see attachment 1
11. **Dog fouling:** AG Has put up a poster and this seems to be working at the moment and the footpath is pretty clear at the moment.
12. **Financial matters:** GH see attachment 2
13. **Cheques to be signed:** GH Wheelie Bin Stickers £329 NP stickers and envelopes £108.23p NP Sam Starke prize draw £100
14. **Correspondence since last meeting:** GH nothing to say
15. **Any other business:** It was agreed that we would put an article in the parish magazine outlining the work that is being carried out by the parish council on behalf of the village, the council would also like to once again thank Warnes for donating the Christmas tree on the village green.
16. **Next meeting:** 7th March 2019

Signed

Chairman

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