

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 9th January 2020

At 7.30 pm Earl Soham Village Hall

Draft Minutes

- 1) Apologies for absence GH Candida Cook, Neil Warden and Mark Rutherford
- 2) Declaration of interest None
- 3) a Approval of minutes from 14th November 19 approved and signed
b. Matters arising from November meeting Lucy Murrell was disappointed that the Fido bin requested at the tennis courts had been refused and made good representation for the need for the bin a vote was taken and a majority 4 – 2 approved the bin to be purchased
- 4) Public Comment none
- 5) Reports from councillors Robin Vickery none
- 6) Report from Maurice Cook see attached
- 7) Planning applications and notifications no applications received to date
- 8) Update on current projects; traffic calming pinch gate go ahead and get made, Easton had a gun but not relevant for us. It was decided that the chairman would email Robin Vickery about county councils contribution towards the cost of us owning our own SID, village green the quote is £1800 approved but stained with reflectors not paint 2 ft above ground the chairman was also going to contact county council about some contributions, defibrillator investigate grant from London Hearts but all approved
- 9) Neighbourhood Plan update CS/MRWe are currently waiting on AECOM for three things:

Site Assessments:The Call for Sites information has been shared with AECOM. Our designated contacts are in Manchester and they have forwarded then to their colleagues in London for assessment.Housing Needs Analysis:We are also waiting for AECOM to do a Housing Needs Analysis. This is important as it provides justification for any polices we may have on affordable housing, mix of housing size and types. I know from experience that if a policy does not have

professionally drafted supporting evidence it is unlikely to stand up to scrutiny in a Planning Enquiry.

Design Code: We have shared the Earl Soham Conservation Area Appraisal with AECOM and are waiting for them to get back to us on a date for site visit and consultation.

Our consultant Ian Poole has some contacts in AECOM and he is going to try and chase these for us. When we have the reports from AECOM we will review the sites with our Consultant and probably have a Drop in event to assess public opinion. The idea is that we can then move to actually drafting the Plan.

- 10) 2020/21 Precept proposals were discussed in detail and all was agreed as proposed
- 11) Financial matters GH attached
- 12) Cheques to be signed GH none
- 13) Correspondence since last meeting GH as previously discussed
- 14) Any other business Hedge Cutting and removal deferred to March meeting
- 15) Next meeting 5th March 2020 7.30

Signed

David Grose