EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 10th December 2020

Opened at 7.40 pm Extraordinary Virtual meeting

Minutes

1) Apologies for absence None

2) Declaration of interest. David Grose and Lucy Murrell re item 4 ditch clearing

3) Planning Application DC/20/4747/TCA. This planning application was unanimously

objected to subject to advice from the East Suffolk’s tree officer

4) To discuss and decide on monies for the ditch clearance scheme from Church

Lane to the Bowls Club. DG AND LM leave meeting. There was much discussion about the need and costs Peter Russell as a drainage expert confirmed that the drainage ditches were being compromised by the amount of silt and this was added by the amount of debris being pushed down causing blockages around the pinch points ie driveways and the narrower parts of the ditch near the causeway. It was agreed that the council would spend this years ditch clearing budget and next year’s budget on this project circa £1500

5) To discuss financial management and early feedback on 21/22 budget. DG and LM called

back to rejoin meeting.

The management discussion was around how to distribute the £500 the PC gave to vulnerable

and hardship families in the Parish. It was presented that the Hour Community based in

Framingham had been in discussion with the chairman and had agreed to distribute monies

required, when identified people/families were passed on to them by the PC. This is a process

the Hour Community understand and currently carry out for other organisations. The Charity

are very well structured and organised with a Chairman and trustees to oversee it. The PC

voted unanimously to go with them and the PC Chairman will meet with them in the New Year

up any details required.

6) Any other business Feedback on the 21/22 budget. DG as asked for the councillors to try

and get as much input from residents as possible so we can make sure we are doing things that

the residents want. It was also agreed that all councillors felt the precept should have no

increase for the coming year.

David Grose

Chairman