**EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 7th March 2024 7.30pm Earl Soham Village Hall**

**MINUTES**

1. Apologies for absence. DG and PR
2. Declaration of interest. None admitted
3. a) Approval of minutes from Thursday 11th January 2024. Approved

 b) Matters arising from Thursday 11th January 2024. None other than already on the agenda

1. Public Comment several members of the public have concerns about flooding within in the village specifically along the causeway TJ relayed that the council only had responsibility for the ditch line from the Elms through to the bus shelter and the cemetery all other areas fell under Riparian rules and maybe the first port of call was to Highways. Elaine Bryce to raise the matter with Highways as well. Vince Langdon-Morris mentioned that there was to be a follow up to flooding in the area to be held at Framlingham
2. Report from Elaine Bryce. EB sent to all councilors Elaine also said that reporting of pot holes and drainage issues were up significantly. SEND had had a damming report Andrew Read is to Champion this with a £4.4 million budget. Loft insulation grant up to 50% coming to and end. Village Hall have asked for some help with a sign out of the locality budget
3. Vince Langdon-Morris report sent to councillors also new rule about planning can be deferred to committee. Vince has a small locality budget but will help if possible.
4. Planning Application DC/23/3467/FUL concerns about public footpath and school over increase in domestic traffic. The council voted to support but have concerns about flooding onto A1120 which already is having issues black water drainage on an already pressed system
5. 2 applications for new councillors unfortunately Alec Edward’s couldn’t make the meeting so the council asked Peter Beckwith questions and a vote was taken to unanimously approve his position
6. Ongoing flood issues there has been a quote for £3000 to clear the ditches through the causeway and further through the village TJ to ask PR to help with a survey TJ happy to lead with PR to help make an informed decision
7. Discuss ESPC (East Suffolk Planning Alliance) TC reported that no immediate action but current planning not fit for purpose 52 parish councils involved
8. Village Hall CC reported that they should be receiving some funding for a new sign, also trying to get a grant for infra red heating and doors planning permission for extension
9. PC projects – SID proposed sites submitted and accepted, Telephone Box needs £175.00 unanimously approved, Newsletter TC needs content please, Replacement tree on the Village Green £150 for 2 trees unanimously approved, John Hutton Plaque to recognise 40 years £369.19 plus vat unanimously approved, Water Pump on village green repair should be ready by the end of April, Village website needs a new lead, Cemetery recording of burials
10. Blank
11. Footpath issues and presumed footpaths CC walk footpaths and identify problems Jubilee Wood footpath very muddy TC suggested that maybe upgrade to shingle or bark TJ to talk to JW committee
12. Update on Sizewell C. CC ongoing issues
13. Finance report GH sent and posted
14. Cheques to be signed. GH £50.00 village hall
15. Training - we need to get this booked for councillors who want to take
part. GH to get dates and send to councillors
16. Correspondence since last meeting. GH none other than sent out

Signed Thomas Johnson

9th May 2024