**EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 9th January 2025 7.30pm Earl Soham VillageHall**

**MINUTES**

 In attendance TJ AC PB AP AE

1. Apologies for absence. CC PR VL-M DG. TJ reported that Charlotte Peacher has resigned
2. Declaration of interest. ALL None
3. a) Approval of minutes from Thursday 7th November 2024.all Approved

b)Matters arising from Thursday 17th November 2024. None

 c)Approval of minutes from Thursday 5th December 2024 ALL approved

1. Public Comment no public to comment
2. Report from Elaine Bryce. Report sent to councilors EB to ask Highways to come and evaluate problems being raised namely footpath near Bridge house not wide enough speed of traffic down Low Road. EB also reported that there had just been a meeting where it had been agreed to consider devolution for Suffolk councils to all be under one umbrella. There is also consideration for one elected Mayor for Suffolk and Norfolk. EB also commented that local Councilor elections due in May would be put back to May 2026
3. Report Vince Langdon-Morris Report
4. Planning Application None
5. Approval of Proposed Precept 2025/26 unanimously approved
6. Discuss East Suffolk Planning Alliance. TC will probably still stand due to elections
7. Village Hall no update but all seems well
8. PC projects – SID TJ we’ve done what we can waiting for reply’s , Telephone Box TJ painting scheduled when weather improves, Newsletter TC asked for news items scheduled for July, Finger Post on Brandeston Road GH should be with us for late February
9. Resent accident and speed on Low Road EB to review with Highways
10. Jubilee Wood Footpath TC hedge cutting done by council has made a huge improvement TC reported that the footpath was increasingly muddy and could do with a surface and asked if there was any possibility that a 47 meter run could be done and whether the council could help financially circa £310 Jubilee wood committee would need to be consulted
11. Footpath issues and presumed footpaths none reported
12. Update on Sizewell C.No update
13. Flooding issues and suggestions for the future TJ and PR to do survey of flood levels through the street. Water quality testing in river funding £100 unanimously agreed
14. Finance report GH sent out and approved
15. Cheques to be signed. GH phone box clear up £80, HMRC £183.24, Jubilee wood hedge £216
16. Correspondence since last meeting. GH up to date

Signed Thomas Johnson 6th March 2025