

# EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL

19.30 Thursday 16th March 2023 at the Village Hall

## MINUTES

- 1) Apologies for absence.  
AG
- 2) Declaration of interests  
None
- 3) Approval of minutes for
  - a) 12<sup>th</sup> January. Unanimously Approved
  - b) Matters Arising. NONE
- 4) Public Comment.  
None
- 4) Report from Elaine Bryce  
No report
- 5) Report from Lydia Freeman  
Lydia was present at the meeting and confirmed that she would not be standing at the next election in May. She stated that she was very disillusioned with the planning process which was not democratic, transparent and seemed to favour developers over the local communities.
- 6) Planning Application  
None
- 7) Vote on Councillor vacancies  
Tony Carr was voted on unanimously for him to become a Parish Councillor.
- 8) Children Play Area.  
PR spoke about the Brandeston play area. No movement on the proposal for ES to have a play area.
- 10) Update on projects SID – Chasing NW for paperwork. Village entrance signs – these are £1,500 each so an alternative is required. Telephone Box – CC and GH to carry on getting it sorted out.
- 11) Kings Coronation Street Party  
The plan was for a 10am to 5.00pm party at the Village Hall. The screen could be used to watch the coronation. It would be a bring and share lunch, music. CC is designing the posters/flyers. The PC after a vote committed to contribute up to £300. Gh would get Fred to cut the grass 3 to 4 times before May for £80.
- 12) Sizewell C update.  
CC said it will be at least 2 years before it gets signed off. She will continue to send out information as it comes in.
- 13) Neighbourhood Plan  
Chris Sharpe (Chairman NP Group) spoke about the potential deal with Planning Direct, and that it would cost £18,000. GH went through the monies of the PC which showed it could afford it. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved to accept the Planning Direct quotation.

- 14) Finance report.  
GH went through the finances since the last meeting. No question were asked.
- 15) Cheques to be signed.  
No cheques
- 16) Correspondence since last meeting  
None
- 17) Website  
GH to contact Stefan.

Date of next meeting Saturday 13th May 2023 at 9.30am

Signed.....

Date.....

David Grose  
Chairman