

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7th January 2021

Commenced at 7.45 pm Virtual meeting on zoom

minutes

In attendance David Grose, Andrew Patterson, Neil Walden, John Starke, Peter Russell, Lucy Murrell, Candida Cooke, 2 members of the public

- 1) Apologies for absence GH Mark Rutherford not well
- 2) Declaration of interest ALL possible NW planning and AG school
- 3)
 - a. Approval of minutes from 5 November approved and 10th December approved
 - b. Matters arising from November web site has progressed and link to new site sent to councillors and progress with discussions with allotments with regards to water and from December meeting none
- 4) Public Comment a member of the public spoke about the planning application for barn conversion at the business centre not on the agenda due to only being received Monday so to late to be included they made comment that the plans were not the finished look and only for outline planning and they would not exceed the current footprint DG confirmed that with the chair of the NP that this application was not on the Neighbourhood Plan and would be a windfall application. Comment was also made that the pinch gates recently fitted needed finials to complete the job GH agreed to supply the wood and a profile and JS would get them made at the school.
- 5) Reports from councillors Maurice Cook none received
- 6) Planning applications and notifications DG said we would need to have an extra planning meeting in the next 2weeks to discuss applications received this week
- 7) Update on projects; ditches cleared along a the street from Church lane to Bus shelter apart from the stretch opposite causeway cottage many positive comments received by the clerk, contractors and Peter Russell who oversaw the work, the council had been given 25kg of daffodil bulbs by Park Promotions and a work group headed by Candida planted them in front of the 4 pinch gates DG thanked them for their help in this and looked forward to the spring. A link has been sent to the councillors to look at the new website comments made that all content had to be approved before release on the site GH had been contacted by Tennis club and WI and would contact the Bowls Club, NW said he'd talk to the Village Hall the pc news letter would be put on and details of the defibrillator and how to use it published. GH advised that as part of the deal with the new website the council gets 10 free email addresses and it would be prudent for all councillors to use this option this was agreed by all GH to organise new email addresses for councillors
- 8) Neighbourhood Plan update CS Since our last briefing we have had several meetings with our consultant looking at the site assessments. We have also started a dialogue with East Suffolk to look at how they can help us with those assessments which in turn leads to discussion with County on subjects like highways. I can't give too much detail at the moment as all the discussions on all the sites are ongoing and should be kept confidential.
- 9) 2021/22 Precept proposals approved unanimously pinch gates to be made for Brandeston road
- 10) Financial matters GH attached
- 11) Cheques to be signed GH advised that cheque sent to precious gardens for ditch clearance

- 12) Correspondence since last meeting GH had an email about the water and mud on church lane this was discussed at length and decided that it is district councils problem and the parish wasn't responsible for sweeping lanes. Pinch gates as previously discussed GH discussed the possibility of councillors getting tracing through SALC zoom and webinars GH to get a list of courses before next meeting
- 13) Any other business LM asked if we could write a thank you to the parish magazine to Warner's seeds for their donation of the Christmas tree also a big thank you to Mark and Sue Rutherford for putting it up decorating and keeping the lights charged up through the Christmas period
- 14) Next meeting 4th March 2021 7.30

Meeting closed 8.55pm

David Grose
Chairman