

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 4TH MARCH 2019

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – 4 members of the public attended.

The main topic of discussion was the amount of traffic and speeding through the village on the B1123. It was generally agreed that it would be advantageous to extend the speed limits and possibly join with Holton, to extend to just past Church Farm. Initially the clerk asked to write to Suffolk County councillor Tony Goldson to initiate this process, and copy to Simon Green, Suffolk police and Alison Cackett, Waveney District councillor. It was noted that the VAS sign was not working, and there were also suggestions for some police speed monitoring. Alison Cackett, Waveney District councillor then gave a brief report covering East Suffolk District council budget, concerns over bus services and stating that she would be standing in the forthcoming elections. The chair thanked AC for attending.

1. The meeting was opened by the chairman, Gerard Walker, welcoming councillors Rosemary Parry, Gaina Dunsire, Sally Macdonald, Barry Martin, John Beckett and Myles Jackson. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from Tony Goldson [SCC].
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Minutes of the previous meeting [07-01-19] were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising not on agenda – a provisional wooden model of a Blyford sign was considered, and materials for construction were discussed – costings to be presented at a future meeting. The refurbishment of the phone box at Blyford is progressing.
5. Elections, forthcoming – the clerk provided nomination papers and the required electoral role information.
6. Finances
 - Balances at HSBC on 12th Feb. 2019 - c.acct – 9,031.71; business money manager – 7,933.11; Total assets - £16,964.82.
 - Cheques approved as follows - 469 – CAS insurance – 3 year term agreed - 151.17; 470 - C. Cardwell for 259.02p [net sal feb/mar]; 471 – HMRC for 97.20

[tax to 5 apr]; 472 – C. Cardwell for 86.81 [expenses from Jul 18]; Total cheques - £594.20

- Financial regulations were reviewed and considered fit for purpose
- Financial risk assessment was carried out and councillors agreed that suitable processes were in place.

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- FATCA form for HSBC – this was signed by cheque signatories and clerk to send to HSBC.
7. Latitude concessionary tickets – these are available to residents of Blyford and Sotherton; Rosemary Parry gave a lengthy and detailed explanation of how they were allocated and the various options available.; Information to be put on website.
 8. Footpaths – a permissive path was agreed by the land owner from opposite the council houses to the river; clerk asked to write to adjoining landowner.
 9. Blyford bridge sluice removal – no comments
 10. Public transport – see Public Forum above
 11. Defibrillator plans deferred.
 12. Sizewell C consultation – no comment
 13. Speeding in villages – see Public Forum above; councillors agreed to the clerk writing to SC councillor to initiate consideration and possible action.
 14. Correspondence and AOB – none

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.