

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 3RD SEPTEMBER 2018

MINUTES [approved by councillors on 5-11-18]

1. The chairman, Gerard Walker, welcomed councillors Myles Jackson, Barry Martin, Gaina Dunsire, John Beckett and Sally Macdonald. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Apologies were received from Rosemary Parry, Tony Goldson [Suffolk County councillor] and Alison Cackett [Waveney District councillor].
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none.
3. Standing Orders [NALC 2018 model] were reviewed and adopted, signed by chair.
4. Councillors' registers of interests – the clerk gave out forms for updating.
5. Minutes of previous meeting [23-07-18] were approved and signed as a true record.
6. Matters arising not on agenda – none
7. Finances - Balances at HSBC bank [12-08-18] - c/acct. – 7,913.17; business money manager – 9,426.66 [includes this year's Latitude ticket sales] [chq. for 696.00 and cash 1,820.00]; Total assets - £17,339.83. Cheques approved as follows - No. 455 - C. Cardwell for 259.02 [net sal aug/ sept]; no. 456 – HMRC for 97.20 [tax to 5 oct].
8. Planning – DC/18/2995/FUL – Blyth River Gravel Pit, Wenhaston – councillors repeated their former comments: not approved due to concerns over traffic on the single track road. Councillors noted that extension plans for Willow Cottage, Blyford had been approved by WDC.
9. Traffic and Speeding concerns – councillors discussed these extensively and noted Tony Goldson's comments. They felt that more guidance was needed on the processes required to effect the moving of the 30mph sign and resolved to seek assistance from Tony Goldson as to details of requirements. It is hoped he will attend the November meeting. The clerk asked to write to him with this information and also query the failed battery of the VAS sign in Blyford.
10. Sotherton Corner notice board – councillors agreed to wait for an estimate for replacement from Ellis, Holton.
11. Blyford BT kiosk – councillors agreed to accept a parishioner's offer to repair, paint and tidy up; the clerk to write.
12. Website – after discussion, councillors agreed to ask Suffolk. Cloud to set up a new website.
13. Reports from Councillors – none
14. Any other business – it was noted that the turbine money had gone to Westhall. There had been a complaint that the new signs in King's Lane were misplaced; clerk to contact Waveney Norse to get them moved. The signpost for Primes Lane, Blyford is damaged, John Beckett to report to Highways. Quotes were being sought for a new forged village sign for Blyford. The status of the Green by Blyford Church was queried as cars for sale were parked there; clerk to research this. A parishioner's letter had been received about ivy on trees in Kings Lane, clerk to reply. There were still concerns about flooding [blocked drain] at bottom of Kings Lane. The clerk asked to get a copy of footpath maps for the villages.
15. The next meeting is 5th November 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.