

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 5TH NOVEMBER 2018

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – two members of public present. Tony Goldson [Suffolk County councillor] gave a report about county finances and difficulties in balancing the budget. The clerk asked for guidance on applying for moving the 30 mph sign in Blyford and the first step is to write to him. TG leaves at 7.35pm – the chair thanked him for attending.

Alison Cackett [Waveney District councillor] commented on the new East Suffolk District; its budget plans were being considered by the scrutiny committee. Bernard Matthews has applied to build a new unit at Holton; AC also reported on the jumble sale which raised £462 for Blyford Church. The chair thanked AC for attending – she left at 7.45pm.

1. Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Gerard Walker, welcomed councillors John Beckett, Myles Jackson, Rosemary Parry, Barry Martin, and Gaina Dunsire. Apologies were accepted from Sally Macdonald.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – Cllr. Martin – item 8
3. Minutes of previous meeting [3-09-18] were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising not on agenda – the Primes Lane sign post needs mending. Future floods near Queens Head – photos needed. The clerk had obtained copies of the definitive footpath maps for the two parishes.
5. Finances
 - Balances at 12-10-18: Current acct: 9,466.95;_Business money manager: 9,428.41; Total assets - £18,895.06.
 - Cheques for approval; 458 – C. Cardwell – 259.22 [net sal Oct/Nov];459 – HMRC – 97.00 [tax to Jan 5]; 460 – Suffolkbiz – 320.00 [setting up website, fees etc]461 – Holton and Blyford Village Hall – 110.00 [hall hire for 17 and 18]. **Total cheques - £786.22.**
6. Donations – the clerk pointed out that there were financial constraints on S. 137 donations and that Latitude money has to be used specifically for the parishes of Blyford and Sotherton.

Councillors agreed to pay S.137 donations to Air Ambulance – 200; Holton and Blyford Village Hall – 500 and Holton and Blyford Post 300. Latitude money : agreed to contribute 500 to each of the parishes churches. The signatories signed a letter authorising the clerk to transfer 1500 from the money manager account to the current account.

7. Budget for year April 2019 to March 2020 – councillors discussed the proposed income and expenditure of the council in the forthcoming year and agreed to reduce the precept; the need for GDPR finance had not materialised and councillors felt that in view of the considerable reserves that this would be a correct course of action. This will be reviewed in January 2019.
8. Planning – DC/18/2828: Crossbow Cottages, Sotherton – application withdrawn. DC/18/4107: 8 Sotherton Corner [*Cllr. Barry Martin took no part*] – application supported.
9. Blyford sign, proposed – no further information
10. BT kiosk renovation plans – ongoing
11. Notice boards – councillors to re-instate Sotherton Corner board; Cllrs Martin and Walker to mend.
12. Speeding in villages – the clerk asked to write to Suffolk County councillor, Tony Goldson, to initiate the process of moving the Southwold road 30mph sign.
13. Website – councillors agreed a setting up fee, and annual maintenance and input charges.
14. Trees and ivy in Kings Lane – clerk asked to write to parishioner; the PC has no responsibilities in this matter.
15. 2019 meeting dates – arranged
16. Correspondence – received and discussed
17. Any other business – councillors viewed the footpath maps; the clerk pointed out that copies were on SCC Rights of Way site. There was some question about a gate over a reputed path in Blyford; clerk to check 1887 OS map as the path is not shown on the definitive map.
18. The next meeting is on 7th Jan 2019.
The meeting closed at 9.10pm