

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCILMEETING – 7TH JANUARY 2019

MINUTES [approved by councillors on 04-03-19]

Public Forum – no members of public present.

1. The chairman, Gerard Walker, welcomed councillors Barry Martin, John Beckett, Gaina Dunsire, and Sally Macdonald. Apologies were received from Rosemary Parry. Myles Jackson was absent. Alison Cackett [Waveney District councillor] attended.

The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.

2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Minutes of previous meeting [5-11-18] were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising on minutes not on agenda - clerk asked to write to Suffolk Highways and copy to Tony Goldson to initiate possible moving of 30 mph sign further east.
5. Finances –
 - **Balances at 12-12-18**
 - Community acct - £9,207.73
 - Business money manager [Latitude] - £9,433.11
 - **Total assets – 18,640.84**
 - **Cheques approved as follows -**
 - 462 to C. Cardwell for 259.02 [net sal Dec/Jan]
 - 463 to Wissett Parish Council for 18.72 [VAS insurance]
 - 464 to EAAA for 200 [donation]
 - 465 to H&B village hall for 500 [donation]
 - 466 to H&B Post for 300 [donation]
 - 467 to Blyford PCC for 500 [Latitude]
 - 468 to Sotherton PCC for 500 [Latitude]
 - **Total cheques - £2,277.74**
 - Councillors reviewed and agreed to the Statement of Internal Control [all councillors had received a copy]

6. Budget for year April 2019 to March 2020 – councillors agreed to reduce the precept to £3000 as they have substantial reserves and do not expect any unusual expenditure, except possibly for a contested election in May.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8.05pm for Waveney District councillor, Alison Cackett, to give her report. As churchwarden for Blyford church, she queried the BT cabinet on the Green. It was noted that she planned to stand again for the council in May; councillors will be in purdah after April; she pointed out that councillors had the opportunity to attend District Council budget meetings. The chair thanked AC for her attendance. Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

7. Asset register – this was reviewed and it was noted that there were 3 waste bins; the clerk said that the BT K7 kiosk had been added to the insurance for public liability.

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8. Planning – WDC permission granted for DC/17/3164 and 5119 at Sotherton Hall; councillors had no comment to make on Waveney local Plan modifications. It was noted that the sluice at Blyford Bridge was to be removed as too expensive to repair.
9. Footpaths at Blyford – the path down to the river was not on definitive map and it might be possible to approach the landowner to establish a permissive path [vide Bradenham Hall Fm]. The clerk asked to inquire. It is also hope to set up a permissive path from Primes Lane to the Queens Head, to avoid walking on the road.
10. Blyford Sign – the smith is preparing an estimate.
11. BT kiosk, Blyford – renovation plans are in hand.
12. Website – councillors agreed to set up a domain name to facilitate access for public viewing; clerk to arrange.
13. Correspondence – none
14. Any other business – various points were raised re Latitude tickets, their allocation and the website application process; Blyford councillors offered to assist RP.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.