

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 30-9-19

MINUTES [approved by councillors on 4-11-19]

Public Forum – 3 members of the public attended and also County councillor, Tony Goldson and District Councillor, Alison Cackett. There was considerable discussion about speeding issues in Blyford, with reports of accidents and instances of bad driving. Tony Goldson felt that, with police help and statistics, a case could be made for moving the 30mph sign to a more appropriate place.. The police would possibly support moving the sign. Alison Cackett gave a brief report on local issues; it was noted that the Bungay Leisure Centre had been closed.

1. The chairman, Gerard Walker, welcomed councillors Rosemary Parry, Barry Martin and Myles Jackson. [MJ signed acceptance of office]
2. Vacancy – this item with councillor’ agreement was moved to the end of the meeting.
3. Declarations of interest – none.
4. Minutes of previous meeting [01-07-19] were approved and signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising not on agenda – TG suggested that the VAS [vehicle activated sign shared with Spexhall] was moved to a more easterly location; Myles Jackson agreed to erect it. The Spexhall clerk to be asked to download data to support control of speeding issues. TG and AC left the meeting and were thanked by the chair.
6. Finances -
 - Balances at HSBC, Beccles, 12th Sept. 2019
 - Community account - £7,887.23 [+ £1500 – precept]
 - Business money Manager - £10,567.77
 - Total assets – £19,955
 - Cheques approved as follows:
 - 479 – C. Cardwell – 270.90 [net sal Aug/Sept]
 - 480 – HMRC – 101.60 [tax to 5 Oct]
 - 481 – East Suffolk Council – 54.40 [election costs]
 - 482 – x2 Connect Ltd – 412.80 [BT kiosk renovation]
 - 483 – x2 Connect Ltd – 117.00 [BT kiosk renovation]
 - Total cheques - £956.70
 - Donations and use of Latitude monies were discussed and it was agreed to donate to local schools [Holton, Wenhaston and Brampton] £1,000 each. Additional donations were agreed [S. 137] to Holton Village Hall [250] and East Anglian Air Ambulance [500].

- Blyford and Sotherton churches [PCCs] are to receive 500 each [Latitude money]. All donations to be made in November
 - Financial Regulations 2019 [NALC] were reviewed and adopted.
 - Councillors agreed to transfer 5,000 from the business account to the current account.
7. River Blyth restoration project – information from Suffolk Wildlife Trust and tree planting offers.
 8. Speeding in villages – see *Public Forum* above
 9. Halesworth parishes meeting – report. Next meeting at Spexhall
 10. Blyford Village sign – costings needed
 11. Correspondence received and discussed
 12. [item 2] Vacancy – co-option of councillor – Robert Bucknell [Viktor] was proposed and all councillors agreed that he should serve on the council to represent Blyford interests. RB signed the acceptance form and the clerk gave him the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct.
 13. The next meeting is 4th November to be held in Wenhaston Village Hall, following access issues at Holton.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm