

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 4TH NOVEMBER 2019

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – for reports from County and District councillors and comments by members of the public – one member of the public attendee and also Alison Cackett, East Suffolk District councillor. Concerns were raised over parking charges at Halesworth station. AC gave a report and general update on ESD affairs; there were grants available to parish councils. AC would contact Tony Goldson re SID. It was noted that farmers should clear mud off the roads.

1. The chairman, Gerard Walker, welcomed councillors Rosemary Parry, Barry Martin, Lou Sharman and Robert Bucknell. Apologies were accepted from Myles Jackson, and also from County councillor Tony Goldson. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Standing Orders [NALC mode] 2019 – reviewed and signed
4. Minutes of previous meeting 3—09-19] were approved and signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising on minutes, not on agenda – none.
6. Finances - **Bank reconciliation**

c/f at Mar. 2019	15,245.80
add income	<u>5,630.76</u>
	20,876.56
Less expenditure	<u>1,988.26</u>
	18,888.30

These cumulative funds are represented by - balances at 12-10-19 –

c/acct –	13,430.53
business acct –	<u>5,567.77</u>
	18,998.30
Less unpre chq. –	<u>110.00</u>
	£ 18,888.30

Cheques approved as follows:

- 484 – Wenhaston Village Hall – 16.00 [Hire of hall 4-11-19]
- 485 – C. Cardwell – 271.10 [net sal oct/nov]
- 486 – HMRC – 101.60 [tax to Jan 20]
- 487 – Blyford PCC – 500.00 [Lat donation]

488 – Sotherton PCC – 500.00 [Lat. Donation]

489 – Holton and Blyford Village Hall – 500.00 [Lat. Donation]

490 – East Anglian Air ambulance – 500.00 [S. 137]

491 – Holton St. Peter primary school – 1,000.00 [Lat. Donation]

492 – Wenhaston Primary School – 1,000.00 [Lat. Donation]

493 – Brampton C of E Primary School – 1,000.00 [Lat. donation]

[All cheques - Admin - £888.70 + Latitude donations - £4,500]

Total cheques –£ 5,388.70

7. Budget for year April 2020 to March 2021 – forthcoming spending requirements were discussed; the clerk provided information on current expenditure against budget, reserves etc. it was considered that the precept should remain the same and it will be finalised in Jan.
8. Planning – nothing forward.
9. Broadband in villages – private supply costings were considerable and out of the council's powers at present, although it could possibly use Latitude money.
10. Speeding in villages – for Jan meeting.
11. Correspondence – received and discussed.
12. Any other business – the Kings Lane sign had been removed; clerk to contact Highways.
13. 2020 meeting dates set for 1st Monday of alternate months; May and July to be in Blyford Church; the others in Wenhaston Village Hall, 7.30pm. **Details:** Jan 6; Mar 2; May 4; July 6; Sept 7; Nov 2.
14. The meeting closed at 8.40pm