

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 6TH JANUARY 2020

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – Tony Goldson [Suffolk County councillor] attended and gave a report on the recent parishes meeting, when principal items discussed included dealing with rural isolation, community transport, initiation of a Lengthsman scheme with funding to support parishes getting minor roadworks done. TG indicated that he could contribute a grant of £250 towards a coffee caravan. Councillors will discuss setting up an emergency plan in March. The chair thanked TG for attending.

1. The chairman, Gerard Walker welcomed councillors Lou Sharman, Robert Bucknell and Barry Martin. Apologies were received from Rosemary Parry. Myles Jackson was absent.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Minutes of previous meeting [4-11-19] were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising not on agenda – the clerk reported missing Kings Lane sign to Highways, who replied it was not their responsibility, but the East Suffolk council's.
5. Finances - Balances at HSBC, Beccles – 12 Dec.2019 - c/acct: 10,791.83; business [Latitude] – 5,571.24; **Total – 16,363.07**. Cheques approved as follows - 494 – Friends of Holton – 1,000.00 [replacement for previous]; 495 – C. Cardwell – 270.9 [net sal dec/jan]; 496 – Suffolk.cloud – 220.00 [website]; 497 – Wenhaston Village Hall – 16.00 [hire for Nov]; **Total cheques – 1,506.90**
6. Budget and precept for year Apr. 2020 to Mar. 2021 – councillors agreed to leave the precept request at £3000, as last year. This will enable the council to take advantage of the proposed Lengthsman scheme. Councillors noted the level of reserves – some are earmarked for a Blyford sign, if the proposed design is approved.
7. Asset register – this was reviewed and agreed to be accurate.
8. Blyford sign – no information to hand; clerk to inquire.
9. BT kiosk – councillors agreed that it was looking good and thanked Berl Goldblatt for his work.
10. Speeding – Tony Goldson [in the Public Forum] indicated that there might be a possibility of an ANPR scheme available.
11. Correspondence received and discussed.
12. Any other business – the clerk asked to contact the Post Office [or Royal Mail] to see if there could be a letter-box at Sotherton corner
13. The next meeting is on 2nd March 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.