

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 15TH NOVEMBER 2021

DRAFT MINUTES [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – two members of the public attended.

1. Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Gerard Walker, welcomed councillors Louise Sharman, Dominic Meek, Justin Phillips, Robert Bucknell and Barry Martin. Apologies were received from Rosemary Parry, and Tony Goldson [East Suffolk councillor]. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell was in attendance.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – none
3. Minutes of previous meeting [13-09-21] were approved as a correct record.
4. Matters arising on the minutes not on agenda – none.
5. Finances –

- Bank reconciliation

b/f at 31 March 2021	- £11,999.08
add receipts	<u>5,233.29</u>
	17,232.37
Less expend.	<u>1,586.51</u>
	£ 15,645.86

Balance at HSBC on 31st October 2021

Current acct	8,835.52
Latitude [savings]	<u>6,810.34</u>
Total	15,645.86

- **Cheques approved**

534 – Wissett Parish Council – 39.65 [VAS insurance]

535 – HMRC – 104.40 [tax to Jan 22]

536 – C. Cardwell – 278.46 [net sal Oct/Nov.

537 – Suffolk Cloud - 220.00 [website admin]

Total cheques - £642.51

6. Budget for year April 2022 to March 2023 – the clerk provided details of expenditure against budget for 21/22; councillors discussed future possible spending and agreed to keep the precept at £3000.

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7. Defibrillator, suggested – *the meeting was opened [6.20pm]* for a member of the public to give a detailed presentation of possible costs to convert the ex-BT kiosk at Blyford. Aspects of the scheme were thoroughly discussed and councillors were inclined to feel that a defibrillator at Sotherton Corner might also be a good idea.

Funding might be available from Locality budget and Adnams. *Meeting closed at 6.40pm. It was decided to agenda this for January.*
8. Reports from councillors – none
9. Any other business – missing sign in Kings Lane – clerk to contact Waveney Norse. Dominic Meek raised the difficulties of “closed” footpaths and the clerk was asked to investigate the ones previously closed on the estate bought by John Hunt. A villages party in the summer might be arranged at Westhall Racehorse.
10. *The meeting was closed at 7pm to the public for business of a confidential nature to be discussed, and reopened at 7.15pm*
11. Next meeting - Monday 17th January 2022, 6pm.