

BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 28TH JUNE 2021 – Wenhaston village Hall

Minutes [not yet approved by councillors]

Public Forum – the chairman welcomed new Suffolk County councillor, Annette Greening, who gave a brief report of County Council affairs and offered help in any problems – councillors highlighted speeding on the B1123. A member of the public applied to fill the current vacancy on the council and the clerk asked him to formally apply and he could be elected next meeting.

1. Welcome and apologies – the chairman, Gerard Walker, welcomed councillors Lou Sharman, Rosemary Parry, Robert Bucknell, Barry Martin and Dominic Meek. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance.
2. Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed – Dominic Meek declared an interest in item 6.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting [6-5-2021] were approved and signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising on the minutes not on agenda – none.
- 5 . Finances –
 - Balances at HSBC bank on 12th June 2021
 - Community account – 9,711.24; Business Money manager – 5,577.19; Total assets – 15,288.43
 - Cheques approved as follows: 528 – Trevor Brown – 110.00 [audit]; 529 – HMRC – 104.40 [tax to 5 July]; 530 – C. Cardwell – 139.23 [net sal June]353.63; Total cheques - £353.63
 - Annual Governance and Accountability Return – documents approved and signed [annual governance statement, annual accounting statement, certificate of exemption and public rights notice.
6. Planning – DC/21/2577/VOC: Pastures Farm, Sotherton – councillors agreed to support [DM abstained]
7. Latitude Festival 2021 – Rosemary Parry reported that this will be a government organised event and she said that there had been lots of cancellations due to the restrictions. Councillors thanked RP for her work selling tickets.
8. Reports from councillors – none
9. Any other business – there had been comments on the overgrown state of the path from Holton to Blyford; it will be reported on Fix my Street and SCC Highways. It has been suggested that some of the Latitude funds could be spent on a village party. Councillors discussed various options and agreed that a Sunday 4-8pm, at The Queens Head, Blyford, food, no drink, and music, etc. Robert Bucknell and Barry Martin to arrange. Tickets only for those on the electoral register; final plans to wait till lockdown policies are lifted.
10. Next meeting – 13th September 2021, Wenhaston Village Hall, 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7pm.