

EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7th May 2020

At 7.30 pm Earl Soham Village Hall

Minutes

Attending start at 7.40 pm David Grose chair, Anna Goymer, Andrew Patterson, Lucy Murrell, Neil Warden, Candida Cooke, John Starke, Mark Rutherford

- 1 Apologies for absence GH none
- 2 Declaration of interest None
- 3 a) Approval of minutes from 5th March 2020 approved and signed
b) Matters arising from March meeting None
- 4 Public Comment a member of the public gave his support to the council for cutting the village green and the bridleway in the village commenting on that it made the village look cared for and people would be less likely to litter and drive on the greens because of this.
DG It was agreed that we would look at the bridge little green as a possible site for wild planting. CC Had worked on projects like this and commented on that this might be hard to maintain and plenty of diversity thrive on mowed short grass. NW the green is used by a lot of the public to sit and enjoy our village. Another member of the public asked if it would be a nice idea to install a bench.
- 5 DG There is a councillor vacancy due to the resignation of Celia Peacher. The Chair thanked Celia for her 10 years of service with Earl Soham Parish Council. DG explained the process for finding a new councillor to fill the position.
- 6 Reports from councillors Robin Vickery none
Report from Maurice Cook see attached
- 7 Planning applications and notifications no applications received to date

- 8 Update on current projects Defibrillator to be fitted at surgery ASAP, we have received a grant of £1500 for village green posts due to lockdown start of installation delayed until July/August, we found out that we didn't own the phone box but adoption had been started, Fido bin to be ordered and fitted near tennis court, highways hadn't come back about SID installation
- 9 COVID 19 GH we have raised in excess of £4600 made up of £2500 grants and the rest donations from the village this money is being held by the council and is being used for people in hardship and schooling needs/equipment.
- 10 Neighbourhood Plan update CS There has not been a lot of activity these last weeks due to lockdown. We have received draft releases of the site assessments and housing needs analysis. Our consultant has identified several inconsistencies in the reports which need to be clarified and for obvious reasons all this dialogue is taking longer than it would normally. We are still waiting for the Design guide from AECOM. I hope that as we come out of lockdown we will be able to pick up on activities.
- 11 Financial matters GH attached
- 12 Cheques signed GH SALC £193.20p, Cemetery Council Tax £89.82p, MS License £79.99, Precious Gardens sign cleaning £240, townlands trust £200, ES Village hall rent £34.20, Covid 19 £147.57p, Precious Gardens pinch gate £500
- 13 Correspondence since lots as per emails sent re COVID 19
- 14 Next meeting ES Council Meeting 2nd July 2020 7.30pm meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed

David Grose