ASHBY, HERRINGFLEET AND SOMERLEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Thursday 7th November 2024, commencing at 7.15pm with the Public Forum in Somerleyton Village Hall

The PUBLIC FORUM commenced at 7.17 pm. There being no members of the public present, the Chair called for reports from the East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councillors.
Councillor Ashdown spoke about the new arrangements for Waste Collection. This will mean that black bins will be collected three-weekly, with some exemptions. Households will also be provided with food waste bins. Councillor Ashdown said that this was a controversial measure which was only agreed with a three-vote majority. The Parish Council will consider its position on this.
Councillor Robinson asked for any questions arising from the Newsletter recently sent to Parish Councillors. He said that the County Council is beginning to form its budget for next year, drawing up best, worst and no change case scenarios.

The Business Meeting commenced at 7.28pm

In attendance were: Parish Councillors D. Ainslie, C. Diggins, J. Foster, G. Gibbs, J. Griffiths, P. Johnson, N. Livingstone, S. Phillips (in Chair), D. Owen, C. Reynolds and S. Tull. Also in attendance were East Suffolk Councillor P. Ashdown and Suffolk County Councillor K. Robinson

1.Apologies for Absence were accepted from R. Lindsay and Suffolk County Councillor E. Back.

2. Declarations Of Interest in items on the agenda. None received.

3. Requests For Dispensation to participate in discussion and voting despite disclosable pecuniary interest(s). None received.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The Meeting approved, and the Chair signed as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024. Proposer: C. Diggins; Seconder: N. Livingstone. All in favour.

5. Clerk's Report on Ongoing Matters.

13. Telephone Box. The local Men's Shed Group have agreed to work on the restoration of the phone box and have carried out an initial assessment of what needs to be done, and of course the cost of materials. We understand that the Group is currently formalising its status as an Association so that members will be insured when carrying out work.

15. Training. S. Tull has completed the new Councillor Course, which he described as very interesting and useful. He encouraged any Councillors who had not undertaken training to give this course serious consideration.

6. Requests From Parishioners. The Clerk had recently been approached by a parishioner who is concerned about the dumping of green waste into the Pit. They appreciate the complexities of this issue and understand now that a small group of Councillors has agreed to look at alternative ways of dealing with garden waste. J. Griffith updated the Meeting. She has visited the South Lowestoft Recycling Centre to see what range of services they provide. The group will meet in the near future to discuss this issue and will feed back before the next Meeting.

7. Reports from Working Groups. The Meeting received reports from working groups

7.1 Defibrillator Group. Attached. The Meeting agreed the three-year arrangement with Community Heartbeat Trust, where the Trust will provide consumables until 2028 at a fixed cost of £276 + VAT. Proposer: C. Diggins; Seconder: G. Gibbs. All in Favour.

7.2 Green & Environment. Report Attached.

7.3 Advice, Information and Infrastructure Group. The swing is now repaired and in use.

7.4 Speed Awareness Group. One of the batteries of the SID is faulty and will need replacing. This will cost around £77 +VAT.The Meeting agreed to meet this cost. Proposer: D. Ainslie; Seconder: P. Johnson. All in favour. Councillor Robinson will deliver the battery to D. Ainslie for re-fitting.

7.5 Warm Hub Group. Report attached. A £600 Grant has been received from the Enabling Communities Budget. Thanks to Councillor Ashdown for allocating this. 26 people attended the first session on Monday 4th November a Cookery Demonstration on Danish Christmas fare by Nanna Lay.

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The next session will be on Monday 2nd December with an input from our Green and Environment Group, on how to support wildlife in our gardens during the winter months.

8. Planning.8.1 Recent Applications.
Ref. No: DC/24/3494/FUL
Conversion of a single storey garage into a gym
Oak Cottage The Street Somerleyton Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5QB. The Parish Council had no objection. Some concern has been raised about the overgrown hedge at Oak Cottage, which is impeding people walking along the pavement. The Clerk will write to the owners to ask them to arrange a cut.
8.2 Recent Decisions. There have been none.
9. Village Events – Review. The **Annual Brick Kiln Clear up** took place on **Sunday 6th October**. It was a successful event with a good number of participants.
The Green & Environment Group held a very successful **Bat Walk** on **11th October**.
10.Village Events – Forthcoming.
Saturday 23rd November: Quiz & Chips in the Village Hall. Tickets from Mick and Sue Wright Tickets are now sold out and a waiting List is in operation.
Monday 2nd December. Warm Hub. Supporting Wildlife in our gardens during winter
Friday 6th December: Xmas Lights Switch followed by Carols, Mince Pies and festive beverages.
The Meeting agreed to meet the cost of refreshments, (£30 to Women's Link.) Proposer: S. Phillips Seconder: D. Ainslie. All in Favour.
The Meeting also agreed to meet the cost to the School of Electricity; to be agreed. S. Phillips and C. Reynolds will meet the week before the switch on to check the lights are fully functional.
11. Finance. The Meeting received the Second Quarter Financial Report ending 30th September 2024.
12.Insurance. The Meeting agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair, C. Reynolds and Clerk will meet to decide on the provider of Insurance for the coming year.
13.Payments to be Approved. The Meeting is asked to approve the following payments:

11/09 ENIX Domain Renewal	7.80
29/09 NPT&S Training for New Councillors and for Running Successful Meetings	112.00
02/10 Clerk's Income Tax 2nd Quarter	119.00
02/10 Clerk's Salary 2nd Quarter	476.00
18/10 S. Phillips: Reimburse donation for Skip Hire for Clearing Village Hall	200.00
21/10 D Ainslie: Reimburse for Music Downloads for Community Choir	24.90
28/10 N Lay: Ingredients for Cookery Demonstration at Warm Hub	50.00
28/10 RPD Printers: Leaflets and Flyers for Monday Warm Hub	39.00

14. Correspondence. The Meeting noted the following items of correspondence.
07/10 NPT&S: How do you keep up to date
07/10 Easy Websites.co.uk: Accessibility and GDPR Compliance.
07/10 SCC: Rural Transport Survey
07/10 NPT&S: Learn and Refresh Training
07/10 SCC Town and Parish Newsletter
01/11 NCC Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan
01/11 Scot Power: Upcoming Archaeology Mitigation
01/11 Broadland Futures: Newsletter
01/11 John Packman B.A: Broads Briefing
01/11 JPH: Designing Engagement Principles

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15. Forthcoming Meetings.

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 23rd January 2025 commencing at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 8.14pm

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15th November 2024