ASHBY, HERRINGFLEET AND SOMERLEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Report for the Meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on Thursday 6th March, 2025, commencing at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Refreshments Doug

Public Forum:

Members of the Public are invited to raise issues relevant to the three Parishes
The Chair may invite short reports from County and District Councillors.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies have been received from J. Griffith and R. Lindsay. Apologies also from County Councillor Robinson.
2. **Declarations of Interest** in items on the Agenda (to be sent in writing to the Clerk).
3. **Requests for Dispensation.** The Meeting will decide any written requests for dispensation to participate in discussion and voting despite disclosable pecuniary interest(s).
4. **Minutes Of the Previous Meeting.** The Meeting is asked to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd January 2025.

5. **Clerk's Report on Ongoing Matters.**

5.2. The Clerk wrote to Lindsay Martin, the Grit Bin co-ordinator thanking her for her commitment to keeping the footpath safe on the slope from the Pond to The Street/Slugs Lane corner. The Clerk also asked if the equipment, a small scoop was sufficient. Lindsay replied that it was not really fit for the task and agreed to look into alternative. Lindsay has sent details of two spreaders. S. Phillips will meet with her to agree on the most useful.

5.6 The seat on the corner of The Green. The Clerk has carried out an informal canvass of opinion which has returned mixed views ranging from 'That don't look comfortable' to 'It's a Work of Art which should establish The Green as a setting for other art works. The point has also been made that there are two seats very close together at this corner of The Green and whether both are needed. (The other seat is owned by Somerleyton Estate and has been restored in the past couple of years.) The Meeting is asked to decide what if anything should be done with our seat.

5.8. Overgrown Hedge. The Clerk has not yet been able to identify the Gardener at the property. She will try to establish contact with the owners of the property.

6. **Requests from Parishioners.** The Clerk has been approached by several allotment holders who have received a letter from Lord Somerleyton which suggested that the Estate wished to undertake an overhaul of the allotment site, and that also suggested that the provision of allotments would be sited elsewhere. Individual allotment holders were invited to speak with the Estate Manager and Lettings Manager, and a number have done this. It seems that there is currently no intention to change the use of the current allotment site, but to bring some of the land into an alternative use. The Meeting is asked to decide how to respond to parishioner concern.

7. **Parish Plan Working Groups.** To receive reports from working groups and decide on any actions.

   7.1 Defibrillator Group
   7.2 Green and Environment Group
   7.3 Advice and Information Group
   7.4 Speed Awareness Group
   7.5 Monday Hub

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8. Planning

8.1 Recent Applications
Application No: BA/2024/0454/FUL
Proposal : Change of use of Marina to accommodate 15 residential moorings, upgrading of pontoons & parking area
Address : Somerleyton Marina , Somerleyton , Lowestoft , NR32 5QW
Applicant : Mr M Horton
Received 31st January. Meeting of the Parish Council's Planning Committee was held on Friday 14th February which was attended by 35 members of the Public. A number of issues of concern were raised. (See Minutes attached.)
The Parish Council Planning Committee agreed its consultee response, (also attached), which has been sent to the Broads Authority and published on its website.
8.2 Recent Decisions There have been none

9. Village Events – Review

10. Village Events – Forthcoming

Sunday 6th April: 10.30 Annual Litter Pick. Meet at the Village Hall. (If weather is inclement this event will be postponed to 13th April.)
Saturday 7th June: Summer Barn Dance at Manor Barn.

11. Ashby Village Sign. N. Livingstone will give an update on the repairs to the Village Sign at Ashby.

12. Annual Parish Meeting. The Meeting will agree arrangements for the APM.

13. Finance. The Meeting is asked to consider and agree the Financial Risk Assessment/Management Plan for next Financial Year. (2025-2026).

14. Payments to be Approved. The meeting is asked to approve the following payments

04/02	C. Diggins Warm Hub Supplies.	14.25
26/02	D Ainslie Music Downloads for Community Choir.	7.47
26/02	Clerk's Office Supplies	92.86

15. Correspondence. The Meeting will decide what, if any, should be taken regarding any particular item of correspondence.

21/01	ESPA	Invitation to AGM
21/01	Sizewell C	Project Update
21/01	NPT&S	Spring Seminar
23/01	SALC	Devolution Update
31/01	ESC	Planning Data Link
31/01	NPT&S	Subscriber News
31/01	ESC	Culture in East Suffolk Network Events
31/01	C. Advice	Request for Volunteers
31/01	Sizewell C	Community Forum News
31/01	SCC	Learn Suffolk Newsletter
31/01	NPT&S	Courses on Offer
07/02	ESPA	AGM Update
07/02	SCC(KR)	Town and Parish Newsletter forwarded by K Robinson
07/02	CAS	Rural and Community Led Housing
07/02	SCC	Passenger Interest Group Minutes
07/02	ESC	Loft Insulation Offer
07/02	ESC	Planning Forum Presentation papers
07/02	NPT&S	Gov't Survey re Standards & Conduct
07/02	NCC	Notice of Emergency Road Closure at Browston

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18/02	NPT&S	Spring Seminar
19/02	SOB	Suffolk on Board Timetable Updates
19/02	ESPA	East Suffolk Planning Alliance AGM Minutes
19/02	ESC	Green Issues Events from Green Forum
19/02	ESC	Ditto
19/02	ESC	Ditto
19/02	ESC	Green Issues: Surveys and Consultations
21/02	NPT&S	Subscriber News

16. Dates and Times of Next Meetings

Annual General Meeting: **Thursday 1st May at 7.15pm** in Somerleyton Village Hall

NB The Meeting will be asked to approve the Change of Date for the AGM. This is due to the Village Hall being doubled booked, and the first Thursday of May becoming available because of the cancellation of Elections

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Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm in Somerleyton Village Hall

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