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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024
AT 7:00PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present at the meeting:

Cllr Alan Revell (Chair)	Cllr Sarah Courage
Cllr Claire Buttle	Cllr Mark Stewart
Cllr Simon Ransome	Cllr Laura Gwynne
Cllr Rob Holden	Cllr Helen Reynolds
Cllr Edwina Galloway (Vice Chair)	Cllr Traci Weaver

In attendance: The Clerk and 1 member of the public.

Welcome by the Chair.

12310 Public Forum

Democratic Quarter-Hour/Public Question Time – Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public, whilst welcome to attend, may not take part in the meeting itself.

The member of the public commented that he wished to support the TPO that was proposed for the oak trees. Why did the PC support the Apple Tree Barn proposal that appeared on the agenda last month.

Cllr Revell commented that the PC did consider the proposal for Apple Tree Barn last month. The PC is a consultee in the application. Based on the recommended guidelines there is no other reason for the PC should refuse. If the PC was to say object, then comments would be required.

The member of the public stated that the PC could say do not object.

Cllr Revell said that there is a big difference between support and object.

The member of the public said that he would like further information. The member of the public said that this is an ongoing application that he has objected to.

Cllr Revell commented that it is useful to have the opinions of residents. Cllr Galloway is a good point of contact for the PC.

Cllr Stewart said that he is shocked to see the trees felled in that area. It is thought that the tree roots had been cut and was felled as a result of it. The TPO's are a good thing to protect the trees.

Cllr Revell asked if any replanting has been considered.

Cllr Stewart was not aware of any replanting, as there was no space to do so, as there is to be a track at the back of the site.

The member of the public left at 7.14pm, and he commented that another member of the public was in favour of the TPO.

12311 Reports

Report by County Councillor Richard Smith

Richard Smith mentioned at the last PC meeting that he would be arriving late this evening.

Report by District Councillor Ewart

Julia Ewart submitted her apologies and a written report.

The Chair formally opened the meeting at 7.16pm.

12312 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Harker and Julia Ewart.

12313 To accept apologies for absence – Accepted.

12314 To record absence without apologies – None

12315 Declarations of Interest – None

12316 To consider any dispensations – None

12317 To consider the Approval of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th November 2024.

The draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated and the version now on the website were approved with abstentions from those that did not attend. Proposer: Cllr Buttle, Seconder Cllr Ransome, all in favour with 3 abstentions.

12318 Parish Clerk's Report

Policies – the updated Safeguarding Policy has been submitted to the Sizewell C Community Fund team for their approval. A copy of the amended policy appears on the website. Car Park – the repairs will be undertaken on the car park on Friday. Vehicle Signage – at the last PC meeting the size of the Sizewell C signage on vehicles was mentioned, the size is A4. Solar Park Payment – this is to be received once the area generates electricity, this is planned to be October 2025. Annual Leave – the Clerk will be absent from work after the 19th December and may not return until the end of January due to a planned operation.

12319 Clerk's Report on urgent decisions

None

12320 Matters arising from the Clerk's report.

Cllr Revell reported that the funding from the solar park will be available in October 2025, this was around £21,000.

Cllr Stewart reported that the archaeological work has been undertaken at the moment.

12321 Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2024.

10.1 Power Projects – Cllr Weaver submitted a written report.

Cllr Weaver commented that she had spoken with the representative of Sizewell C regarding the proposal of a presentation to the PC. It was thought that is a presentation with large maps to enable residents to come and see them would mean that many of the other PC's would also request this. It is proposed that he attends the meeting in January and answers the specific questions from the PC. Cllr Stewart commented that the meeting held in Yoxford was awful. It was not kept to rule and residents were shouting out during the meeting.

Cllr Weaver asked if the Sizewell C representative would bring detailed maps.

Cllr Galloway commented that as a respect to the residents the Sizewell C team should provide a presentation.

Cllr Gwynne asked what the representatives wanted from a meeting.

Cllr Revell thought that the representatives just wanted to mee with the Councillors.

Richard Smith arrived at 7.25pm.

Richard Smith reported that he was given a briefing of the entire site. The site is on a much larger scale that expected.

Cllr Gwynne commented that the Councillors are requesting something for the residents, the Sizewell C representatives are not adhering to this. What should the PC do?

Cllr Weaver said that the representatives attend the Transport Forums, therefore they do not need to visit PC meetings.

Cllr Weaver said that the Sizewell C team are going to place an article in the Community News, this is a good way of getting information to the residents.

Richard Smith stated that if the decisions were made as a result of the DCO, these are not able to be changed. He attended a meeting at Westleton at which Sizewell C presented a timeline. It is stated that the roads will be started on the second quarter of next year.

Cllr Weaver said that people need to know what's happening.

Cllr Ransome said that there is a need to know how people read the information and understand it.

The article should not be too wordy.

Cllr Revell said that the PC should invite the Sizewell C representative to the meeting in January at 6.30pm and finish at 7pm.

Cllr Weaver said that this will be organised. The article will be shared with the rest of the Council prior to the publication in the Community News. Traffic monitoring has identified an issue in Clayhills, if any Councillor agrees with this please let Cllr Weaver know. Sea Link will be submitting a DCO in January. The PC needs to keep the resident informed. The latest traffic monitoring will be analysed.

Cllr Revell asked if it would be possible to comment about the speed limit on the B1122. The speed limit hinders the users of this road, and drivers will find an alternative.

Cllr Galloway wondered if this is why Clayhills road has become so busy because of the speed limit on another route.

Richard Smith reported that he will be receiving a briefing in January from Steve Merry about the Highway's issues. The 30mph limit on the B1122 will be raised, Richard will report back to the PC after this briefing.

Report by County Councillor Richard Smith

Richard Smith reported that there is a SCC meeting tomorrow where all the Highways Officers will be present. He will be speaking with the new Highways Engineer for this area and arranging a visit to the village to look at some of the concerns. Cllr Galloway agreed to join them for the visit so that she may point out some of the concerns. Funds are difficult at SCC, they do not match the problems and expenditure that SCC has. This is a common problem for County Councils throughout the Country. There is a need for new schools, but no money with which to build them. There is a small amount of funding in Richards Locality Budget if the PC has anything they would feel that this funding could contribute to. The structure of local government was mentioned at the last meeting, and it was hoped that a white paper would have been received from the government, it is hoped to be received on the 16th December. It is thought that this may not arrive until January. The SCC elections are to take place in May next year

Cllr Revell thanked Richard Smith for his report, Richard Smith left the meeting at 8.03pm.

10.2 Carlton Meres – Cllr Revell commented that it is important to watch the time scale on the proposed highways work, to ensure that this is completed before the next holiday season.

10.3 Highway Signage – This item is ongoing.

ACTION: To await further information from Richard Smith.

10.4 Speeding on Main Road – Cllr Revell said that this item has been covered.

10.5 Village Hall Proposals – Cllr Revell reported that discussion around the forecourt continues, with a final letter to be sent from the solicitors as soon as it is finalised.

ACTION: To continue to place on the agenda.

10.6 Recreation Ground – Cllr Revel reported that the litter bin on the recreation ground was overflowing yesterday.

Cllr Reynolds commented that often the bin is full of dog waste bags, people are not using the dog waste bin outside the gate. This may be because it is difficult to open the lid if you have a couple of dogs on leads. Cllr Reynolds circulated three different dog waste bins and the prices.

It was agreed by the full Council to ask Richard Smith to fund the bins from his locality budget, this would be one on the recreation ground near the litter bin and the other on the far gate near the B1121. The cost of the two bins would be £402.91 +VAT.

ACTION: To contact Richard Smith re the funding of the dog waste bins. To contact East Suffolk Services regarding the emptying of the proposed new dog waste bins.

12322 Parish Council Matters

11.1 Kelsale Village Hall: Cllr Ransome reported that there were no further updates only the upstairs kitchen is to be started this week.

12323 Planning Matters

12.1 Planning Report - The Planning Report had been circulated in advance and there was no change since the circulation.

12.2 New planning applications since the last meeting:

TPO/189/2024 – North Green Farm, Kelsale-cum-Carlton

7 x English Oak – avenue of trees on boundary of North Green Farm adjacent to the public highway.

Cllr Ransome commented that the specifications of this application state that the trees are encircled in black, but there is no tree encircled in black on the map. The map key shows a group of trees circled. This needs to be clarified.

It was agreed by the full Council to support this application but to also point out the discrepancies within the paperwork.

ACTION: Clerk to inform Falcon Saunders of the PC’s response.

Notifications:

12324 Financial Matters

13.1 Financial Statement since the October meeting. See Updated Finance Report of 11th December 2024.

Cllr Galloway proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Ransome and agreed by all, with no abstentions.

13.2 To approve and sign the bank statements: The Bank Statement to 30th November 2024 plus financial reconciliations were presented to the Council and signed by the Chair.

12325 To Receive Reports from Portfolio Holders and Liaison Representatives

D1: Quarterly Newsletter

Cllr Galloway reported that the Editor is poorly so the newsletter may be late being published.

Cllr Gwynne has written a farming article for the Newsletter.

A2 & A3: Community, Energy & Health

Cllr Reynolds commented that she attended the Fim Club as part of the PPG Dementia group. It is hoped that the film sessions are to be extended to a wider group in the community. Saxmundham Health continues to do an amazing job in the community.

Cllr Holden commented that there appears to be an abandoned car on the car park, which has not moved for a couple of weeks.

ACTION: Clerk to submit a report to ESC regarding the abandoned vehicle.

Cllr Buttle said that some speed monitoring cables have been placed on the entrance to Curlew Green. These do not belong to Highways, are there other companies that do this?

Cllr Weaver replied that there are private companies that do this, it should say on the equipment somewhere who placed it there.

12326 Items for consideration for Inclusion on the next agenda

As appears in the minutes, January meeting – noticeboard costs,

12327 Correspondence

12328 To consider excluding the public and press.

No considerations were necessary.

12329 Excluded items

There were none.

12330 Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on the 29th January 2025 at 7pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.38pm.

Signed: Chairman Dated: