



EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham on
Monday, 2nd November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: C Woods (Chair)
D Turner
K Wilkinson
H Stanford
S Budd
D Brenig-Jones
H Glasse
M Gillett
M Mann

In Attendance J Blackburn – Clerk

ES028/20/21 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

ES029/20/21 – CO-OPTION

It was AGREED: That M Mann and M Gillett be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

ES030/20/21 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Hicks and District Cllr Morley.

ES031/20/21 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

ES032/20/21 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

ES033/20/21 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 7th September 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

ES034/20/21 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

The Police were not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

ES035/20/21 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR HICKS

Cllr Hicks was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

ES036/20/21 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR MORLEY

Cllr Morley was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

ES037/20/21 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) THE CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report in addition to items on the Agenda.

ii) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported on the Council’s current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 22nd October 2020 was £11,140.83.

iii) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Nov)	£247.43
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Expenses (Nov)	£23.00
ES Cricket Club	Grass Cutting	£375.00
CFB IT Solutions	Laptop (split between three PCs)	£289.60
ICO	Data Protection Fee Renewal	£40.00
ES Village Hall	Half of Recycling Credit	£155.07
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Dec)	£247.43
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Expenses (Dec)	£20.00
Vertas Group Ltd	Grass Cutting	301.39

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,698.92 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipts were also noted:

K Wilkinson	Contribution to gift	£10.00
<i>Pauline Birchnall</i>	<i>Paid into incorrect account</i>	<i>£10.00</i>
TLA Photography	Recorder Advert	£30.00
MSDC	Precept (2nd Instalment)	£3,278.00
MSDC	Recycling Bins Credit	£310.15
Pauline Birchnall	Recorder Advert	£30.00
East Anglian Gas	Recorder Advert	£30.00
Kevin Hollings Kitchens	Recorder Advert	£30.00

iv) DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2021/22

It was AGREED: That the Draft Budget for 2021/22 be approved.

ES038/20/21 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: APP/W3520/W/20/3256949 - Appeal by: Trustees of the LJ Gammer Settlement - Full Planning Application - Use of land for the stationing of 3no. Holiday lodges - Land Adjacent Jockeys Farmhouse, Blacksmiths Lane, Earl Stonham

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council’s views had not changed since the original application and that they continued to object. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/20/04710 - Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved, access to be considered) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 1No detached dwelling and garage; Creation of new vehicular access (existing access to be blocked up) - Land South Of Fieldfare, Forward Green, Earl Stonham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5EN

During a general discussion the following concerns were raised in relation to the application:

- The dwelling would exceed the settlement boundary
- Ongoing drainage issues in the area with the sewage system already being overloaded
- Access

Members understood that the Planning Authority had refused applications in the past what the Parish Council would regard as 'more appropriate' in the village so on that basis felt that the same criteria should be met with this application.

Following a vote, by way of showing of hands, three members objected to the proposal with six members abstaining.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council objected to the application. **Clerk to action.**

ES039/20/21 - PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/20/03560 - Full Planning Application - Change of Use to allow motor vehicle repairs with new ancillary MOT testing bay (retention of) Whitehouse Farm, Whitehouse Lane, Earl Stonham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5HE – **GRANTED**

ES040/20/21 – BUS SHELTER

Cllr Woods reported that a bus shelter had been considered in the past but was voted against due to the possibility of it attracting anti-social behavior. 'Structures' were not permitted to be installed on the village green and as bus shelters were an expensive item to purchase, the Parish Council would not be in a position to be able to purchase one with their current reserves.

ES041/20/21 – RECORDER

Cllr Turner explained that a new volunteer was needed to deliver the Recorders four times a year. Also, due to the current situation with Covid, asked whether the next issue should be sent out, or put online for those with internet access.

Cllr Gillet suggested that any relevant information be published onto the website for people to access for the next edition and postpone any paper deliveries until the New Year.

Cllr Turner stated that she could email the next edition to the village list and that if anyone wished to have a paper copy then she would be able to print a copy off.

Cllr Wilkinson agreed to take over the delivery of future Recorders. He also agreed to pick up the footpath maps and carol sheets from Jen Henderson-Hamilton and give them to the relevant people.

ES042/20/21 – FOOTPATHS

It was noted that footpath signs were still broken / down on Larters Lane and School Lane. **Clerk to chase.**

ES043/20/21 - ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that she had liaised with another Parish Clerk over their costs for garden allotments. It seemed that £20-£25 was a usual amount for a garden allotment.

She explained that she had not been able to compare the larger farm allotments but would continue to research that and report back to the next meeting.

Members suggested the Clerk liaise with Lacey Scott in relation to this matter. Cllr Budd stated that she would also ask her contacts about this.

ES044/20/21 – VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Turner reported that works had begun on the village hall's refurbishment and would continue to do so despite current restrictions with Covid.

ES045/20/21 – WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that the current website host, due to plans to re-locate, would need to hand over the role to another host.

She suggested that Suffolk.cloud could be considered as they worked closely with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) therefore the website would always comply with any new regulations and guidelines that were imposed in the future.

The Parish Council wished to thank Chris Hamilton for all his hard work with the website and wished him all the best for the future.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with Suffolk.Cloud in the taking over of the hosting role.

ES046/20/21 – JUNCTION OF A140/A1120 (TAP JUNCTION)

The Clerk reported that she had chased the Enforcement Team for an update on this matter and was informed that following the end of the Enforcement Notice period a letter was due to be sent to the owners of the site, but had not yet been sent.

Members were disappointed in the planning and enforcement system and asked the Clerk to send a letter to Councillor Morley stating that. Also, to speak with the East Anglian Daily Times in relation to this matter in order to bring some public awareness to the case.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk write to Councillor Morley and inform the local paper of the issue.

ES047/20/21 – CAROLS ON THE GREEN

It was unsure as to whether this event would be going ahead.

In relation to a Christmas tree, Cllr Budd stated that she would try to resource a tree. Cllr Mann also agreed to source a tree.

ES048/20/21 – MULTI-COURT

It was noted that the Multi-court continued to be used but no complaints had been received in relation to anti-social behavior or other such incidents.

ES049/20/21 - TRUSTEES

It was AGREED: That Cllr Budd be appointed as a representative of the Parish Council to the Trustees.

ES050/20/21 – TRAFFIC CALMING

Members felt that the portable speed sign had not been seen in the village for a while and asked the Clerk to contact the Suffolk Safety Team to ask for it to be returned.

Following a brief discussion:

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with Councillor Hicks as to any traffic safety measures he could suggest could be put in place in order to slow down traffic through the village, such as rumble strips.

ES051/20/21 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- Old Laptop to be used for Computer Club.
- Mirror at the end of Larters Lane had been removed.
- Cllr Woods would lay the Wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service.

ES052/20/21 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting finished at 8.57pm.

Chairman: Dated: