



Draft Minutes of Suffield Parish Council held on 8th November 2023

Suffield Village Hall

Jack Almey - Chairman
David Hawkins
Helen Almey
Louisa Inglis
Morag Neeld
Andy Collins
Karen Harris

Clerk Wendy Murphy
Peter Neatherway – NNDC
Saul Penfold - NCC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received

3. MINUTES

The minutes of 23rd August 2023 had previously been circulated in draft form and were approved and signed as a true record.

4. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

The Recycling grant will be submitted yearly and the clerk will find out when Countryside Recycling collect the bottle bank and who instructs them to do this.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILORS

County – Warm and Well winter campaign has just been launched. Details of this will be the Your Norfolk Magazine which is distributed to all households in Norfolk. The decision for agreement of the County Deal is 12th December 2023. Saul asked for a copy of the Land Registry to be sent to him so he could speak to highways re the triangle.

District - They are looking at a 4 year plan and have declared a climate emergency. A council tax support review is taking place and road safety is being looked into. The empty house in the village was discussed and the process will be followed up after February 2024 when the current conditions expire.

6. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

None present

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To authorise payments

Cheque 100366 NALC Membership £89.75

Cheque 100367 Poppy Wreath £20.00

Cheque 100368 W Murphy Expenses £51.69

The 2024/2025 Budget was handed out and it was proposed and seconded and all AGREED to increase the Precept to £2000.00 for 2024/2025

A Copy of the Bank Reconciliation was handed out

The clerk confirmed she had changed the email address to suffieldpc@gmail.com

8. FOOTPATHS/HIGHWAYS

The clerk has been in contact with Highways to arrange for the SAM2 to be installed in The Street.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PF/23/1464 – Cooks Farm – The clerk confirmed that NNDC had approved this application.

PF/23/2115 - Barn 8 Cooks Farm – Erection of domestic outbuilding (wooden summerhouse) (retrospective) – The council had no objections to this application.

10. GROUPS AND CHARITIES (including Bulwer Symonds Trust)

Bulwer Symonds Trust meet on 9th October 2023 and they arranged to pay 9 parishioners Christmas donations. An article will be put in the next newsletter promoting the charity and confirming that it is set up to give support to residents of Suffield.

11. NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

The clerk confirmed that this did not need electricity and has had a quote for £1510.00. She will look to see if she can get a grant for this.

12. 80th ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND LIGHTING OF A BEACON

This will be on 6th June. Jack Almey will see if Partrick Mutimer interested in being involved with this – to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting

13. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Beacon
SAM2
Defibrillator

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

7TH February 2024 at 7.00pm meeting closed at 20.12

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

16. CLERKS SALARY

The clerk confirmed that the National Joint Council had agreed to increase pay scales by £1.00 per hour backdated to 1st April 2023