



Minutes of Suffield Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2022

Suffield Village Hall

Cllr Patrick Mutimer - Chairman
Cllr J Almey
Cllr M Neeld
Cllr L Inglis
Cllr H Almey
Cllr D Hawkins

Clerk Wendy Murphy
Norfolk County Councillor Saul Penfold
3 Member of Public
Cllr C Brett virtually

1 To receive & accept apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Greg Hayman

2 To received declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None received

3 To approve the minutes of 15th October 2021 Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held

4 To discuss matters arising from the minutes

It was agreed that a 2nd Bottle Bank would not be required

5 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Penfold reported that Norfolk County Council were in the middle of doing their budget setting and NNDC were looking to increase their budget by 1.99% He discussed the local plan and this was due to go to the inspectorate shortly. He gave more details on the North Walsham west Development and

the chairman brought up the issue that he was concerned for the Town Centre and the passing traffic. Cllr Saul Penfold confirmed that unloading and loading was being looked into and would be at certain times. He confirmed that Cllr M Ashwell had tendered his resignation from NNDC and Cllr Tim Adams was looking to be elected at a full council meeting on 9th February 2022.

6 Financial Matters

To note the balance on the bank account 3rd February 2022 was £7874.23.

Payments were authorised for Country Style Recycling £12.60 Chq 100342 and clerk wages Oct-Mar £339.00 Chq 100343

7 To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to speak

The owner of the property with the Laurel hedge introduced himself and confirmed that the triangle was his land and this definitely did not belong to highways. He confirmed that he would get the Laurel Hedge cut back.

8 Footpaths/Highways

The clerk presented a quote that had been received from Westcotec for the SAM2. The cost of this would be £3150.00. Cllr Saul Penfold confirmed that he could help with the cost of this and would get more information to the clerk

Cllr Saul Penfold confirmed that he would contact highways to get clarification on who owned the triangle. He would also speak to Highways regarding the unadopted Laurel Hedge on Brick Lane as this needed cutting back.

The sign outside Peters cottage on Rectory Road had fallen down. The clerk will arrange for Highways to look into this.

9 Reports from Groups

It was reported that "If not now when" group now has a new chairman Cllr C Brett. Tree work and the clearance of the ditch had been undertaken and a donations box was now in place. The scouts will be having a day clearing the reclamation area and doing an art installation on the 12th March. It was reported that it had been a bumper year for the Marsh Orchids.

The Suffield Charities reported that 7 residents had received a share of £1400.00 that had been distributed in December.

10 First Aid Course

It was agreed that this can now go ahead and be booked. Wendy will get some dates from Aylsham First Responder who was willing to do this and come back to council.

11 Norfolk Boreas/Vanguard

his is waiting for Government approval and if passed the cables will be going through Cllr P Mutimer's land. He therefore feels it will not be appropriate for him to be Chairman and will be stepping down in May.

12 Queens Platinum/Jubilee/Beacon

Cllr P Mutimer will be attending a Meeting with the Village Hall to discuss a street party and a Beacon. More information will be given at the next council meeting.

13. To Note items for information/Future Agenda

The Chairman confirmed that if there were any highway issues than for parishioners to email the clerk who would be able to contact Highways.

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting

Thursday 11th May Annual parish Meeting 7pm followed by the Annual Meeting of Suffield Parish council.

Meeting closed at 20.04

Meeting closed at 20.35

Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 6.30pm