



Minutes of Suffield Parish Council Meeting held on 15th March 2023
at 7.00pm
Suffield Village Hall

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

Clerk Wendy Murphy
Cllr Saul Penfold
3 Members of the Public

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Louisa Inglis

2 Declarations of interest & requests for dispensations

None

3 To approve the minutes of the Suffield Parish Council Meeting 18th January 2023

These had previously been circulated in Draft form and after a spelling mistake had been amended were approved and signed as a true record

4 To discuss matters arising from the minutes

None

5 Reports from County / District Councillors

Cllr Saul Penfold confirmed that there would be a 4.99% increase in council tax bills for Norfolk County Council 8% increase for North Norfolk District Council. The public consultation for the county deal finishes on 20th March 2023. He confirmed that 1,955 people from Ukraine have been housed with 822 host families in Norfolk. He has enough money in his fund to purchase a SAM2 to be shared between Colby and Banningham Parish Council and Suffield Parish Council. This will be located on The Street and Wendy will collect data to be shared with councillors and the Police. Cllr Saul Penfold has had no response regarding the abandoned cars. He confirmed they have all been SORN – The clerk will write to highway boundaries just to get written confirmation of who owns the land.

6 Finance

Wendy confirmed that the balance on the account was £7813.47 as at 15th March 2023.

The following cheques were authorised for payment

100356 Wendy Murphy – Clerk Wages £405.00

100357 Country Style Recycling £21.00

100358 Suffield Village Hall – Hire £225.00

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

A representative from Suffield Church confirmed that they are looking to make more of a wildlife area around the edge of the churchyard. They would also like to install bird boxes. Along with cutting the grass they estimate this to cost in the region of £600 for the entire season. She asked the Parish Council if they would be able to give a grant towards this cost. A meeting will be arranged in the churchyard to discuss this and a decision on how much to give will be made at the next meeting.

Mr P Mutimer advised the council that people walking on Bunyards Loke had been allowing their dogs to run, out of control in his crops. He confirmed that he would allow pedestrian access to the loke with dogs being kept in close control.

8 Footpaths/Highways

The Clerk confirmed that she had not received anything from Richard Seaman in response to the letter sent re Bunyards Loke

9 Planning Applications

None received

10 Reports from Groups

Nothing to report

11 Training for Councillors

It was agreed that this should be arranged after Parish Elections

12 New Defibrillator

The Clerk has spoken to British Telecom and they have confirmed that there would still be electric cables in place where the old telephone box was. She was given what three words for the location and will speak to UK Power Networks to see if this can be reconnected.

The Parish council thanked Karen Harris for the defibrillator training that had taken place in the village hall.

13 The Suffield Festival of Arts and Crafts

This has been arranged for 29th and 30th July at the church. Artists and craters will be invited to have a stall and there will be entertainment. Funds are being raised for Suffield Church. Cllr Helen Almey asked for help to run this event. 2 Portable loos will be required at a cost of £90 each. It was proposed and seconded that the Parish council pay for these. All agreed

14 Suffield Coronation Memento

It was suggested that mugs could be bought and then sold to the parishioners - The Parish Council discussed this and agreed not to proceed with this.

15 To note items for information/future Agenda

None received

16 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th May 2022 Annual meeting of Suffield Parish council 6.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting 8.00pm

17 Exclusion of the Press and Public

18. Clerks Appraisal

The chairman confirmed this had taken place

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.30