

THE SAXHAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th February 2019

at St. Nicholas Church Little Saxham

Present:

Councillors: Michael Burt (Chairman), Jonathan Clarke (Councillor), Sue Dunn (Councillor),
Jennie Moody (Councillor) Rosie Irish (Councillor) and Michelle Thompson (Clerk)

The Chairman, Michael Burt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Action

1. Apologies for Absence –
Suzie Winkler and Helen Ferguson

2. Declaration of Interest Nil

3. Minutes of the Last PC Meeting held on 22nd November 2018

The Minutes were approved by all and signed off by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising from Minutes 22nd November 2018

- Drainage Issue at Great Saxham Church Entrance Gate

Funding from SCC Highways has now been agreed and unless any further costs occur regarding the drainage, work will go ahead in 2019/20

**Michelle
Thompson**

- Cycle Route Barrow – Bury St Edmunds

There has been no more progress made with the Saxham to Barrow Section of The Cycle Route and it was therefore agreed to contact the SCC Right of Way Officer.

**Michelle
Thompson**

- Village Guide

An update version of the Village Guide has been produced, although still awaiting the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Little Saxham and details of the new Vicar.

It was however, agreed by the Parish Council that a couple of copies should be printed on card for the AGM in May

- Planning Applications – CD/18/1465/LB (**approved**) and DC/18/1464/FUL (**refused**)

No further discussion was had on the subject

Signed

Chair

Date

- Subsidence at Lower Farm Great Saxham

This has now been rectified and SCC Highways completed the work.

- Re – Instate Little Saxham Village Sign

This has been an on-going issue now for nine months after the sign was demolished in a road accident and still on the waiting list for it to be replaced. Suggestions have been made that we approach SC Councillor Karen Soons for a grant to put towards the costs of having a new sign

**Michelle
Thompson**

5. Suffolk Police Report

The Chairman read from the attached SNT Newsletters and reported about issues surrounding Drones

6. St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Councillor Ian Houlder

Ian Houlder confirmed that he would be standing in the next election but did not know which Ward he would be selected for and would keep us updated.

He confirmed that the Council Tax set by the new West Suffolk Council would not increase, however over time this could rise partly due to the new merged council. The Council has seen increased funding from the Government.

He discussed the Social Housing provisions at Marham Park, Fornham and new builds at Barrow and around the Westley Village where Pidgeon are wanting to build 485 houses. By 2031 there are also plans for an NHS health campus at the site. Ian Houlder discussed how he spent his Locality budget giving examples of The War Memorial and Repairs to the Town Estate Rooms at Barrow.

Suffolk County Council - Councillor Karen Soons

7. Karen shared news from her December, January and February Newsletters which are attached. She once again said that she had been able to provide Locality Grants to a number of villages to help with local projects and literacy and discussed the importance of the local transport service and how it should be supported to help maintain it. Karen went on to inform us of the changes in SCC's policy in School Transport. She outlined that from September 2019 only children living in Suffolk who are statutory school age 5 – 16 years old would be eligible (over 2 miles under 8 years old and 8 – 16 years over 3 miles) There will also be no Transport Priority Areas.

Signed

Chair

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8. Council /Parish Elections – 2nd May 2019

Uncontested Election – 7th May (Councillors take office)

Contested Election - 8th May (Councillors take office)

The Clerk gave out the relevant nomination packs with a set of attachments containing relevant deadline dates and information to the Councillors informing them of the procedures involved and what would happen if there was a contested election (more candidates than seats; then a poll is held) was also attached. The Chairman hopes that all the existing Councillor would stand again.

There has been a review of the polling stations throughout the district In the past there has been two caravans used one at Little and one at Great Saxham. The Borough's concern is future availability of the caravans as one of the suppliers has ceased trading. Therefore, they have decided on St Andrews Church Great Saxham as the new polling Station for The Saxhams The Parish Council had some concerns on hearing this decision, one of them being the location towards the main parts of the two villages. They have therefore asked the Clerk to contact the Borough Council Election Department just to clarify this also to ask why and if a fee should be given to the Church Funds

9. Chestnut Trees Twites Corner Great Saxham

**Michelle
Thompson**

This is an ongoing issue and one of our parishioners has been assisting with our enquires throughout.

Since the last meeting the Clerk has done numerous investigating into the ownership of the land on which the Chestnut Tree stands to be able decide on who is responsible for maintaining the tree. Unfortunately, so far this still has not been established, however with the assistance of Michael Rutterford, we did find that three years ago SCC commissioned "Heartwood Tree Service" to trim the trees but nothing has been done since.

SCC Karen Soons suggested that because it has a TPO that we once again contact the Borough Offices and find out the number and when it was registered and by as this could give us another avenue of enquiry. Alternately she did suggest that maybe her Locality Budget could be used for this and asked if we could look into it and perhaps have someone assess the tree and gain some quotes for the cost of the work needed. It was then agreed that we undertake further investigation into the ownership of this land. Through enquiring about the electrical power lines etc.

In the meantime, the Chestnut Tree situated near the bus stop on the north side of Twites Corner is on a highway, and ae still awaiting SCC to come back with a date and time to deal with it. The Clerk is to chase up on this.

**Michelle
Thompson**

Signed

Chair

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10. Planning Applications Received from Last Meeting:

- DC/19/073/TPO -TPO363 Tree Preservation Order – 4no Norway Maples (T1,T2, T3,T4 on plan, within Area A3 of Order) – Crown Lift to 5 m above ground level over roadway and 3m above ground Level over grass area.

Class Uk Ltd. Saxham Business Park Little Saxham IP28 6QZ
Mr Butcher Class Uk

- DC/18/2270/LB Application for Listed Consent – amendments to approved external brickwork on approval extension Amendments to previous approved DC/17/2690/LB

The Livland Trust c/o Conyers Dill and Pearman. Saxham Hall.
Cobbs Hall Road Great Saxham IP29 5JW .

11. Planning Applications Approved / Refused since last Meeting: -

- DC/18/1429/TPO – TPO (1974) Tree Preservation Order –
(i) 3no. Sycamore (T2, T3 and T4on plan within area A9 on order) 14no. branches to be cut back for 2.5 meters clearance from banks and reservoir.; (ii) 2no. Hazel (T5 and T6 on plan within area A9 on order) 4no. branches to be cut back to fence by up to 3 meters and (iii) 4no. Ah (T7, T8, T9, and T10 on Plan within area A9 on order) 7no. branches to be cut back for 2.5 meters clearance from banks and reservoir.

Little Saxham Water Reservoir and Water Booster, Little Saxham.
WIP 25155

Pending

- DC/18/2036/TPO – TPO 363 (2003) – Tree Preservation Order –
(i)T1 and T2 Lime – Remove epicormic growth and lift crown to 3m above ground level (ii) T3 and T4 Cherry – Lift crown 3m above ground level and re-balance tree (iv) T6 Beech – Reduce crown overhanging fence and road by 1.5m to rebalance tree (v) G1 beech and Pine – lift crowns on all trees overhanging road to 5.5 m above ground level (vi)T7 Lift crown to 5m above ground level (vii) T8 Maple- lift crown to 5 m above ground level (viii)T9 Beech – Lift crown to 5m above ground level and reduce crown by 1.5m roadside (ix) T10 Beech – Lift crown to 5m above ground level and reduce crown by 1.5m roadside.

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Mr Butcher, Class

Pending

- DC/17/1581/FUL (i) Conversion of barn to 1no. dwelling

Signed

Chair

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(ii) Construction of associated access drive.

Falco Ltd. Priors Farm. Barrow Road, Hargrave Suffolk

Refused

- DC/16/1723/OUT Application for Proposed Truckstop- Adj Road from A14 to C629 Risby. Mr George J. Gittus and Sons.

Approved

- DC/18/0588/FUL (i) Dismantle Umbrello (ii) Carry out necessary conservation work (iii) Re-construct Umbrello in new location on Saxham Hall Estate.

Pending

- DC/18/0589/LB **Listed Building Consent** – Dismantle Umbrello (ii) Carry out necessary conservation work (iii) Re-construct Umbrello in new location on Saxham Hall Estate.

Pending

12. Finance

- Cheques – circulated and agreed by all present

M Thompson (Clerks Wages Back Pay)	£ 54.00	Chq. No:- 316
M Thompson (Clerks Wages Jan - Mar)	£ 364.00	Chq. No:- 317
M Thompson Clerks Training (Election)	£ 15.00	Chq. No:- 318
M Thompson (Clerks Expenses)	£ 94.92	Chq. No:- 319
Donations St Nicholas Church	£ 50.00	Chq. No:- 320
Donation St Andrews Church	£ 50.00	Chq No:- 321

- Bank Reconciliation was approved and agreed by the Parish Council
- Grants to Church - £50 was given to Great Saxham Church, and £50 to Little Saxham Church
- No Other Charitable Donations were given

13. Play Area

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Chair

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The Play Area Reports for November 2018, December 2018 and January 2019 were discussed and no further changes were identified from the last meeting in November 2018.

New Play Inspection Agreement – Starting 1st April 2018

Due to the merging of Forest Health and St Edmundsbury Borough Council a new Inspection Agreement has been signed by the Parish Council. There will still be a monthly report carried out by the Council but also an Annual Inspection will be done by an Independent Company

The Parish Council reviewed this and approved the agreement the only query was the need for a monthly inspection could this be cut down to a quarterly one.

**Michelle
Thompson**

14. Correspondence

The Chairman briefly ran through the correspondence.

15. Any Other Business;

There was no further business

Date of Next Meeting – AVM is Thursday 9th May at St Andrews Church Great Saxham at 7.15 pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was declared closed 9.00 pm

Signed

Chair

Date

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Signed

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