

THE SAXHAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 2019

at St. Andrews Church Little Saxham

Present

Councillors: Michael Burt (Chairman), Sue Dunn (Councillor), Gill Hicks (Councillor), Jonathan Clarke (Councillor) Michelle Thompson (Clerk) and two Parishioners

The Chairman, Michael Burt welcomed everyone and suggested that the meeting should begin with an Open Forum for discussion of the idea of a Footpath between The Saxhams.

Mr & Mrs Newnham from “By The Drift” were present and had written to the Parish Council to lodge an objection to any public footpath that would use a route adjacent to their property. There was discussion of the points raised in their letter to the Council and the Chairman stressed that the project was in its early stages and that many routes were being considered. Moreover, the desired outcome would be a “permissive path’ rather than a public footpath, so there would be greater control over access including possibly even restrictions on who might be able to use the route (via perhaps combination locks at access points).In summary the matter would be discussed further and options brought to the AVM for consideration.

1. Apologies: - Apologies for Absence came from
Cllr. Rosie Irish, Cllr. Helen Ferguson and
Cllr. Suzie Winkler

2. Declaration of Interest Nil

3. Minutes of the Last PC Meeting held on 26th September 2019

The minutes were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes 26th September 2019

- **Footpath from Little Saxham Village through to Great Saxham Playground:**

Both Cllr. Hicks and Cllr Burt have been investigating options for the provision of a “*Permissive Path*” from Little Saxham to Great Saxham.

A number of suggestions have been put forward and it has been agreed to discuss these with the relevant land owners and the SCC Right of Way Officer. The outcome of these discussions will be presented at the A.V.M in May 2020

**Cllr Hicks
and Cllr
Burt**

- **Heavy Vehicles along Great Saxham Village Road**

(there is a new scheme to keep Suffolk’s villages safe with Lorry Watch)

This scheme looks at the use of roads through villages, such as The Saxhams by HGV traffic and trying to restrict this. There is already an “Unsuitable for HGV” sign at Twites Corner crossroads and it has been suggested that it is

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Chair

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proving to be ineffective. So far, the scheme has been very successful in reducing the number of HGVs exceeding weight limits. The Clerk looked into the possibility of registering with the scheme but unfortunately as we have no Weight Restriction signs this is not possible.

• **Little Saxham Village Sign**

This has been on-going for some time the Parish Council would approach Cllr. Soons to ask if this project would qualify for a grant from her Locality Budget. A Quote was given by G Signs from Risby for £235 + Vat subject to them being able to use the existing post. All agreed

• **Chestnut Trees Great Saxham Twites Corner**

This has been an on-going issue for some time now and with a lot of assistance, particularly from Cllr. Karen Soons, along with one of our parishioners, who has been helping with our enquires throughout. At the last meeting it was established that the Council's Highways Cyclical Team would instruct West Suffolk Council to carry out the work required on the trees within three months This had been is evaluated and a report was sent back to the Parish Council in September However, the work carried out was not what the Parish Council and the Parishioner was led to believe was going to be done. This is being looked into further.

**Michelle
Thompson**

5. Suffolk Police Report

There were no particular items of relevance to The Saxhams.

6. St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Councillor Ian Houlder

With the approaching elections Cllr Houlder said that increased number of people are voting by post.

He went on to inform us that all was going well with the new “West Suffolk Council” and that local plans have now been approved and are going ahead with the development of the old Forest Heath building. They are focusing on job opportunities and setting up a new hub in Mildenhall. Ian went on to say that there is a new Sixth Form Centre at Mildenhall Upper. Investments are being ploughed into Bury St Edmunds with plans for a swimming pool, Upper School etc.

7. Suffolk County Council - Councillor Karen Soons

(Please see the Attached Parish Newsletter for SCC)

8. Planning Applications Received Since the Last Meeting

- DC/19/2161/FUL – Planning Application – Workshop and Associated Security Fence. Symonds Farm, Newmarket Road, Risby Suffolk IP28 6RE.

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

- DC/19/1715/FUL:- Change of use from sui generis (agricultural land) to sui generis (tractor demonstration land for CLAAS UK Ltd) comprising 1no. building and associated hardstanding, bunding, wash down areas and infrastructure. Land South of Saxham Business Park, Little Saxham Suffolk
CLAAS UK LTD – C/O Agent

Pending

At the September Parish, a letter was sent to Planning Department expressing the Parish Councils' concern about the Exterior lighting as so it is a rural village and we would ask if it could be restricted as not to cause a nuisance to the residents of Little Saxham, in particular. This is being followed up again by the Clerk.

- SCC/0061/19SE Extension of existing site, new internal roadways and circulation space, new storage building, construction of cantilevered roof structure to existing yard HGV and car parking areas and new weigh bridges. Part retrospective in relation to a small area of extended concrete yard. Greenways Recycling Ltd, Newmarket Rd. Risby. Bury St Edmunds IP28 6RE
- DC/19/1593/LB:- Application for Listed Building consent (i) insertion of 8no. circular windows;(ii) new timber staircase; (iii) create new door way to west elevation; (iv)stud wall arbitration to the ground and first floors.
Saxham Hall, Cobbs Road, Great Saxham IP29 5JW
The Livland Trust c/o Conyers Dills Pearson

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Pending

- DC/19/1592/HH:- Application for Listed Building consent insertion of 8no. circular windows;(ii) new timber staircase; (iii)create third floor within the tower:-
Saxham Hall, Cobbs Road Great Saxham IP295JW
The Livland Trust c/o Conyers Dills Pearson

Pending

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

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10. West Suffolk Council - Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment

The Saxhams are considered “*in the countryside*” so this document is not as relevant, but the Clerk will check with the Local Council

11. Finance

- Cheques – circulated and agreed by all present.
Chq No: 346 McGregor Services (Grass Cut Sept and Oct) £414.00
Chq No: 347 Robert Doughty (Lt Saxham Photo Project) £100.00
- Bank Reconciliation was approved and agreed by the Parish Council
With the Precept being received of £6000

12. Correspondence

Drainage near The Cattery at the top of Honey Hill Little Saxham has been an on-going issue which has unfortunately not been recognised by Highways. The drain is ineffective and causing flooding once more
The Clerk is also to follow-up on a letter sent to West Suffolk Council regarding CLAAS application about whether there is any section 106 money available to assist with the above issue.

Cllr Clarke mentioned the noticeboard at Great Saxham was in needed of some attention.

The Clerk was asked to enquire into its refurbishment and to obtain a quote.

Play Area Report; - Reports for September and October were reviewed and assessed as routine maintenance only required

The Chairman mentioned that the May Bank Holiday 2020 is being moved from 4th to 8th to celebrate the end of World War II and Victory in Europe. Therefore, did we want to consider doing something between the two villages.

Residents of The Saxhams are concerned about the noise levels on a Sunday from the Shooting range Area between Great Saxham and Barrow. This needs to be monitored and if necessary, brought to the notice of West Suffolk Council

13. Any Other Business

None

Signed

Chair

Date

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 13th February 2020 at
St Andrews Church Great Saxham at 7.30 pm
Thursday 14th May A.V.M St Nicholas Church
Little Saxham at 7.30 pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was declared
closed 8.30 pm

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