

# THE SAXHAMS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at St. Nicholas Church Little Saxham

### **Present:**

Councillors: Helen Ferguson (Councillor), Carolyn Hopkinson (Councillor) Gill Hicks (Councillor) Rosie Irish (Councillor) Suzie Winkler (Councillor ) Bob Jones (Councillor) Michelle Thompson (Clerk)

Cllr. Hopkinson, Acting Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 1. Election of Chairman and Signing of the Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Burt got elected as Chairman. All Agreed

### 2. Election of Vice Chairperson and Signing of the Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Hopkinson got elected as Vice Chair. All Agreed

Apologies:- Cllr. Mike Burt and Cllr. Ian Houlder

Declaration of Interest Nil

### 4. Minutes of the Last P.C. Meeting held on 28th February 2023

The Minutes were approved by all and signed off by Cllr. Hopkinson, Acting Chair.

### 5. Matters Arising from Minutes 28th February 2023

#### • **Great Saxham Playground – Update on Outstanding Issues**

The poor condition of the wooden benches (listed under moderate risk) continues to be monitored through the monthly Play Area Report by the Council. The replacement of the feet has been approved and Cllr. Ferguson is dealing with this.

**Cllr  
Ferguson**

Cllr. Winkler had arranged for the repair of the basketball nets and stand. Work has been completed and is now awaiting installation.

**Cllr  
Winkler**

The Benches, which were kindly donated to the Play Area by Great Saxham United Charities as a gift for the Jubilee, have continued to be a concern with the positioning of them on the bank. The Parish Council discussed various options: moving them, levelling the bank, and also cutting steps into the bank and fitting a handrail to make the area more accessible to all. A Parishioner is assisting with this. Once the work is complete the benches will be included in the P.C. Asset Register.

**Cllrs.  
Irish,  
Ferguson  
& Winkler**

Signed

Chair

Date

- **Stile Newsletter – numbers required in Great and Little Saxham**

Due to rising cost the Councillors discussed the number of Stiles being distributed in the Parish. It was decided to continue paying for the cost of the Stile as it was believed it was a valuable source of information – advertisements etc. but to get more information about exact numbers issued, current layout and production costs

**M  
Thompson**

- **Clerk's Computer up-date**

The Clerk is very pleased with her computer and thanks extended to Cllr. Jones

- **Electric Charging Point – Great Saxham Layby**

There has still been no information received regarding the installation of an electrical charging point. Parish Clerk asked to send a further enquiry for an update.

**M  
Thompson**

- **Speed Limit Feedback from S.C.C. on extension of 30 mph Limit**

No more updates have been provided. Cllr. Burt to follow up.

**M Burt**

### **Matters Arising from the Annual Village Meeting**

Road Closures: This was discussed at the village meeting. The residents were very interested in assisting with enquiries. Cllr. Burt and Cllr. Jones will continue to the follow up issues with Direct Foods

The view of the Impact on the future housing at Barrow, on the two villages was that it would certainly create more traffic.

Lodge Farm Little Saxham

This was discussed in the AVM and the site goes on Sale at the end of May 2023

**Cllr Jones**

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### **Village Sign for Little Saxham**

Cllr. Burt will continue his work into researching a village sign for Little Saxham

### **Police Report**

Cllr. Hopkinson reported that there were no matters to highlight.

Signed

Chair

Date

## 7. **Planning Application Received Since the Last Meeting**

- **DC/23/0657/FUL**

Planning application - new steel storage, processing and distribution facility (use class B2) and associated development including highway and drainage infrastructure, parking, fencing and landscaping  
Land Off Newmarket Road Great Saxham Suffolk  
Applicant: AJN Steelstock, GEO.E.Gittus & Sons, Dencora Construction

This produced a lot of discussion on the subject of what impact it will have on the Saxham community, light pollution, noise disturbances, volume of traffic etc . We have been asked by Risby Parish Council to work alongside them as our concerns are very similar  
The Clerk was asked to make enquiries into obtaining an extension on the Consultation Period

It was clear that very few villagers are aware of the AJN Steelstock planning application and those that are have many concerns. Councillors think it would be useful to organise a public meeting, perhaps by leafleting all households, possibly to be held jointly with Risby Parish Council. Cllr. Burt and the Parish Clerk to continue to liaise with Risby Parish Clerk.

Councillors to do more research into the details of the application.

**M  
Thompson/  
Cllr Burt**

- **DC/23/0586/CLP**

Application for lawful development certificate for proposed use or development - two farm worker dwellings approved under planning permissions E/90/1545/P and E/90/2545/P

Location: Land West Off Cottage Symonds Road Great Saxham Suffolk IP29 5JU

Applicant: Mr. George Gittus, Geo E Gittus & Sons Ltd

### Planning Applications Approved / Refused since last Meeting: -

- **DC/23/0216/FUL**

Proposal Planning Application - a. one portal frame building for class E (commercial, business and service) and B8 (storage and distribution) use with palisade fencing b. demolition of existing agricultural buildings

21 Symonds Farm  
Newmarket Road  
Great Saxham Bury St Edmunds  
Applicant Mr Mark Wells, Geo E Gittus & Sons Ltd

*Pending*

- **DC/22/0982/HH** Household Planning Application-  
Construction of pool garden, with pool equipment house and  
minor landscaping works

Saxham Hall  
Cobbs Hall Road  
Great Saxham  
Suffolk  
IP29 5JW

Applicant      Mr. O. Winkler

*Approved*

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## **Finance**

### **Cheques:-**

Chq 5    Mcgregors (Grass Cutting Apr ) £516.00,  
Chq 6    SALC (Annual Subs) £155.00  
Chq 8    SALC (GH Councillor Training) £31.20 .All Approved

**Bank Reconciliation** was approved by all

9.      The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor was coming on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and  
that AGAR 23 was due to be approved and then sent to PFK Littlejohn by 1<sup>st</sup>  
July.

## **Correspondence**

10.    None

## **Any Other Business**

There was no other business

The next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Signed

Chair

Date

Signed

Chair

Date