

THE SAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2022

at St. Andrew's Church Great Saxham

Present

Councillors: Michael Burt (Chairman), Gill Hicks (Councillor), Carolyn Hopkinson (Councillor), Bob Jones (Councillor), Rosie Irish (Councillor), Suzie Winkler (Councillor), Michelle Thompson (Clerk).

1. Election of Chairperson and signing of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Burt was duly elected chairman for year 2022/23. All Agreed.

2. Apologies: - Helen Ferguson (Councillor)

3. Declaration of Interest Nil

4. Minutes of the Last PC Meeting held on 16th February 2022

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 16th February 2022

- **Little Saxham Village Noticeboard Repairs**

Mr. Kidd planned to start work on this in the next few weeks as his last project before retirement.

Michelle Thompson

- **Drainage at Honey Hill near to The Cattery
Lt. Saxham**

The chairman had met with Cllr. Soons and Matthew Fox from SCC Highways to discuss. Repeated rodding to clear the silt continually built up seems to be the only practical solution. The matter should continue to be logged on the SCC website.

Cllr. Burt

- **Drainage at Great Saxham Church Gate**

The chairman had met with Cllr. Soons and Matthew Fox from SCC Highways to discuss. Photographs had now been shared with SCC and it was appreciated that the works undertaken in 2014 had caused this problem. Once these are shared with SCC including the paper trail of correspondence then it was considered adjustment to the kerbing would alleviate the problem which could be undertaken by SCC.

Cllr. Burt

Cllr Winkler explained that the works had also undermined the drainage of the property adjacent to the church and she would share evidence of this for SCC to review.

**Cllr.
Winkler**

- **Great Saxham Play Area**

Signed



Chair

29/6/22

Date

The poor condition of the wooden bench is noted in the monthly Council report. If simply a matter of shortening the legs then Bob Jones offered to undertake this. **Cllr. Jones**

Two new 'Queen's Jubilee' benches are being provided by Great Saxham United Charity (GSUC) to be sited on the Play Area. It was agreed that these could be maintained by the PC and be added to the Asset Register if that were desired by GSUC. **Cllr. Ferguson**

• **Electric Charging Points**

The PC has expressed an interest in the 'Plug-In Suffolk' community scheme and will discuss further if this is likely to be progressed.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Village Meeting

Play area. Basketball hoops and backboards to be made safe leaving the uprights in place. **Cllr. Hopkinson**

Road Diversion. Concern that any overrun or work on the Honey Hill should not impact on Harvest operations. Parish Council to check on progress with SAS contractors. Also to encourage SCC to renew white lines at the Honey Hill junction now being more heavily used by traffic. **Cllr. Burt**

VAS and Speeding. Clerk to provide Police safer Neighbourhood team contact details to Colin Yeoman who raised this issue. PC to discuss cost of next generation VAS signs with supplier WESTCOTEC and neighbouring parishes. **Michelle Thompson/
Cllr. Burt**

Lodge farm Development. PC to engage with St John's College to understand alternative options for development and promote views of the village community. **Cllr. Burt**

Direct Table. PC to engage with this business to encourage them to consider putting back something into the Community to compensate for the disruption caused by the road diversion. **Cllr. Jones**

Saxhams Business Park. PC to tackle various organisations regarding light pollution from modern security lighting. **Cllr. Burt**

A14 junction development. PC to liaise with Risby Parish Council to understand concerns over recent planning proposals adjacent to J41. **Cllr. Burt**

6. Suffolk Police Report

The Safer Neighbourhood Team Police report had been circulated but there were no matters specific to The Saxhams.

7. Planning Applications Approved / Refused

DC/21/1560/FUL Planning Application- Conversion of stable building to two holiday lets

Signed

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Chair

29/8/22

Date

Stables
Lower Farmhouse
Barrow Road
Great Saxham
Suffolk

Mr. W. Phizacklea

Status: Approved

- **DC/22/0054/HH** - Householder Planning Application –
 - a) conversion of existing double garage into annexe
 - b) double garage

BriarsMead
Bury Road
Little Saxham
IP29 5LD

Mr Stewart Maciiness Status: Approved

8.

Finance

The following cheques were approved and signed.

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| Chq 415 | Michelle Thompson – Clerk Salary | £401.36 |
| | APR-JUN including Back Pay awarded | |
| | for 2021/22 now agreed by NALC | |
| Chq 420 | SCC – Clerk Pension Contribution | £121.04 |
| Chq 417 | SALC Annual Subscription | £142.24 |
| Chq 416 | McGregors grass cutting (2 invoices) | £516.00 |

Bank Reconciliation was agreed and approved. The Precept of £6,000 had been received. It was noted that HSBC had now introduced bank charges for Small Business Accounts. The charge is a fixed £5 per month plus 40p per cheque drawn on the account.

Change of bank Account.

In view of the charges being levied by HSBC it was agreed to look into the terms and conditions of an alternative Bank. It was believed that Lloyds Bank still offer a charge free account so this would be investigated and an account opened with a view to moving the PC business there to avoid these charges. This would also be a good opportunity to move payments to Bank Transfer rather than cheque wherever possible.

**Michelle
Thompson**

Date of Next Meeting –

Wednesday and Thursday appear to be the most convenient days for Parish Council meetings

**Michelle
Thompson**

Thurs June 23rd 7:30pm St Nicholas' Church, Little Saxham
Weds 28th September 7:30pm St Andrew's Church, Great Saxham

Signed

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Chair

27/6/22

Date

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Signed

M Burt

Chair

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