

THE SAXHAMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2019

at St. Andrews Church Great Saxham

Present:

Councillors: Michael Burt (Chairman), Helen Ferguson (Councillor), Sue Dunn (Councillor), Gill Hicks (Councillor), Michelle Thompson (Clerk) and one Parishioner

The Chairman, Michael Burt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

2. Declaration of Interest Nil

3. Minutes of the Last PC Meeting held on 20th June 2019

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

4. Matters Arising from Minutes 20th June 2019

- **Drainage Issues: -**
at Great Saxham Church Entrance Gate

Funding from SCC Highways had been agreed and unless any further costs occur regarding the drainage, work will go ahead in 2019/20. The Clerk contacted Suffolk Highways to see whether they can give us at date of when the work may be completed and received an email from Highways stating that unfortunately a human error had been made on their side and no funding is available. Suffolk County Councillor Soons has offered to look into the situation for us.

**Michelle
Thompson**

Adjacent to the bridlepath at Honey Hill Little Saxham

This drainage issue is ongoing, Suffolk Highways replied with a decision to take no action even though this blocked drain has given significant flooding at a bend in the road and causes significant risks to road users. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

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

This is an ongoing process with both Cllr. Hicks and Cllr Burt looking at the options available.

Signed

Chair

Date

- **Dog Fouling**

A flyer regarding the concerns of dog fouling within Great Saxham Village was sent out with the September Stile. Since then, both Parishioners and Councillors seem to think there has been a slight improvement. There were suggestions about enquiring into a dog bin and also the cost, but for the time being this is going to be monitored.

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

(there is a new scheme to keep Suffolk's village safe with lorry watch)

This new scheme looks at the use of the roads through villages such as The Saxhams by HGV traffic and trying to restrict this. There is already an "Unsuitable for HGV" sign at the Twites corner crossroads and it has been suggested that it is proving to be ineffective. So far, the scheme has proved very successful in reducing the number of HGVs exceeding weigh limits. Councillors considered the matter and decided to ask the Clerk to enquire into registering with the scheme.

**Michelle
Thompson**

- **Little Saxham Village Sign**

This has been on - going for some time now and unfortunately the Council have come back and said, we are on a waiting list and due to the lack of funding it has been put on hold.

The Parish Council approached Cllr. Soons to ask if this project would qualify for a grant from her locality budget. The answer was positive but Cllr. Soons advised that external contractors might deliver this more cost effectively than the Council as had been the case elsewhere. The Clerk was therefore asked to liaise with Cllr. Soons to obtain some contact details to pass on to the Chairman who would progress the matter.

Chairman

5. Suffolk Police Report

The Chairman read from the attached new style SNT Newsletter and reported back to the Council. There was little to note regarding The Saxhams

6. St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Councillor Ian Houlder

Cllr Houlder informed us that all was going well with the new "West Suffolk Council" and that local plans have now been approved for the development of the old Forest Heath building and that the Council is 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.

He touched on the Barrow Village Development and its prime location for the A14, Cambridge and Stansted, with increased traffic being the main effect on The Saxhams. West Suffolk Council Vision 2031 calls for site allocations to be included in the Local Plan

Signed

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7. Suffolk County Council - Councillor Karen Soons

Cllr. Soons went over her September Parish Newsletter , outlining the major items e.g. GCSE result being slightly up on last year, she went on to mention again about “*The Hold*” and that people will have more access available through the internet with this service.

The Parish Council was updated on SCC transport changes. With Cllr. Soons reporting that they have successfully secured a new replacement for the route 377 Bradfield St George and Rougham. Also, a new bus service has been created, which goes from Haverhill to West Suffolk Hospital.

(for more information see attached Parish Newsletter)

8. Chestnut Trees Great Saxham Twites Corner

This has been an ongoing 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.

Since the last meeting the new Highway representative, Matthew Fox came out to visit the site in July and meet with Cllr Clarke and Cllr Dunn and one of our parishioners. Their aim was to establish the ownership of the land on which the Chestnut Trees stand, to be able to decide on who is responsible for maintaining the trees. This was evaluated and a report was sent back to the parish Council in September by Highways Cyclical Team instructing West Suffolk Council to carry out the work needed on the trees within 3 months.

9. Little Saxham Photo Documentary 2020

For the millennium, Little Saxham had compiled a booklet on the Village and their residents. The project had been repeated in 2010 and a grant was requested by the organisers to undertake one more in 2020.

Councillors commended the project and agreed a grant of £100 towards the scheme. The Clerk was asked to obtain details for payment of the remittance.

10. Planning Applications received since the Last Meeting

- 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 partition to the ground and first floors. Saxham Hall, Cobbs Road, Great Saxham IP29 5JW. The Livland Trust c/o Conyers Dills Pearson.

Signed

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- 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

A letter was sent into to West Suffolk Council expressing the Parish Council’s concerns over the External Lighting and to request that there should be a restriction to minimise the nuisance to residents.

**Michelle
Thompson**

Also enquiring into a Section 106 Agreement with the developer contributing towards the cost of County Council solutions to the dangerous flooding at the bad bend at the first Little Saxhams houses.

- 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.

11. Planning Applications Approved / Refused since last Meeting:

- 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

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12. Finance

- Cheques – circulated and agreed by all present.

Chq No: 334	M Thompson(Clerk Salary Jul – Sept)	£381.00
Chq No: 335	McGregors (Grass Cutting – Jun)	£564.00
Chq No: 338	McGregors (Grass Cutting- Jul)	£492.00
Chq No: 339	Internal Auditor (replacement Chq)	£115.75
Chq No 342	M Thompson (Clerks Salary Oct – Dec)	£379.86
Chq No 343	McGregors (Grass Cutting Aug)	£216.00

- Bank Reconciliation was approved and agreed by the Parish Council With the Precept being received of £6000

13. Insurance Came and Company Parish Council Insurance.

This has now been renewed changing from Hiscox to AXA and set for a three-year period at £337 per year approved by the Council.

Signed

Chair

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14. Correspondence

Play Area Report; - Reports for June/July/August were reviewed and assessed as routine maintenance only required

15. Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st November 2019 at
St Nicholas Church Little Saxham at 7.30 pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was declared closed 8.45 pm

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Signed

Chair

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