



BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerks Report to the Parish Council Meeting 8th January 2019

Parish Council Meeting - 13th November 2018

- Payments; Made payments as agreed:
PAYE – Clerks Remuneration for Q3, Clerk £368.03, HMRC £92.00; RoSPA – Playsite annual inspection £79.80; SALC Finance Training – Clerk £42.00; Grass Cutting – October £75.00.
- Village Hall Governance. Clerk to arrange special meeting on Village Hall Governance and invite Jon Eaton to offer advice at meeting. Not yet arranged.
- 2019-20 Budget. Clerk to look at local contractor for grass cutting in Village. No yet contacted local contractor for a quotation.
- Village Hall Driveway Footpath. Clerk to contact Sir C Blois re location of footpath and approval. Approval received, see Clerks Correspondence 17th to 24th December 2018.
- Planting in verges. Clerk to investigate insurance for Volunteers. For Parish Council insurance to cover volunteers the volunteers must be working on behalf of the Parish Council i.e. the Parish Council is the responsible party.
- Village Gateways. Clerk to ask for £3500.00 grant from Blythburgh Latitude Trust. Grant approved but money not yet requested.
- A12 Flood Defence. Clerk to ask for this area to be cut back for pedestrians. SCC responded “..One of our officers has visited and assessed the defect at the location you reported. We believe that at this time the defect does not warrant remedial action; however, we will continue to monitor the location as part of our routine inspections, and if the matter worsens significantly we will take action..”

Special Parish Council Meeting - 14th December 2018

- Planning Applications.
DC/18/4517/FUL; Whitehouse Barns, Bulcamp Drift, Blythburgh; Single storey extension to both upper and lower Whitehouse barns. Reported Parish Council view of No Objection to this application to SCDC.
DC/18/4818/SCO; High Lodge, Haw Wood, Hinton; Change of use of part of Golf Course to land for the siting of holiday lodges. Reported Parish Council view of this ‘scoping document’ to SCDC along with Darsham and Thorington Parish Councils.
Responses received from both Parish Councils asking to be kept in the loop.
- Sizewell ‘C’. Clerk to Contact Planning Aid England to ask for support. PAE will be sending out dates in near future where advice will be offered on responses to stage 3 consultation.
- Gateways. Cllr C Waller stated the gateways were not visible at night. Clerk contacted Suffolk Highways asking if this could be addressed. The response “..Gateways are designed to an industry standard without a reflective coating to contrast the reflective face of the speed limit / village signs that are usually mounted either on the gateway or immediately behind the gateway. However, the point you have raised is valid and for this reason Suffolk Highways recommend the installation of white gateways for maximum visibility...”
- Payments; Made payments as agreed:
CAS Village Hall Training - Cllr Mackley £25

General Activities

- Completed first draft of 2019-20 budget proposal

- Held Finance Advisory Group meeting to discuss and agree proposed budget

Ongoing Actions

- New grit bin process. New grit bin at end of Priory Road has been requested. Awaiting response from SCC.
- Suggestion Box. This has not been returned. Working on bracket.
- Cars for sale on the verges. Raise with SCDC Planning Department or Planning Enforcement. This has not been raised with SCDC yet.
- Bin on Knoll Green. Concern had been raised about the use as an unofficial rubbish bin. Clerk to arrange to turn into a flower pot. No progress. Discussed as part of verge planting scheme.
- SCDC planning meeting shows the Parish Councils comments were reported in full. The information for this meeting is difficult to find. Clerk to ask to be included on circulation list of notification of planning meetings. Request made but no response received.
- Air Quality Measurement. Requested Air Quality Measurement be made on A12 at Blythburgh. This has been agreed Ref No. 17/04641/AQMCON. Chased this to discover they are going to place a diffusion tube in the area which will monitor nitrogen dioxide, when available.
- Play site Inspection. Arrange an Operational inspection in March each year. Not completed yet.
- Ask Suffolk highways for alternatives site for Gateways at the south end of the Village. E-mail sent but no response received
- Forward Police Report Numbers to D Chenery. Awaiting numbers.
- David Chenery, SCC Highways. Sent Parish Council traffic documentation to David Chenery as requested. No feedback to date.
- Speeding through the Village. Asked if 'Caution Pedestrians Crossing' signs could be installed. No response to date. Forwarded request to Cllr Gower and David Chenery.