

BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 28 November 2022 in the Village Hall

- 1 Open Forum** None
 - 6 County Councillors Report:** As there were no members of the public who wanted to speak, Cllr Smith was invited to give his report here to enable him to attend another meeting. He highlighted the following: **Cllr R Smith (SCC)**
 - Cllr Smith laid a remembrance wreath at Walberswick this year. He aims to attend a different parish each year.
 - SCC Budget: There has been extra funds allocated to social care in the Autumn statement, details will be available by 21 December
 - As 75% of the £625m budget is social care, a sector which is suffering higher than average inflation, other budget areas such as highways suffer
 - Central Government have capped the council tax increase to 5%
 - Comments and questions:
 - Cllr M Saunders Thanked Cllr Smith and Keith Sampson from SCC Highways for their prompt response in agreeing to replace the broken speed indicator post
 - Q: is there funding from Sizewell C for Highways and Police.
 - Yes, there is a £200m package which includes grants for services
 - There followed a general discussion regarding additional congestion as a result of Sizewell C, Eurolink, landing stations for offshore power generation and distribution
 - 2 Attendees**
 - From the Council Cllr Orr-Ewing (Chair)
 - Cllr M Saunders
 - Cllr Lacey
 - Cllr Sendin
 - Cllr Smith (Suffolk County Council) [SCC]
 - Cllr Blois (after item 8)
 - A Besly (Clerk)
 - From the Public 1
 - 3 Apologies** Cllr C Saunders, Cllr Brooks [ESC]
 - 4 Declaration of Interest:** None
 - 5 Confirmation of Minutes** To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17 October 2022 **Chair**
 - It was proposed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17 October 2022 be signed as a correct record pending one spelling mistake. **All Agreed.**
 - The corrected minutes are to be signed by the Chair at the next meeting
 - 7 District Councillors Report:** Circulated. **Cllr N Brooks (ESC)**
 - 8 Chairman's Report:** Cllr Orr-Ewing proposed that Mrs J Blois be co-opted to the council. **All Agreed.** Mrs Blois signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk. Cllr Orr-Ewing welcomed Cllr Blois to the Council. **Cllr Orr-Ewing**
 - The Clerk will circulate to all councillors a "New Councillors Guide" together with four other quick reference guides on Council governance and operations.
 - 9 Clerk's Report:** All reporting items are either in the finance report or within the agenda. Nothing further to report **Clerk**
 - 10 Finance Report:** Circulated. **There were no questions** **Clerk**
 - Cllr Lacey will provide the Clerk details of insurance for the damage to the data logger and post to enable a claim to be made
 - 11 Payments schedule approval** - Circulated. **Clerk**
 - It was proposed that the payment schedule be approved. **All Agreed**
 - 12 Review proposed budget for 2023-24** **Clerk**
- Initials.....
Chair of the meeting

The draft budget was reviewed in detail and the following adjustments were made:
Maintenance was increased to £710 to cover the cost of an additional stone on Angel Green
s137 Donations was increased to £500
Traffic Management was increased to £2,700
The result is a surplus of receipts over payments of £44
The Draft budget will be published and a final budget agreed at the January meeting

13 Agree precept for 2023-24

Clerk

The value of the required precept was discussed and in view of the current economic hardship it was proposed that for the draft budget, the monetary value of the precept be the same as 2022-23. This will show a small percentage reduction on council tax bills. All Agreed. This proposal will be reviewed in January for the final budget. The precept request must be submitted no later than 27 January

14 Traffic Management Report: Cllr Lacey provided a report which was reviewed. There will be another meeting to be arranged soon regarding the B1125

Cllr Lacey

15 Councillor vacancies - Update the way forward

Cllr Orr-Ewing

Cllr Orr-Ewing reported that Claire Lyth may be willing to join. He will ask and if she agrees, the Clerk will sent the appropriate documentation.
As there is still one Councillor vacancy on Blythburgh Latitude Trust, Cllr Orr-Ewing agreed to join on behalf of the Council

16 Playsite repairs, upgrade and grants

Cllr Orr-Ewing

Cllr Orr-Ewing reported that he had requested four suppliers to provide designs and estimated for a complete review of the Playsite. However, after some chasing, only one responded. He circulated a report and design but noted that because the space was too small for both adult and children's equipment, this design was not acceptable.
There followed a discussion regarding the best use of the space for the future. It was proposed that the Council outline some options and then consult the residents for feedback on these options together with any other suggestions

17 Date of next meeting: Monday 23 January 2023 at 19:30

Meeting Closed at 21:30

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting Monday 28 November 2022

Signed (Chair) _____ Dated _____

Initials.....
Chair of the meeting