

**SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
SCHEDULED MEETING – MARCH 4th 2020**

This meeting was conducted on Zoom due to the Covid restrictions

Present: Mr M Flounders, Mrs G Elsdon (Vice Chair), Mr G Lewis, Mr R Pitch, Mr S Scott, Mr S Phillips & Mr D Goodwin

Apologies: None

County & District Council: Neither Mr Guy Macgregor (SCC) nor Ms Lavinia Hadingham (MSDC) could attend because of Covid

Attending: Mr D Young (Clerk),

Residents: None

Declaration of personal interest – none

Minutes of the scheduled meeting held on October 28th, 2020, were signed as correct.

County & District Councillor Reports: The Clerk gave a summary of these reports which are attached.

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

- He sadly reported the recent death of Dot Williams
- He also wanted to express the Council's appreciation to David Goodwin and others who kept the roads open after the snow and helped residents during the floods.

AGENDA ITEMS

156. Planning: None

157. Flood Prevention Plan: The Chairman introduced the Plan being developed by Leslie Hastie and friends. It was agreed to invite them to present their ideas at the Annual Parish Meeting.

159. Photographic Census: The idea of creating a photographic record of all Syleham residents, from Roy Goodwin, was favourably received by the Council. The Clerk was asked to communicate this response to Roy for further development.

160. Speed Sign Results: These clearly demonstrated that Syleham has a problem with drivers exceeding 30mph through the village. Clerk to investigate the costs of buying the village's own sign and Councillors to nominate alternative locations..

161. Suffolk Community Fund Grant: This £930 grant was jointly awarded to Syleham and Wingfield Parish Councils .It has been used to provide free taxis to vaccination centres for the over 65's and will now be offered to all residents for the remainder of the vaccination programme. It was agreed that remaining funds should be donated to the Village Hall for a village celebration of the end to lockdown restriction.

162. Finance:

- 1. Clerk's year- end financial report:** The attached report contains the justification for the significant increase in the Precept for 2021/22
- 2. Bank balance:** At year-end the Community A/c will be £2,506 and Business Savings A/c £973.

- 3. Payments:** Clerk's fee Q4 (#472 - CANCELLED); HMRC Q4 (#473 - £49.25); Mrs P. Gunn's taxi to vaccination centre (#474 -£50) CAS Annual Insurance (#475 - £154.28); Clerk's fee Q4 (#476- £175 replacement for cheque #472)

OPEN FORUM

163. Road Signs: Robert Pilch reported damaged signs in the village. A full audit of all signs in the village was agreed and results reported to SCC Highways

164. Neighbourhood Watch Signs: Gerald Lewis reported that the village needs new signs. Clerk to investigate replacements.

The meeting closed at 8.10 PM

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Meeting and be held, Covid willing, at the Village Hall on May 26th at 8.30pm

Chairman Date