

Monks Eleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd November 2021 at Monks Eleigh Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Angela Forrest (Chairman), Patti Derry (Vice-Chairman), Alan Braithwaite, Will Sykes and Victoria Keitley-Webb
District Cllr Bryn Hurren (9.15pm)

Attending: Lucinda Rogers (Clerk) and three members of the public

78/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Elizabeth Evans and County Councillor Robert Lindsay

79/21 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Derry – re item on Church Hill village green

Cllr Forrest - re item on Church Hill village green and recreation field access

80/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2021

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

81/21 Report from County Cllr Robert Lindsay

Read by the Clerk **£50m bus back better bid** County council cabinet has approved a bid for £50 million funding for buses from the Government's "Bus Back Better" scheme. Suffolk's bid makes 16 different proposals, including extending the 25% Endeavour Card discount for young people to all bus services, increasing frequency on the top ten "corridor" routes that are most profitable for private operators, having more bus lanes and/or bus gateways on these 10 routes, expanding its unscrutinised "Katch" electric minibus service to three other rural areas, checking the feasibility of "bus mass transit" (special segregated pathways for buses), making bus tickets integrated with trains and with different operators. My initial concern is that there is little here for rural areas, even in regard to on demand "dial a ride" services. But the Government criteria do not appear to allow for that. **Lorry route consultation** You should have been sent by Suffolk County Council a link to an online survey about lorry impact in your village. They are undertaking a review of the current lorry routes to update it to take account of developments since it was last produced. They say changes are unlikely to be huge. **Full Council – local electricity supply motion passed** The Suffolk County Council met for a Full Council meeting on the 21st October 2021. Our group proposed a motion to support the Local Electricity Bill, to help lower the costs to local and community energy suppliers of getting a licence to sell energy to their local community. The motion was passed unanimously. The Bill makes the licences more affordable for local energy suppliers and hence is likely to lower prices for everyone. Details of the motion and Local Electricity Bill can be found here: <https://powerforpeople.org.uk/local-electricity-bill-briefing-for-councillors> **Suffolk Schools to Reintroduce Face Coverings** On Wednesday 20th October, the Directors of Public Health, and Children and Young People Services, released a statement notifying us that face coverings are to be reintroduced into

schools from 1st November. This is due to the rising COVID cases in Suffolk. Staff and students will have to wear face coverings in communal areas, outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons. Visitation will also be restricted to essential visits. A further review on its effectiveness will commence 15th November. Our group's Public Health Spokesperson encourages the Government to be proactive and apply the same measures for everyone, as we head toward winter. See Cllr Simon Harley's comments on the decision at

<https://suffolkgli.wordpress.com/2021/10/26/gli-public-health-spokespersons-warning-over-winter-response-to-reintroduction-of-covid-measures/>

Sizewell C: Government Announce Support & New Funding Strategy

On the 15th October, Suffolk County Council announced their support for Sizewell C, and are raising 'important concerns' with the Secretary of State. My political group remains firmly against the project, arguing the environmental and socio-economic impact on local communities is far too great. In addition, Business and Energy Secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, announced a new strategy for funding the nuclear power project at Sizewell. The "Regulated Asset Base" strategy means more of the costs and risks of the project will be shifted onto consumers' electricity bills, including the costs of any construction overrun. Our Group is against this and has asked that the Government looks into investing in cleaner, cheaper, and more rapidly-built forms of renewable energy available to Suffolk.

[https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=\(12-10-2021\),%20The%20Cabinet](https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=(12-10-2021),%20The%20Cabinet)

County council cabinet approves part dualling of a stretch of A12 just north of Woodbridge Suffolk County Council contribution to the scheme is £10m including the costs of some foot and cycle bridges and a cycle lane and bus lane.

82/21 Report from District Cllr Bryn Hurren

Coronavirus – be safe and careful- several senior members of staff at Babergh have the virus. Other staffing issues with getting bins emptied. **Tree for Life** scheme running for 2021 so any babies born this year qualify for a tree to plant in the county. **Car Parking** – to be voted on in January – ongoing debate due to large business rate bill for their provision.

Planning Laws altered so all new houses from 20220 to have electric car charging points installed, **Street lighting** – moving to LED and reducing 24 hour lighting apart from areas really requiring it. **School Site** – the five local needs houses have not been allocated yet but will go to people registered on the gateway to Homechoice website. Will happen very soon.

Locality Money – Let Bryn know if you wish to apply for a grant of £400-£450 by the end of March 2022. **Planning – School site boundary** by garages to be further investigated.

83/21 Public Forum

None

84/21 Speed Watch Report

To be updated in January. The corner by Corncraft entering the village would be improved with a slow sign on the road

85/21 Planning Matters

- a. Planning application DC/21/03758 - Erection on 1 no dwelling and garden room outbuilding (following demolition of existing outbuilding) at Firbeck House, The Street, Monks Eleigh has been refused

- b. Planning permission granted - DC/21/03673 Change of use and conversion of agricultural barn to form a residential annexe/ancillary accommodation at Barn at Manor Farm, Tye Road, Monks Eleigh
- c. Planning permission granted - DC/21/04304 – Replacement windows to rear/side elevations and construction of pitched roof to first floor at Costa Plenty, Church Hill, Monks Eleigh
- d. Babergh does not wish to object to - Application for works to trees – DC/21/05103 – reduce acer, fell cotoneaster, fell leylandii and Douglas fir at Mortimer's, Back Lane, Monks Eleigh
- e. Planning permission granted without compliance of conditions - DC/21/05184 – Application under s73a for a removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission DC/18/00621 dated 28/3/2018 for erection of a detached 3 bedroomed dwelling and car parking re materials, landscaping, refuse bins and levels at Fen Cottage, Brent Eleigh Road, Monks Eleigh
- f. The councillors considered the application for planning permission DC/21/06057 - for erection of garage and new vehicular access (existing access to be retained for pedestrian use only), alterations to house and existing garage. Erection of retaining wall and creation of sitting area to the rear garden at Jane Farthing Cottage, The Street and agreed to make no objections
- g. Planning permission granted DC/21/5009 Erection of single storey rear extension, erection of two storey side extension (following demolition of garage), erection of front porch canopy and replacement of windows at South House, Lindsey Road

86/21 Families and Children in Need Bursary

The councillors agreed to investigate the project further

87/21 Grass Cutting on Church Hill Village Green

Cllrs Forrest and Derry did not take part in this item. The councillors agreed to employ Tye Farm Contracting to cut this green and verge. Clerk to check the price of the quote from February is still valid. Cllr Forrest to thank the volunteer for his work.

88/21 Dates of Meetings 2021-22

The councillors agreed the dates for the 2022 meetings:

24 January, 21 March (Annual Parish Meeting 14 March), 23 May, 25 July, 26 September and 28 November

89/21 Play Area Annual Report

The councillors agreed to ask Mortimers to check the work carried out earlier in the year as a few problems were identified in the report. Clerk to ask for quotes to power wash the soft surfaces in the Spring. Clerk to advise grass contractor of damage by strimmer to wooden posts.

90/21 Pedestrian Access to the Recreation Ground from the new housing development

There is room for a narrow path. Clerk to ask Ruby Homes for a quote to provide the steps and bridge and if they could partly fund the work. Cllr Forrest to ask CAS guidance for grant funding.

91/21 Lorry Routes

It was agreed that Scripps Bridge is the largest problem; the junction at Highlands Road and the congestion in the village. Clerk to complete survey to reflect this.

92/21 Triangle at Causeway opposite Hobarts

Clerk to write to Hobarts to see if they would be willing to contribute towards the costs. A plan to explain the position of the posts to accompany the letter.

93/21 Village Hall

The councillors agreed to allow the village hall to build a paved terrace between the front wall and terrace

94/21 Finance

- a. The councillors approved the financial report and noted income received
- b. The councillors authorise payments from the RFO Report made since the last meeting and to be made
- c. The councillors noted the draft budget at £19,000 for 2022-23. To be reviewed at the January meeting
- d. Clerk to check the source of the £6,000 CIL monies

95/21 Action List Review

Minute	Action	Who
37/21	Create a simple Facebook page Clerk article for Roundabout for photo competition	Clerk/Cllr Braithwaite and Cllr Derry
49/21	Grass cutting risk assessment for volunteers. Clerk to email form to Cllrs Braithwaite & Sykes	Clerk/Cllr Sykes/Cllr Braithwaite
53/21	Write to see if Hobarts will assist with costs of installing posts on the Causeway triangle and plan of proposed work	Clerk
59/21	Update emergency plan with recommended changes	Clerk
122/20	Land Registry – check progress with Homes & Hill	Clerk
86/21	Families in need bursary – investigate further	Clerk/ Cllrs Braithwaite/Derry
87/21	Church Hill grass cut – clerk to check quote Cllr Forrest to contact volunteer	Cllr Forrest/Clerk
89/21	Clerk to check Mortimers previous work Power wash quotes. Advise strimmer damage to wooden posts	Clerk
90/21	Access from Friars view to recreation field – quote and part funding CAS grants	Clerk Cllr Forrest
91/21	Complete lorry survey	Clerk
94/21	Check source of CIL funding	Clerk

96/21 Councillors Reports

Cllr Sykes had found the Police Forum useful.

Date for Litter Pick - 19th March 2022

97/21 Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 24th January 2022

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Appendix - Financial Report

Income received since 27th September 2021

VAT refund	£673.84
	<u>£673.84</u>

Expenditure (movement since 26th July 2021)

Schedule of verified invoices agreed for payment

Community Action Suffolk	Website hosting	60.00	LGA 1972, s111
L Rogers	Clerk wages October	438.42	LGA 1972
Community Action Suffolk	Insurance	763.41	LGA 1972. S111
Tye Farm Contracting	September grass cut	99.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9-10
L Rogers	Clerk wages November	491.94	LGA 1972
SALC	Training	15.00	LGA 1972 s111
Chapple Signs	No kites	35.40	LGA 1972 s111
		<u>£1,903.17</u>	

Unpresented cheques

Suffolk Preservation Society	Training	25.00	LGA 1972 s111
SALC	Training	30.00	LGA 1972 s111
Tye Farm Contracting	July grass cut	99.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9-10
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		<u>£2,156.17</u>	

Bank Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement balance	Actual Balance	Credit/transfers not shown	Unpresented cheques	Difference
Community a/c	25.10.21	£23,404.21	£21,248.04	£0.00	£2,156.17	£0.00
Business reserve	25.10.21	£8,893.45	£8,893.45	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£32,297.66	£30,141.27			