

RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

16 November 2022

Start 7.30pm

1. The chairman, Paul Spill, welcomed councillors Julie Williams, Winky Evans, Paul Fenner, Julie Flatt, Pieter van Dijk and Stephen Stannard.
The clerk Boyd Coote was in attendance.
2. Public Forum – no members of public present.
3. Declarations of interest- none
4. Minutes of previous meeting 5 October 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.
5. Clerks report and matters arising – Councillor Fenner advised that historical information about the parish had been passed to the Village Hall committee for inclusion on their website.
6. VAS Equipment - Shared with Group Parish Flixton. Clerk advised council that Flixton Group PC have confirmed £10 is required to cover insurance for the year ending 31 March 2023. Council approved.

Finances

Balances – C/Acct: £3600.09; BP/Acct: General reserve £4315.79, Equipment reserve £1000.

Financial Standing Orders- Council reviewed and agreed these are still appropriate,

Budget for 2023/24, motion to adopt clerk's draft budget proposed by Councillor van Dijk, second Councillor Fenner, Carried unanimously.

Motion to increase Precept for 2023/24 from £3881 to £4000 (2% increase on tax charge) proposed by Councillor van Dijk second Councillor Fenner. Carried unanimously.

Cheques approved: 100568 £504 I Harris (grass & hedge cutting), 100567 £10.00 Flixton Group PC (VAS insurance).

Appointment of internal auditor. Clerk highlighted difference in costs between current auditor Heelis & Lodge and SALC. Motion to appoint Heelis & Lodge as internal auditors for 2023 proposed by Councillor Evans, second Councillor Flatt. Carried unanimously

Any other financial business - none

8. Pleasure Ground – Rospa safety report. Councillors Spill and Stannard hope to action repairs to the Slide Tower, Suspended Log Walk, Wobble Board and Goal Posts over the Christmas break. Council considers the Pleasure Ground signage as sufficient (not an enclosed children's play area). Council agreed to delay base for picnic table until spring 2023 as ground now too wet. Review at February meeting. Councillor Williams raised concern over chickens on Pleasure Ground. Possible breach of current Defra Avian flu regulations. Chairman advised this is outside council's powers.
9. Planning - DC/22/3313/FUL. Temporary ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm with battery energy storage; along with continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure, security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works.
Site address: Land to The North of Gray's Lane, Wissett, Halesworth, Suffolk
Council unanimously agreed submission of the joint letter of objection with Spexhall Parish Council and Wissett Parish Council.
10. 2022 meeting dates – motion to accept meeting dates prepared by clerk, proposed by Councillor van Dijk second Councillor Williams, carried unanimously. Council meetings to continue in main hall for foreseeable future. Clerk to book hall.
11. Correspondence - Already sent to Councillors - action required
Headway Suffolk - request for donation. Council declined
East Suffolk Council - Rural Mobility Survey. Councillor Spill will complete on behalf of council.
SALC - Local Government Pay Claim 2022/23: Pay offer accepted (council to approve). Council approval proposed Councillor Williams, second Councillor Fenner, Council approved unanimously.

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Correspondence- Already sent to Councillors, no further action
SALC

- training and network e-bulletins, 18/10, 25/10, 1/11, 8/11.
- news e-bulletin, 26/9, 3/10, 10/10, 17/10, 24/10, 31/10, 7/11
- Ease the Squeeze - financial roadshow hosted by East Suffolk Council
- area forums - 08/10, 2/11,
- Community Partnership - Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Villages
- The Local Councillor e-magazine by SALC (Nov. 2022)

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- Councillor Cloke Reports, 12/10, 8/11
- Initial consultation on designing developments that better support health and wellbeing
- ECCH Climate Change event in Lowestoft 28th October
- Neighbourhood CIL Payments –October 2022
- Customer Services Centre to temporarily relocate
- New Byelaws in respect to Skin Piercing
- Find out what it takes to 'Be A Councillor'

Greenprint Forum

Police Contact Details

Police Quarterly meeting

12. Any matters to be brought to the attention of the council at the next meeting- none

13. Date & Time of next meeting: 4 January 2023 @ 7.30pm

The meeting closed 20.24



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