

**MINUTES OF THE YOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:00 PM AT YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendees:**

Cllr. Russell Pearce - Chair  
Cllr. Paul Ashton - Vice-Chair  
Cllr. Sarah Barrett  
Cllr. John Sutherell  
Cllr. Stephen Siddall  
Cllr. Ian Shaw  
Cllr. David Tower  
Cllr. Kara Cowie  
Cllr. Laura Greenberg

**Apologies for absence:**

District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes (part of the meeting)  
Cllr. Nicol McCallum – written and accepted  
Cllr. David Childs – written and accepted

**In attendance:**

County Cllr. Richard Smith  
Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO  
12 members of the public

**2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Russell Pearce declared an interest in item 5.

**3. Public Forum**

a) A resident, representing at least eight households of Cullcott Close, read out a statement strongly opposing the proposed development at Cullcott Close. The resident raised the following concerns which are linked to seven of the District Council's material planning considerations: access/traffic, local planning policy, site history, conservation area and listed buildings, amenity including daylight, sunlight and privacy, noise and outlook.

b) County Cllr. Richard Smith thanked the resident for bringing the planning application to his attention. He said the County were the Highways Authority and he would look specifically at the detail of the access. Cllr. Smith said that he met with the Director Of Public Health who reported that COVID statistics are up and down but hospital admissions are on the low side. He said Suffolk figures are the lowest in East Anglia. With regard to Sizewell C, Cllr. Smith said he attended the latest Issue Specific Hearings and EDF appeared to be more organised this time and performed well. He said he supports the extension of the hearings as so many questions remain unanswered.

The residents of Cullcott Close left the meeting and District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes arrived.

c) The Council informed Cllr. Burroughes of the strong opposition to the proposed development at Cullcott Close. Cllr. Burroughes said he will support the community view and he will ask for the application to be considered by Committee rather than under delegated powers. In other matters, Cllr. Burroughes said that any offers of help from the community for Afghanistan refugees should be signposted to charities and not to the District or County Councils. He said the County were helping with finance and housing for refugees, particularly unaccompanied children. Cllr. Kara Cowie expressed an interest in this and said she would contact Cllr. Burroughes. With regard to the District's Council's commitment to the environment, Cllr. Burroughes said that refuse vehicles will be converted to low carbon fuel to reduce the Council's carbon footprint. Cllr. John Sutherell questioned Cllr. Burroughes about the District Council's legal representative at the Sizewell C hearings not challenging EDF as much as the County Council's legal representative, particularly over governance and whether the District Council regards Sizewell C is an inevitability. Cllr. Burroughes suggested that Cllr. Sutherell asks Cllr. Craig Rivett, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development, for answers.

**4. Meeting Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr. Laura Greenberg, seconded by Cllr. John Sutherell, and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 be approved. All in favour.

## 5. Planning

The Council considered planning application DC/21/3894/OUT – outline application for up to 5 dwellings including means of access – land to the rear of 1 Cullcott Close. Cllr. Stephen Siddall proposed that the Council strongly objects to the application on the grounds of unsatisfactory access causing road/public safety issues, the site is not allocated for development in the Local Plan, the site is outside the defined village settlement and the conservation area, and the adverse impact to the residents of Cullcott Close and the historic landscape of Rookery Park. Cllr. David Tower seconded. All in favour.

**ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Siddall to draft a response and Clerk to submit.**

## 6. Energy Projects

Cllr. Paul Ashton reported that he submitted the Council's response to EDF's consultation about construction water supply. Cllr. John Sutherell reported that he attended and commented at further Issue Specific Hearings and he will submit written transcripts. Cllr. Sutherell will attend four more Issue Specific Hearings next week. Cllr. Ashton and Cllr. Sutherell are holding ongoing discussions with EDF about a proposed pedestrian crossing over the A12.

## 7. Highways/Footpaths

a) The Clerk reported that a meeting will be arranged with the developer, the planning officer, Highways and District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes when the planning application for the proposed development at Darsham is submitted.

b) The Clerk was instructed to write letters asking for overgrown hedging to be cut back to the District Council about Cullcott Close and to Satis House.

c) The Clerk was instructed to follow-up the footpaths letter with County Cllr. Richard Smith.

d) Cllr. Paul Ashton agreed to apply for an SCC funded ANPR camera.

## 8. Councillors' Reports

a) Meadowlands Play Area – Cllr. John Sutherell reported that a section of the fence has broken down again and he reported this to Flagship. Cllr. Laura Greenberg said that during the recent litter pick there was more litter picked up at the playing field than anywhere else in the village. District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes offered funding to buy a child friendly litter bin. Cllr. Greenberg suggested the area needs more regular litter picks. Cllr. Kara Cowie said teenagers in the parish need somewhere to go and perhaps they could be encouraged to use the playing field and take responsibility for it. Cllr. Paul Ashton agreed that another litter pick should be arranged in a few months and flyers could be posted through letter boxes in the area encouraging residents to keep the playing field tidy.

**ACTION: Clerk to add consideration of amenities for teenagers to next month's agenda.**

b) Church – Cllr. John Sutherell said a concert and the annual ride and stride event were taking place next month and there is a food bank in the Church.

c) Police – Cllr. John Sutherell said eight crimes were reported in the parish in July 2021. There was a sex/violence offence on the A12 near the A1120 junction, a public order offence on the High Street, an anti-social behaviour offence on the B1122, a burglary at Willow Marsh Lane and there were four offences on Elmsley Way: 2 anti-social behaviour, 1 criminal damage and 1 public order.

d) Garden of Suffolk Map – Cllr. David Tower said the artist has asked for the precise location of the Cockfield Hall lake and the statue and whether a photograph of the statue should be added to the map. It was agreed to ask the artist for two drafts for the Council's consideration.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform the village volunteer of the location of the lake and statue.**

## 9. Finance

- a) The Council noted the latest financial position, attached as Appendix I.
- b) The Council approved the bank reconciliation for Quarter 1 2021-2022.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Ashton, seconded by Cllr. David Tower, to authorise the following payments. All in favour.

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Sharon Smith	£482.20	LGA 1972 s.112
Cemetery Green Waste Collection Service	Sharon Smith (East Suffolk Council)	£45.00	LGA 1972 s.19
Grass Cutting	RSC Landscaping Ltd	£432.00	OSA 1936 s.10
Litter Picking Gloves	Ian Shaw	£7.49	LGA 1972 s.111

## 10. Correspondence

The Council reviewed the correspondence received between 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

## 11. Items for the Next Agenda

Cllr. Paul Ashton said the grit bins need refilling and further bins may need to be purchased.

**ACTION: Clerk to add to next month's agenda.**

## 12. Next Meeting

The Council confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

## Appendix I - Financial Position

### Bank Balances

HSBC Community Account as at 6 August 2021	£29,538.70
N S & I Investment Account as at 1 January 2021	£11,042.80
United Trust Bank Business Bond as at 31 July 2020	£7,281.04
United Trust Bank Business Bond as at 19 December 2020	£5,366.82
	<u>£53,229.36</u>

### Earmarked Reserves

SMH Play Area	£1,170.85
Garden of Suffolk Map	£1,500.00
Mulberry Park	£5,000.00
Village Hall Refurbishment Project	£5,624.79
Community Infrastructure Levy	£9,902.09
	<u>£23,197.73</u>

### Bank Balances less Reserves

**£24,031.63**

### Income – August 2021

United Trust Bank – Interest	<b>£83.85</b>
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### Payments – September 2021

Sharon Smith - Clerk's Salary	£482.20
Sharon Smith (East Suffolk Council) – Garden Waste Collection	£45.00
RSC Landscapes Ltd – Grass Cutting	£432.00
Ian Shaw – Litter Picking Gloves	£7.49
	<u>£966.69</u>