



# Three Saints South Elmham Parish Council

All Saints & St. Nicholas, St. Michael and St. Peter South Elmham

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

*Rumburgh Village Hall*

**Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7.30 pm**

**Councillors Present:** John Flatt (Chair), Heather Hughes-Jones (Vice Chair), Winky Evans, Simon Patrick and Paul Watkin

**Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):** Sally Chapman

**Also Present:** District Councillor Anthony Specca & one parishioner.

## PUBLIC FORUM

### A. To Receive Reports from the County and District Councillors'

County Councillor Judy Cloke sent apologies.

District Councillor Anthony Specca sent a report and answered questions. Full report:

<https://threesaintssouthelmham.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/minutes>

#### Main points:

- **Devolution:** The deal proposes changes to local governance structures, particularly for District and County Councils, and includes the introduction of a directly elected mayor. County and District Councils will continue managing their current responsibilities, such as local services, planning, and infrastructure. Parish Councils will remain unaffected at this stage. The Local Elections originally scheduled for 1 May 2025, may be postponed as over half of English County Councils are considering delays due to the UK government's devolution plans.
- **Ellogh Small Waste Incineration Plant:** As of January 2025, the proposed Plant has reached key milestones:
  - Planning Permission: Suffolk County Council granted planning permission in May 2023.
  - Environmental Review: East Suffolk Council is currently reviewing the application and awaiting a carbon management plan, which is a critical component of the approval process.
- **First Buses:** An Ilketshall St. John's parishioner has informed Cllr Watkin that passengers are no longer permitted to flag down First buses as was previously allowed. The Cllr has requested that TSPC consider writing to the Suffolk County Council (SCC) Cabinet Member for Transport to formally object to this change.

### B. Public Forum – for Members of the Public

No questions or comments

## MINUTES

### 1. To Approve Apologies for Absence

Absent: Cllr Pooley.

### 2. To record Declarations of Interests and to consider Requests for Dispensation

None

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th November 2024

The Minutes from the Meetings held on 13th November 2024 were confirmed unanimously as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

### 4. Finance

#### a) To Receive the Financial & Budget Reports & Approve Income & Expenditure

Councillors Resolved unanimously to approve the following Receipts and Expenditure:

Date	Reference	Details	Receipts	Expenditure
28/11/2024	S/O	Clerk's Salary - November		183.69
30/11/2024	D/D	Bank Service Charge		6.00
28/12/2024	S/O	Clerk's Salary - December		183.69
08/01/2025	16	CAS - Gov.uk domain name and mailbox		42.00
08/01/2025	17	Clerk's Expenses - December-January		20.00
08/01/2025	18	Barry Lugo - Grounds Maintenance		50.00
08/01/2024	Transfer	Saver Account to Current Account - £500		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 485.38</b>
		<b>Total Restricted Reserves</b>		<b>£ 4,678.27</b>
		<b>General Reserves</b>		<b>£ 2,394.78</b>
		<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 7,073.05</b>

#### b) Gov.uk Email Address and Website Domain – update

The Clerk reported that the new gov.uk mailbox and website domain have been successfully installed and are working well.

### 5. Planning Applications and Decisions

To review the listed Planning Applications and any Additional Applications issued after the Agenda is published.

#### Applications

None

#### Decisions

### 6. Village Reports

#### a) All Saints

**Common:** Cllr Hughes-Jones was pleased to report that the bushes around the pond have been cut and requested that the brambles also be trimmed back around the telegraph poles. The Chair agreed to ask. Action: JF

**The Grange:** Cllr Hughes-Jones reported that she had mentioned the hedge to the owners of the Grange, but noted that the main issue was the pot hole which effectively narrowed the road round the corner by half due to vehicles avoiding it. The Chair said he would also raise the matter of the hedge with owners of the Grange. Action: JF

#### b) St. Nicholas – c/f

#### c) St. Michael – c/f

#### d) St. Peter

Cllr Patrick informed:

- The signpost that turned in the wind has been adjusted back to its proper position.
- Roads are subsiding near the Brewery and Low Farm heading towards Flixton.
- A dangerous tree is leaning towards the road, posing a potential hazard.
- Footpaths are reported to be in poor condition and require attention.

Action: SP to report

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Villages' Maintenance & Issues

### a) Tree & Common Maintenance

The brambles on the Commons need to be cut back promptly to ensure the work is completed before bird nesting season begins.

Action: JF

### b) Village Issues

The flood at Uncle's Corner has drained, but the area remains frozen tonight, posing a potential hazard.

## 8. Correspondence

None

## 9. AOB

*For discussion only – the Council cannot make decisions on these items unless on the agenda.*

### a) To Consider an All Saints Bus Shelter Event 2025

*To commemorate Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May and/or Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) Friday 15 August both - 80 years ago.*

Cllrs discussed the above and agreed to hold an event in June or July to commemorate both VE Day and VJ Day. The exact date is to be confirmed.

### b) To Consider a Spring Litter-Pick

Cllr Evans agreed to organise a litter-pick in mid-March with the assistance of other Councillors. Cllr Evans will confirm the date, and the Clerk will create a poster for the event.

Action: WE/Clerk

### c) ITVX 'Doubly Thankful' TV Programme

The Chair thanked Cllr Evans and Cllr Watkins for their involvement in organising the programme and for including local parishioners.

### d) Bateman's Barn

It was reported the water leak near Bateman's Barn in St. Cross has been repaired but the road is still wet.

## 10. To Receive items for the next Agenda

- To Consider Grants
- Policies Review
- First Buses Letter
- Clerk's Computer

## 11. To Confirm the Next Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30 pm
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30 pm

## 12. To Consider Common Encroachments

*The Council is recommended to RESOLVE, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that this agenda item shall be closed to members of the press and public. This is to allow the Council to discuss confidential and sensitive matters related to common encroachments.*

[Councillors Resolved to close the meeting to the Press and Public in order to discuss Commons encroachments.](#)

One member of the public left the meeting, and Councillors discussed common encroachments and potential further actions. The Clerk was asked to review the 1980s minutes regarding an earlier court case.

[Councillors agreed to seek further advice on the matter of encroachments.](#)

*The meeting ended at 8.55 pm*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_