**PRESENT:**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, Prof. K. Jaggard, Mr. R. Lenko Mr. G. Walton, Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

1 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. J Bolus, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. N. Winstanley

The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

District Councillor H. Richardson

County Councillor A. Mellen

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| 1. | Welcome and protocol |  |
| 2. | Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests  a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 - none  b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none  c)To receive requests for dispensations - none |  |
| 3. | **PUBLIC FORUM** |  |
|  | * Members of the public–to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance - none * Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email   Bus service – the service from Dan’s coaches is to be withdrawn for pick up at Norton. It may be due to lack of numbers, but there are conflicting reasons for the withdrawal. The Clerk will write to SCC and Dan’s coaches to ask why this is happening.  Lorries – lorries are using the A1088 as a rat run while the A14 is closed at night. Trading Standards are responsible for misuse. Although there has been a speed camera and ANPR is not known who is following up this information. Councillor Mellen has been pressing for an answer but has yet to receive a definitive answer.  Village Hall entrance – Request received to improve the egress of the car park due to the poor state of the mirror and overgrown hedge. Mr. Walton will contact the developer to replace the mirror as agreed and Prof. Jaggard agreed to cut back the hedge. If unsuccessful the Council agreed to replace the mirror. | Clerk  Clerk  Mr. Walton  Prof Jaggard |
| 4. | **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**  Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen - noted  Report from District Councillors Harry Richardson – noted  Mr. Lenko informed of a dog show at the Church on 22nd June, at which Cllr Richardson is assisting. |  |
| 5. | **MINUTES** |  |
|  | 5.1 To **RESOLVE** the minutes of the AGM and Council meeting held on 12th May **2025** are a true and correct record. Prof Jaggard proposed, Mr. Aket seconded |  |
| 6. | **COOPTION** – Mr. Millen expressed his willingness to stand. Councillors present agreed to coopt Mr. Millen, and the Chair welcomed him to the Council. |  |
| 7. | **MATTERS ARISING** from Meeting held on 12th May 2025 |  |
|  | 7.1 Bus stop at crossroads. The bus stop and timetable are in a poor state. It was questioned who is responsible for the timetable notice. There is money available for bus stop improvements. Cllr Mellen had mentioned about having the bus stop area properly designated and hatched. |  |
|  | 7.2 Vehicles -The vehicle parking at the top of The Street is an obstruction. Mr. Millen stated he had spoken to the owner who lives along Ixworth Road, explaining it was an obstruction. Mr. Walton will let the Clerk know who owns the vehicles so a letter can be sent. The Clerk will inform the Police of the obstruction. A lorry is also parked in the village hall car park all day. The Clerk will write when informed where the owner lives. It was suggested that parking in the Ixworth Road layby could be an option. | Clerk |
|  | 7.3 UKPN – To receive update. The Clerk stated she had requested an invoice from FIT and been informed that the request would be considered by the Planning and Policy Committee at their meeting at the end of June beginning of July before an invoice can be issued. The Clerk was asked to ensure this matter is on the FIT agenda. | Clerk |
|  | 7.4 Street lighting. Part Night Lighting Scheme has optimum down times between 11.30pm until 5.30am, but times can be selected by the Council. Each unit can be controlled independently (requiring Tele Cell installation) and the modern LED lanterns can also be dimmed. When updating old lights to LED lanterns a tele cell is included, but to have tele cells on old lanterns will incur a cost. The Council need to decide whether to upgrade lights with tele cells, leave lights on as currently, or designate areas to upgrade and switch off during specific night hours. The Clerk will outline areas, which lights could be upgraded with tele cell, or already LED and just require tele cells. | Clerk  Agenda |
|  | 7.5 Antisocial behaviour/ engaging with young people. It was suggested the Neighbourhood Plan could be used to gauge young people’s views but this had been rejected by the consultant who stated, in his experience, there would be a nil return. Mr. Aket felt it was important to try and engage young people, but felt his suggestions last meeting had been rejected. Mr. Millen stated he has taken responsibility for local areas for the British Legion and hoped to get youngsters involved with poppy appeal or regional events. |  |
|  | 7.6 Invitation: SCC Briefing on Local Government Reorganisation 6th June 2025. Mrs. Hill, Prof. Jaggard agreed to attend for which the Clerk had obtained tickets. Mr Walton stated he may be able to attend so the Clerk will obtain a further ticket. |  |
| 8. | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | **8.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION** - DC/25/02166  Hill House, Ixworth Road, Norton. Erection of a side Extension (following demolition of existing conservatory). **The Council supported approval.** |  |
|  | **8.2 APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREE(S) PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - DC/25/02380**  Sandalwood, Heath Road, Norton. Application for Works to Trees Subject to Tree Preservation Order WS333/T5- Fell 1No Robina (T1).  **The Council approved this work with the proviso that the Tree Officer at Mid Suffolk is in agreement and there is a condition to replant 2 suitable sized trees as part of the TPO conditions.** |  |
|  | **8.3 APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREE(S) PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - DC/25/02328**  Sandalwood, Heath Road, Norton. Notification of Works subject to Tree Preservation Order WS333/T5 – Robinia Remove all deadwood from the trees canopy as well as branches in decline back to live tissue. Once deadwood has been removed and declining branches removed, reduce side lateral branches to suitable replacement growth to maintain overall shape of the tree by up to 2m. **WITHDRAWN.** |  |
|  | **8.4 LISTED BUILDING CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION**  Works to windows in listed buildings from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils (LLBCO) consultation until 11 July 2025. The Council had no comment to make. |  |
| 9. | **FINANCIAL MATTERS** |  |
|  | 9.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment:  Clerk’s salary £624.00 LGA1972 s112  Street Cleaner £72.90 LGA1972 s112  Messenger, £363.00 LGA1972 s112  Clarke & Simpsons, Charity Report, £600.00 Charities Act 2011 ss298-303 LGA 1972 s139(1)  SALC, training, £43.20 LGA1972 s112  SARS £400 - chq no 522594 LGA 1972 s137  R. Lenko, Glue for trampoline repair £23.67 - chq no 522595 Public Health Act 1875 s164  HMRC £228.45 - chq no 522596 LGA1972 s112 |  |
|  | 9.2 To consider Slab base to Evie’s bench. Mr. Walton agreed that over time the base would wear away. Mr. Lenko agreed to obtain a quote for slabing the base to protect ground wear. | Mr. Lenko |
|  | 9.3 To receive R&P and reconciliation. The Clerk forwarded R&Ps for Lloyds and Santander accounts. Council **APPROVED** all. |  |
| 10 | **DEVOLUTION –** no update. |  |
| 11 | **SPEEDWATCH** |  |
|  | 11.1 Update on Speedwatch. ANPR data received and passed to Mr. Moland. |  |
|  | 11.2 Strategy to combat speeding. Request has been submitted to Highways for provision of a pole for the additional SID on the A1088. Locality Funding has been promised from Councillor Richardson and Councillor Bradbury. |  |
| 12 | **VILLAGE HALL** |  |
|  | 12.1 To receive update on hall and Management Committee. The hall is well used, and the coffee shop should open shortly. An advert has gone out for Committee members. |  |
| 13 | **PLAY AREAS** |  |
|  | 13.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall – More bark is required under the swings. Mr. Lenko will get this organized. The zip wire will require tightening at some point. | Mr. Lenko |
|  | 13.2 Play area in Prospect Road – repair carried out to trampoline surround. |  |
| 14. | **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** |  |
|  | 14.1 Review of working party meeting and update on survey. The survey has been delivered with the Messenger. The Survey is one per household not individuals |  |
| 15 | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | 15.1 NSIP and large-scale energy developments update 2 May 2025 - noted |  |
|  | 15.2 Suffolkonboard bus timetable updates - noted |  |
|  | 15.3 Bus Stop Improvements and Passenger Group meeting - noted |  |
|  | 15.4 Proposed Revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedules – Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – six-week consultation 28th May to 9th July 2025 – noted. |  |
|  | 15.5 Consultation on Babergh and Mid Suffolk Statement of Licensing Policy 30/5/25-11/07/25 - noted |  |
|  | 15.6 Sizewell C - May Project Update - noted |  |
|  | 15.7 Mr. Aket commented on nominations for Community Heroes and proposed that the Clerk is nominated. |  |
| 16 | **Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting - none** |  |
| 17 | To confirm **date of next meeting: 7th July 2025** |  |
| 18 | There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35. |  |