

Sloley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

30 January 2025

1. Attendance

Present: Caroline Churchill, Leigh Rumsby, Robert Sadler (Chairman), Philip Madeley and Anthony Smith.

Resignation: Aileen resigned as clerk since the previous meeting.

District and County Councillor: Nigel Dixon

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 28 November 2024. Were agreed and signed by the chair of the meeting as a true record

4. Planning

There was significant discussion about the proposed development of Albert Bartlett. Chairman Robert Sadler read out a statement which highlighted that Sloley Parish Council has not been included as consultees and therefore could not offer any further information beyond those available on the North Norfolk County Council planning website. District and County Councillor, Nigel Dixon, indicated that he was attempting to get Sloley Parish Council included as a consultee due to the development impacting some of our parishioners. The main public concerns centred around infrastructure, future growth of the company, increased noise and light and environmental impacts. It has been suggested that, if the planning notice does include Sloley Parish Council that we contact Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Highways Agency and Albert Bartlett about inviting them to a potential future meeting to discuss the plans.

5. Appointment of interim/locum clerk and Councillor vacancies

The clerk position will be filled in by Philip Madeley as minute taker until a locum is appointed. Interest has been expressed and a job advert will be placed. There are currently two positions for Parish Councillor in order to fill the vacancies.

6. Village and Highway Issues

Highways

- Chairman, Robert Sadler, has been in further contact with the Highways Agency to ensure that a new road sign for Church Lane is placed and that potholes along the road have been repaired. Tunstead Road Nature Reserve will see signage added from Spring 2025 and people will be contracted to maintain it.

Village

- The new owners of White Cottage introduced themselves and stated that they are in early stages of developing their cottage for their elderly relatives. They also raised that a few of their items had disappeared whilst renovations and moving in occurred.
- Cutting the overgrown grass around Sloley Church – three quotes have been gained and one is going to be pursued
- Defibrillator has been purchased thanks to Robert Sadler and Anthony Smith. BT they will inform the Parish Council if they decide to disconnect the electrical supply to the cabinet. An electrician has offered to connect the defibrillator for free.

- There is going to be a re-organisation of local government and when plans are more detailed they will need to be discussed at future meetings
- Letter from Steff Aquarone was read out highlighting his support for Assisted Dying, farmers regarding inheritance tax and flood defences.
- A Mental Health support line is also available should any parishioners wish to access the services

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

26 March 2025

Signed:

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