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Meeting of Harkstead Parish Council Minutes

Date/Time: Monday October 14 2019 at 8pm - in Harkstead Village Hall

Present: Simon Leatherdale, Tony Roberts, Alison Looser and Louise Ratliff. Also present: Mary McLaren District Cllr. and Parish clerk.

1. Apologies – Cllr. William Wrinch

2. Declaration of Interest - SL for HMGT

3. Minutes - September 9 2019, signed.

4. Matters Arising -. will be mentioned in related item number.

Adjournment -. **DW** -emailed report. **1. Public consultation** - Boundary commission. <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/18495>. **2. Speed limit change** - local bodies can forward pros and cons to changing speed limits to their local County Cllr. who will present to Highways cabinet councillor. **3. Sizewell C -stage 4 consult** - LibDem and Ind. parties concerned for following reasons: **a.** EDF will be overcharging UK consumers for electricity from Sizewell for the next 35 years. Latest prices are less than half what EDF is being guaranteed **b.** Impact on the surrounding natural environment and impact on the tourism industry **c.** Additional carbon emissions and congestion from a road-led strategy. **d.** Lack of planning for nuclear waste disposal. **e.** Unsympathetic design to the surrounding natural area. **f.** Additional pylons in an already crowded landscape. **g.** Not convinced by EDF's economic development argument. **4. Budget Monitoring 1st quarter** - SCC looking at an overspend of £7.9m. 1.2m from base budget, mainly adult care, home to school transport and children in care with s.e.n. (special educational needs) and 6.7m on schools budget, again children with s.e.n and needing home school transport. **5. Local Industrial Strategy for Suffolk** - local councils in the throes of drafting, to be presented to Government for approval. **6.** Consultation for children's centres delayed, no firm dates/times set. **MM** - Reported that the idea of renaming Babergh meeting had been cancelled for the time being. **2.** Residents invited to tour the recycling centre at Blakenham. **3.** Residents can check online under the following, what can be recycled -**What can go in recycling bins. Recycling Leaflet**- available for Parishes to print if they choose a paper copy. **Where to recycle glass bottles. Recycling centres in Suffolk. Home Composting. A-Z of Recycling.** **4.** Mary also mentioned Council Tax scams. If residents receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the council about unpaid council tax, ignore it and hang up.

5. Millennium Green - Inspection had been done by ROSPA, not quite as detailed as that done by Roger Harward. Kicking wall had been repaired, bird spikes still to be put in place. **SL** - mend a bar on the climbing frame. A discussion about CIL (infrastructure levy) followed. **MM** will email **SL** with Harkstead's details.

6. Planning - nothing new.

7. Footpaths - FP30 has a sign down. FP45 not been checked if reinstated.

8. Financial Report - Current Ac. £900, (£500 ex BP added) Bus. Prem. £3980 (£1250 precept added, £500 transferred to current) Savings £1741. Expenditure - Play Safety £103.20, clerk, July to Sept. £265.75, Came & Co. annual insurance £402.26.. All agreed and to be paid by BACS. **SL** - speak to Rodney Freeman about closing the savings account.

9. Correspondence - **SL** - will complete the SALC external audit consultation questionnaire. Baker's Arms has to be redeclared as an Asset of Community Value - **SL**.

10. Any other business - **AL** - said Edward Jackson offered to come and talk to PC about climate change and how it could help locally. **Clerk** to update councillor list. **SL** - attended recent police forum. Nothing in Harkstead however there have been a lot of thefts from sheds and garages, so keep them locked.

11. Next meeting Monday November 11 at **8pm**

Meeting ended at 8.45pm