

**St James South Elmham  
Parish Meeting Committee Conference  
Held by email and telephone and concluded 14 January 2021**

<b>Participating Committee Members:</b>	Mr C J Bradley	Chairman
	Mrs M Henry	Clerk
	Mrs J Chappell	
	Mr B Crockford	
	Mrs A Dinsdale	
	Mr A Hadingham	
	Mr R Hadingham	

## **1 Welcome and introduction**

The Chairman reminded the committee that a Precept Meeting of the full Parish Meeting would normally be held in November to set a precept for the coming financial year. In an update to the Corona Virus Act 2020, the Government absolved parish meetings where there is no parish council from holding public meetings twice a year until further notice or at least until May 21 2020. It was, however, necessary for a precept to be set and the Chairman had decided to proceed as in the authority set out in Section 5 of the minutes of the Parish Meeting Committee Conference of 14 August 2020 by holding an email and telephone conference to determine the 2021 precept.

The committee members agreed with this approach in preference to using video-conferencing (e.g. Zoom). This would be reviewed in future according to the progress of the Covid 19 pandemic and evolving government regulation.

## **2 Apologies**

None

## **3 Minutes of the Parish Meeting Committee Conference August 2020**

Agreed on 17 August 2020

## **4 Matters Arising**

None

## **5 Precept for 2021**

The Chairman identified particular items of expenditure that the Meeting should provide for: insurance premium payment that had previously been met *ex gratia* by the broker; legal expenses arising from the conveyancing of the land behind St James Lane from East Suffolk Council to St James Parish Meeting; matters potentially arising from dealing with the village-

wide consequences of D M Pipe unapproved waste business; and to maintain adequate reserves.

After discussion, the committee agreed unanimously to set a precept of £2,000 for the financial year 2021-22.

## **6 Other business**

**D M Pipe** The Chairman updated members on efforts involving East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and the Environment Agency to deal with the disruption to residents' lives and wanton damage to the environment and appearance of the village caused by D M Pipe waste activities at The Cottage and Laurel Farm.

**Land at St James Lane** The committee welcomed the offer by East Suffolk Council to transfer the land behind St James Lane (including Sheet Field Wood) to the Parish Meeting at no charge. It was unanimously agreed to accept this subject to necessary conveyancing agreement.

## **7 Close**

The Chairman thanked The Clerk and committee members for their support and contributions and closed the discussions at 5.00 p.m. on 14 January 2021. Subsequently, by 21 January 2021 all committee members recorded their agreement to the contents of these meeting notes and the decisions therein.