

## SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Pugh (RP) – Presiding

Cllr R Barker (RB), Cllr J Bateson (JB), Cllr M Billington (MB), Cllr G Byrne (GB), Cllr S Dark (SD), Cllr G Deverick (GD), Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr A Wright (AW), Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID)

Approximately 6 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.31pm

**2018.04.04.01** – There was an **apology** for absence from Cllr Lamplugh, and for lateness from Cllr Dark and both Borough Councillors.

**2018.04.04.02** – There were no **declarations** of interest.

**2018.04.04.03 – Public participation:** Bob Almey asked about materials remaining outside the Post Office (Clerk to contact Fire Service) and the notice board at the Common (to Amenities Group). Avril Wright referred to the Post Office situation (on agenda later).

**2018.04.04.04** – The **Chairman** referred to: signs being up in Southgate Lane; light in Strickland Avenue repaired: groundworks looking good (Newbridge mentioned); a well-supported SPAM meal; thanks to volunteers for laying aggregate and general work at Common; new bin at the Common – need volunteers to empty; dog waste bin at Common (refer to Amenities Group – possibly switching larger bin); wall on Memorial Field now mended; warning of cold-callers in the area; thanks to SD for work on Snett45.

**2018.04.04.05** – *The **minutes** of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018, having been previously circulated were taken as read and duly signed.*

**2018.04.04.06 – Arising** from those minutes the Clerk reported that: speed cameras seemed unlikely in near future; ABC had repaired a sign which NCC had refused to (thanks expressed); he had written to BCKLWN expressing concern over planning issues; there was a need for a Governance meeting to look at policies prior to AGM; the Heritage Group were happy to wait for further ideas on how to present and preserve Village records.

**2018.04.04.07** – AW reported that she was heavily involved for **BKCLWN** with plans for the Guildhall in Lynn; no decisions had yet been made, but the meetings had not been held “in secret” as reported. She continued to enjoy working behind the scenes for the Village and with SPC/Clerk especially on planning.

ID reported that there was disappointment that the Boundary Commission had produced their recommendations on new warding arrangements, apparently ignoring much hard work, and its own guidelines. Concerns over possible increase in fly-tipping, due to recycling charges, had been looked at – it was felt that the problem would probably not be as bad as feared. There would be a WECMS meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April in Hunstanton specifically aimed at Hunstanton issues, with a

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:

public session in addition. [Clerk clarified that new warding would give Snettisham Civil Parish one Borough Cllr, with no sharing.]

SD reported for **NCC** that the charges for recycling were a result of the conflict between what is "nice" and what is "statutory", and the decreased income from HMG – they are lower than in many counties, and have been introduced far later. [SD to check allowance per visit]. The speed cameras had been stopped; NCC Cllrs for area and PCs had not been consulted – had arisen from the Speed Reduction Partnership and took no account of the fact that the junctions rather than speed *per se* were really the issue. A meeting being arranged. As to the railway track bed, a plan to use these across the County for foot and cycle routes was being pursued. The potential railway between Lynn and Hunstanton did not have his support – there were far better uses for £150m, and the mention of it being used to facilitate silica sand extraction was unacceptable. [Clerk added that despite continued requests for information none had been received and claims that SPC had been invited to a meeting in September were erroneous; an extended discussion about the railway ensued, involving reference to Royal Estate, Neighbourhood Plans, the RSPB and the need for a cost-benefit analysis.]

**2018.04.04.08** – There was no **Police** report. Arthur Clarkson asked about a break-in where weapons and a chain-saw had been taken – RP had raised this at SNAP, and the Police had "apologised" for lack of information – Clerk to write to PCC.

**2018.04.04.09.a** – No **budget** analysis as only one month into financial year.

**2018.04.04.09.b** – *The **expenditure** listed, with an additional cheque of £442.50 to CGM, was approved without objection.*

**2018.04.04.09.c & d** – As the printer was very unwell, Clerk reported that he had had to cancel visit by Internal Auditor, and signing off the **accounts** and **governance** statement would have to be deferred to next month. All figures added up, and Councillors were welcome to visit and view the figures in detail.

**2018.04.04.09.e** – Apogee (printer firm) had met with RP and Clerk to review the account. A quote had been received (cheaper overall than current contract) for a newer machine – there was discussion about the need for a machine of the current level, and the timescale. *Council agreed to the new contract.*

*Prop: MB; 2<sup>nd</sup>: GB; unanimous*

**2018.04.04.10.a.i** – After a brief discussion about the new BCKLWN **Planning** Sifting Panel, no further correspondence was proposed.

**2018.04.04.10.a.ii** – *It was agreed to object to the **Licensing** Application at the Rose and Crown extending hours, due to concerns over the Village becoming a centre for non-residents drinking late, the lack of Police presence, the blanket nature of the application, and the off-licence provision.*

*Prop: SD; 2<sup>nd</sup>: MB; unanimous*

**2018.04.04.10.a.iii** – *It was agreed to support **Planning** Application 18/00521 (5 Grammar School Cottages) subject to approval from the Conservation Officer.*

*Prop: DS; 2<sup>nd</sup>: RP; 6-0; 3 abst*

**2018.04.04.10.b** – An **Amenities** meeting would be needed soon – Clerk and SD to liaise.

**2018.04.04.10.c** – On **Governance**, Clerk to arrange a meeting to review policies for reference to AGM. MB requested Clerk to report any inconsistencies.

**2018.04.04.10.d** – **Personnel** matters to be discussed in item 20.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:

**2018.04.04.10.e – Working Groups:** Rachael would be working on a footpath meeting to look at the registration of paths. MB reported that Neighbourhood Plan was with consultants and that they had requested more changes – “time has come”, come “hell or high water”, for this to be given to BCKLWN. MB and Clerk to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> April. SD asked about benefits of Plan for CIL receipts (c.£1,000 per property).

**2018.04.04.11 – Other meetings:** SNAP being reduced to four meetings per year. RP - Police info as above not adequate – break-in seemed targeted. SD questioned how Police were to know what the community wanted if their engagement was so minimal. Clerk to add comments to letter as in 8 above.

**2018.04.04.12** – RP agreed to attend next Councillor **surgery** [need one more]

**2018.04.04.12.a** – No callers at last **surgery** (GB and GD). Given current discontent as expressed on social media, surprising that so few actually attend meetings/surgery etc. GB and Clerk expressed concern over nature of facebook comments, especially tone relating to new residents. **Public engagement** generally to be included in a Policy. SD referred to 1600 properties and so few issues raised with Council being a positive sign. MB requested figures on Surgery attendance for next meeting.

**2018.04.04.13.a** – Clerk to write a response to NCC on **Rights of Way** stressing need for maintenance, joining up paths to create continuous routes, assistance from NCC to register new paths and the completion of the Coastal Path with improved access to villages inland. This to be delayed to allow any additional thoughts from Councillors to be included. SD referred to old Definitive Map. Question as to whether Bounds/footpaths were walked to maintain access – this probably prior to current registration regime, but need to register prior to 2026. Walking the routes was planned once booklet complete.

**2018.04.04.13.b** – There was no proposal to allow the use of the **Common** by an outside commercial organisation, so this fell. However, GD invited them to make to use of Scout facilities – Clerk to liaise.

**2018.04.04.14.a** – No new information about the **Post Office**, though there was a rumour of a business being interested. SD and Clerk liaising with Area Manager. MB suggested facilitating this convergence; encouraging local businesses to see the potential advantages important.

**2018.04.04.15 – Public participation:** Bob Almey asked about map on Bus shelter – that and noticeboard being redone when Scouts paint; potholes on Mkt Sq. – SD to chase NCC; Arthur Clarkson asked about Station Rd light – Clerk repeatedly chasing – maybe time to consider changing supplier; Mark Denman asked about the Post Office – in the end it is a commercial decision. Bob Almey asked about any further information relating to Townlands – nothing changed since last report.

**2018.04.04.16** – *Next meeting (AGM) confirmed as 7.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 in Memorial Hall.*

**2018.04.04.17** – *Meetings for next Council year confirmed as first Wednesday of the month, except for 9<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> April, and 15<sup>th</sup> May (following election).*

At 9.27pm the public left allowing Council to go into private session as on the agenda.

**2018.04.04.18** – *It was agreed to keep the current flag policy in place with no changes or exceptions.*

**2018.04.04.20** – *Administrative Assistant's probationary period to be concluded and her to become permanent employee.*

Meeting ended at 9.45, followed by meeting of Council acting as the Townlands Trustee.

*Abbreviations:*

*BCKLWN – Borough Council; HMG – Her Majesty's Government; MHT – Memorial Hall Trustees; NCC – County Council; SNAP – Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel; PCC – Police and Crime Commissioner; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council; WECMS – Wash East Coast Management Strategy*

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: