

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 7th November, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Pugh (RP) – Presiding

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 H Platt (HP), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID), PC Brennock (Norfolk Constabulary)

Approximately 10 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

2018.11.07.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from Cllrs Barker and Carey. Cllrs Dark and Devereux apologised for having to leave early.

2018.11.07.02 – RP observed that she had a non-pecuniary **interest** in item 13b.

2018.11.07.09 – [To allow PC Brennock to leave promptly, after giving the **Police** report, the Chairman changed the order of items.] PC Brennock introduced himself. The model of community policing had changed, having been less prominent for two years or so and with the removal of PCSOs. He would be covering Heacham and Snettisham, along with PC Heath, and suggested direct contact through the Safer Neighbourhood Team email address or 101. There had been incidents of ASB in the Village, with vandalism occurring; as yet it had not been possible to identify the group involved. The Clerk added his thanks for recent help from the Police with these issues; following a request from a member of the Public, he would ensure the email address was available¹. Asked about recent burglaries, PC Brennock remarked that there had been break-ins but nothing had been taken. PM asked about CCTV; this had not shown those involved in the vandalism; only Hunstanton had CCTV among towns and villages. PC Brennock left at 7.38pm.

2018.11.07.03 – There being no further **public** comments, Council moved on.

2018.11.07.04 – The **Chairman** remarked that she and MB had attended the opening of Dersingham's new Hall, and had been impressed – they now had a "wish list". There had been a number of harvest events, some of which she had attended. The Concert raising funds for the Snett45 charities had been a great success – thanks to all involved, including the Memorial Hall for allowing free use. On the 11th there would be both Church Service and Parade, and she urged councillors to attend. Later, as part of the Battle's Over project, there would be the lighting of a beacon and ringing of Church bells. The WI and RBL were thanked for the handmade poppies adorning the Village, and Cllr Barker and John Bailey for illuminating the War Memorial. She urged a "great big yes" vote at the Neighbourhood Plan referendum on 29th November. She closed the meeting

¹ SNTHunstanton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

briefly to report that Ken Hill were giving up the lease of the Chalk Pit and Field, and as Trustee, Council was now looking at options. Clerk added that Councillors had been invited to attend the WWI events at the School on Friday 9th.

2018.11.07.05 – The **minutes** of the meeting on 3rd October, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and duly signed.

2018.11.07.06 - The **minutes** of the extraordinary meeting on 18th October, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and duly signed.

2018.11.07.07 – Arising from these **minutes** the Clerk reported that the Coastal Park was a private arrangement between Ken Hill and BCKLWN, and that this had officially expired; the street lights would be fitted soon – he apologised for any confusion, having had reports that they were already in place.

2018.11.07.08 – For **BCKLWN**, ID reported that he been very busy, including meetings with the Coastal Partnership, and the Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership. WECMS members were expecting a letter from the Environment Agency about climate change. He had been accosted during the day about issues with the green bins – the contractor had been putting marks on these, to prevent them being emptied, due to a variety of items included which were not recyclable; he apologised for any inconvenience, but observed that the rejection of large quantities of contaminated material was costing the Borough a considerable sum. Arthur Clarkson asked about black plastic – best avoided; HP asked what to do about rejected bins – ID added that the new diary of collection dates on bins would include more info about materials; Clerk asked about definition of loose – there were clear plastic bags available. ID concluded by remarking the Planning Application on which he had intervened (26 Common Rd) looked likely to be approved.

For **NCC**, SD reported £120m of expenditure on Special Educational Needs, with four new schools and 170 places at special resource hubs; the schools would be built simultaneously; this should reduce the extensive “bussing” of children. He urged people to comment on the consultation on Children’s Centres. He was checking that the clearing of ditches using his budget was being done efficiently. On the **Snett45** events, he noted that the last grave, in Berlin, had now been visited – a total of 12,500 miles had been travelled across seven countries and three continents. BBC Radio Norfolk would be at the School on 9/11, and on the Sunday, Sky News would be presenting the Village live throughout the day, cutting from national events, as well as other slots on previous days – they had recorded extensively already. He appealed for help with distributing leaflets, raising funds, and producing a good turnout as we would be in the “eyes of the country”. HP asked about what distribution had been done – Office had list. [ID and SD left at 8.04pm]

2018.11.b.ii – [Order changed again]. The Chairman closed the meeting to allow Diane Westwood, and later others, to speak about burning of material at the **Common**, and subsequent relighting. Bob Almey stated that he had raised this, and why, and related what he had seen. Diane warned of the danger of the loss of heathland as being the principle reason that burning was required, and that there had never been malicious activity before. A slab under the drum would be arranged. Further exchanges and points were raised. Once re-opened, it was

agreed that Council should raise this with NWT at a visit in January arranged to review the management plan.

2018.11.07.10.a – The Clerk reported that the total funds available of c.£129,000 should be reduced by Snett45 donations of £1235. The £120 invoice which had been on for several months was from Townlands for legal work. Net expenditure was running at around 57% of **budget** for 67% of the year².

2018.11.07.10.b – JB expressed his disappointment that CGM were still not itemising their bill. *Expenditure as listed was agreed without objection.*

2018.11.07.10.c – Clerk reminded Councillors of the details of the **budget-setting** process, and relevant deadlines. Councillors were urged to consider any large items they might like to see included on the budget. Clerk generally prepares most budgets, but stressed the need for an Amenities meeting to discuss their needs. This was a good time to add large items which councillors may wish included, though it was not an agreement to proceed with such matters, merely to investigate likely costs etc.

2018.11.07.10.c.i – DS requested that the possibility of public conveniences, and their maintenance, should be included in the **budget** – Clerk to cost etc. RP asked for consideration of play equipment for “smaller people” at Poppyfields – Clerk to investigate this with BCKLWN³, including timescale of replacement etc. HP was concerned that this process was a little *ad hoc* – these matters could be pursued further at Project Development Group meeting.

2018.11.07.11.a – Clerk reported that a late **Planning Application** had been received (18/01949 – Round House). JB observed that this would be only the second house in the Village south of the Ingol, and should be resisted. *As the information on the portal was not correct (a Heacham Plan was showing) Council agreed to defer this, and the Clerk to write a “snotty” reply.*

2018.11.07.11.b.i – *It was agreed that the Project Development Group should consider the matter of **outdoor gym** equipment.*

Prop: RP; 2nd: GD; unanimous

2018.11.07.11.b.iii – Parish Partnership Scheme [PPS] – it was agreed by consensus to allow the Project Development Group to suggest items for this⁴. CCTV was raised as a possibility – Clerk to investigate costs, though for budgets not PPS.

2018.11.07.11.c.i – *It was agreed to accept the draft Data Protection Policy as a substantive one.*

Prop: RP; 2nd: GD; unanimous

2018.11.07.11.d – RP reported that Clerk and Admin Assistant **Appraisals** had been completed, but not yet signed.

2018.11.07.12 – Other meetings: meeting closed momentarily for a comment on Townlands; RP reported that the SNAP meetings were public-led – next one on 14th November.

² Though inclusion of salaries paid in arrears meant this was actually slightly lower, even allowing for spending off the main operating budget (Neighbourhood Plan and from reserves).

³ Play Area in question is BCKLWN responsibility

⁴ Deadline before next Full Council meeting

2018.11.07.13.a – After a brief discussion, and as there had been no public requests for Council to comment, *Council agreed not to reply to the NCC consultation on Children’s Centres.*

2018.11.07.13.b – *Council agreed to donate £100 to the Friends of St Mary’s for the Village Cinema.*

Prop: GD; 2nd: PM; unanimous

Arising from the request letter, asking for help with signage and publicity – Clerk remarked that, in common with several other Village groups he did publicise events when requested. The sign sought was a brown tourist sign. A quick discussion added the possibility of a general sign for listing Village events, as at Hunstanton, at the A149 roundabout – consideration to be added to the Project Development agenda under PPS. Clerk to investigate.

2018.11.07.14 – A.O.B. – Clerk reported on correspondence with Sir Henry Bellingham M.P. on the loss of the dentist. It was observed that an issue may be the short-term contracts offered. Clerk to continue to pursue. Clerk noted a budget consultation from NCC had been received.

2018.11.07.15 – Public participation: Bob Almey (advice received to go to Skegness for dentist – noted; Post Office – no further information; date for Ken Hill to leave Townlands land – immediate; minuting of 11.b.ii – would be brief⁵); Janet Lane (concern over Common burning arrangements; noted that finger-posts had been added in Church Rd pointing to Church); Arthur Clarkson (request to keep an eye on the Playing Field as weed-killer had been used on it and the Play Area)

2018.11.07.16 – *It was agreed, as previously suggested, to delay the next meeting until Wednesday 12th December, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall to avoid clashing with the Christmas Market⁶.*

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; HMG – Her Majesty’s Government; MHT – Memorial Hall Trustees; NCC – County Council; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council; WECMS – Wash East Coast Management Strategy

⁵ Subsequently Clerk noted this more fully – the meeting was closed to allow non-Councillors to speak, not for private discussion

⁶ As MH bookings secretary was present, Clerk confirmed the provisional re-arrangement

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: 12/12/2018