

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr E Langford (EL) – Presiding

Cllr I Devereux (ID), Cllr E Fountain (EF), Cllr M Fountain (MF), Cllr A Gascoigne (AG), Cllr A Lamplugh (AL), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also present: County Cllr J Dobson, Borough Cllr A Wright, Alistair Skipper (RFO) and around 25 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

The meeting commenced at 7.30p.m.

2013-10-02-01 – No **apologies** were received at this time.

2013-10-02-02 – A **declaration of interest** was received from ID on item 11.f.2

2013-10-02-03 – The meeting was adjourned for **public contributions**. Issues raised were: public thanking of councillors on resignation – no policy; waste and hygiene matters relating to one resident – in progress; status of the VAT on income issue – awaiting HMRC reply; thanks to Chair at previous meeting; Housing plans for Common Road – referred to Clerk's letter to BCKLWN; attention drawn to Land Drainage Act – needs referral to BCKLWN.

2013-10-02-04 – A letter asking to be considered for **co-option** from Mrs Sandy Codd was read by the Clerk. *Council resolved to co-opt Mrs Codd to the Council.*

Prop: EL; 2nd: MF; 6 for, 1 abstention

Cllr Codd (SC) read and signed the **declaration of acceptance** of office.

2013-10-02-05 – The **Chairman** referred to compliments on the appearance of the Village and thanked Cllrs Bailey and M Fountain, and Cllr and Mr Lamplugh. He recorded his thanks to the Pet Emporium and Queen Victoria for their provision of large quantities of water to help with this. Next year's planting to be deliberately less "thirsty". He also referred to the lime trees in Lodge Walk looking very good after the sympathetic work there; Ladies Walk and the Beech Tree to be done in the coming week.

2013-10-02-06 – *The minutes of the meeting on 4th September were passed as accurate and signed.*

Prop: AG; 2nd: ID; 6 for; 2 absent at previous meeting

2013-10-02-07 – **Matters arising** from above minutes. ID thanked the Public and other councillors for their help dealing with the interruption referred to.

2013-10-02-08 – Cllr **Dobson** reported that there would be a further **CCfA** meeting in November. On the **incinerator** he noted that two independent reports had "demonstrated conclusively" that it was not good value for the Public. A cap was now in place of £20m on the suspended contract; it is cheaper to export the waste to Holland. Cllr Wright passed on Cllr Christopher's apologies. She referred to the visual improvements in the Village and wondered whether this should be the precursor to joining **Norfolk in Bloom**. She recommended that residents should

Signed: _____ (Chairman) Date: 13th October 2013

nominate people for the Mayor's Awards, vote on the Lynn Treasures website, and visit Hunstanton Yacht Club, extensively refurbished.

2013-10-02-09 – The Clerk read a written **Police** report referring to 36 calls, 3 crimes and 3 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents.

2013-10-02-10-a – The RFO and Clerk were to meet to discuss possible changes to the structure of the budget monitoring sheets. In addition the **RFO** referred to copying costs (mainly newsletter); salaries possibly £2K over budget; planting and rates on WCs also would be over. Overall, however, he predicted an underspend, with a reasonable surplus on the Car Park. The Clerk referred to a proposed appeal on WC rates.

2013-10-02-10-b – The reference to "Northampton LPC" was a Barclays code due to receipts not yet appearing on statements. A repeat **cheque** to Heronwood had been issued due to the first going astray (cancelled). The Clerk reported that it was now confirmed the allotments should be paying for the water rates and this was in progress. *Council approved the signing of the cheques.*

Prop: ID; 2nd: AG; unanimous

2013-10-02-10-c – A paper was presented from the Clerk on proposed changes to Car Park Charges to maximise income for the remainder of the year. The Car Park would continue to be staffed at weekends, unless common sense and the weather deemed otherwise. *Council agreed to set charges of £3 per visit, and £10 for season, for car park tickets to the end of February.*

Prop: ID; 2nd: AG; unanimous

2013-10-02-10-d – *Council agreed expenditure of £25 for cost of burial seminar to be attended by Chairman.*

Prop: ID; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2013-10-02-10-e – *Council agreed to purchase wreath for Remembrance commemorations.*

Prop: AL; 2nd: SC; unanimous

2013-10-02-11-a-i – ID reported on presentation by Hopkins Homes. 150+ villagers had attended. Attention was drawn to the BCKLWN website for further comments.

2013-10-02-11-b-i – MF reported that she and AL were walking the footpaths to ascertain condition and prepare new booklet.

2013-10-02-11-c-i – no report

2013-10-02-11-d-i – ID reported that plans were being made for the setting of the precept. The Clerk reported that new NorfolkALC specimen standing orders were being published on 4.10.13.

2013-10-02-11-e-i – EL reported that the Clerk had begun official CiLCA training. [ID left meeting]

2013-10-02-11-f-i – EL reported that several residents of the Beach had contacted the Land Registry (LR) to **register** land that included the footpath. In the past objections had not been raised to this process; Council had been poorly advised. RSPB were claiming uncertainty as to where the boundaries were. To ensure potential problems with the footpath process were reduced: *Council agreed formally to object to the LR to the applications for registration by residents of the Beachfront.* Clerk to write to LR.

Prop: DS; 2nd: AG; 7 for

[ID returned][No item 12]

2013-10-02-13 – ID reported on the **Funding Fair** at Swaffham he had attended. There were funds available for projects, including larger ones, and he made useful contacts. The Clerk reported on the **Townlands Charity** meeting on 30.9.13. He read into the record a statement on decisions made, including those on the future of the Charity (attached).

2013-10-02-14-a – The Clerk reported that NCC had refused permission for an additional **grit bin** at Poppyfields as per SPC decision earlier in year. He also read from government advice on snow and ice clearing – info would be in Parish Office.

2013-10-02-14-b – The Clerk reported on initial discussions he had had with **street lighting** company to reduce costs by renewing with greener/cheaper lighting. A public meeting would occur before the next Council meeting at 7pm for anyone interested.

2013-10-02-15 – No items presented

2013-10-02-16 – Meeting closed for **Public** participation. Issues raised: effect of wind on lime trees – advice taken from BCKLWN tree inspector; rebate on precept – noted; dyke near bypass and NCC liability – requested write detail to Clerk; possibility of making residents liable for cost of revetment if land registered – Environment Agency liable for all cost of sea defence; accounts info not on website – RFO would ensure posted; additional housing – comments supported in Clerk’s letter to BCKLWN.

2013-10-02-17 – Next **ordinary meeting** of Council to take place as announced on Wednesday, November 13th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. *[NOTE: not the first Wednesday of the month]*

2013-10-02-18 – An **extraordinary meeting** of Council to begin precept process was agreed for Wednesday, November 6th.

Prop: EL; 2nd: AG; unanimous

2013-10-02-19 – [Meeting closed and Public left: 8.58pm. Meeting re-opened in private session as per agenda at 9.00]

2013-10-02-20 - Council were briefed by EL on ongoing discussion over **Car Park** lease.

2013-10-02-21 - Council were briefed by Clerk on recent correspondence from **Barclays**

Meeting closed 9.05pm