

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on 15th January, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr E Langford (EL) – Presiding

Cllr M Fountain (MF), Cllr E Fountain (EF), Cllr A Lamplugh (AL), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also in attendance: Mr A Skipper (RFO), Borough Cllr Avril Wright
Approximately thirty members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting commenced 7.30p.m.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman commented on a different seating arrangement. This had been done in an attempt to improve hearing for members of the Public.

2014.01.15.01 – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gascoigne, and from County Cllr John Dobson.

2014.01.15.02 – There were no **declarations of interest** from Councillors. Dispensations had been granted to all members for discussion of the budget. The Clerk declared an interest in item 12h.

2014.01.15.03 – The meeting was adjourned for **public speaking**. Subjects raised were: dog bin in Station Rd; the approach to Hall's Foundation by Townlands (been deferred by Hall's Foundation); planning application in 14.a.iii below (boundary shown in error); Hopkin's Homes development (problems with proposed drainage solutions); plans for the development (availability of comments on BCKLWN website)

2014.01.15.04 – There were no nominations for **co-option**

2014.01.15.05 – The **Chairman remarked** on: a report from BCKLWN on a local council tax scam; next TORC issue early April – articles and adverts requested; thanks to Cllr Lamplugh and other volunteers for removal of rubbish on the Beach; a Thanksgiving Service for 30 years of Tapping House to be held on 2nd March @ 4pm. To conclude he read from a prepared statement which he proposed to submit as a Press Release regarding the Car Park and Ken Hill. At this point he closed the meeting to seek Public reactions. Several Parishioners spoke – consensus was to concentrate exclusively on the facts. The meeting was re-opened.

2014.01.15.06 – The **minutes** of 4th December meeting were *corrected by resolution* – the figure in 2013.12.04.05 should have been £140; para 10.h should read: "as per notice from Ken Hill". Para 17 – spelling: "coast" should be "cost".

Prop: AL; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2014.01.15.07 – no **Matters arising** on above minutes.

2014.01.15.08 – The **minutes** of 8th January meeting were *corrected by resolution* – removal of superfluous "asked to" in para 3a.

Prop: AL; 2nd: MF; (4-0)

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2014.01.15.09 – Matters arising from the above minutes: The Clerk has written to the Police requesting prosecution (item 8). The response to his request to BCKLWN (also item 8) on fly-tipping was negative as SPC is the landowner; the Clerk was requested to seek advice, possibly from NRCC.

2014.01.15.10 – Cllr Wright reported on: Council Tax freeze; Car Parking in King's Lynn; the plans for the Saturday Market Place; a meeting re: the River Ingol on 8/3/14; no decision yet on the incinerator.

2014.01.15.11 – The Clerk read from weekly emails from the **Police**. There were no apparent incidents in Snettisham.

2014.01.15.12.a – *Cheque and other **payments** were approved*

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.01.15.12.b – The **RFO** reported on predicted end of year balance. This seemed large (£24K) due to goodwill payment, savings by use of volunteers rather than maintenance man totalling around £14K. The Clerk reported that the matter of Business Rates on toilets was a national campaign – he was in contact with the Valuation Office.

2014.01.15.12.c – Suggestions were made to amend the latest **budget proposal** - £1500 by Clerk for photocopier renewal; training budget increased for Councillors; asset figure for registering unowned land; BFWG £5,000 in each of 13/14 and 14/15 for Inquiry. In capital programme Market Square was dangerous and needed c£6,000 [Clerk to chase BCKWLN regarding pot-holes]; the War Memorial required final work (c£4,000). Final vote on this at next meeting once revised.

2014.01.15.12.d – *Council resolved to put the **Internal Auditor** post for 14/15 out to tender.*

Prop: AF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.01.15.12.e – *Council resolved to seek an increase in the £140 ex gratia payment from **Santander**.*

Prop: EF; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2014.01.15.12.f – As Council now had a new account manager at **Barclays** a decision as to how to proceed with issues over service was deferred.

2014.01.15.12.g – *Council resolved to renew its **Open Spaces** membership @£45pa.*

Prop: EF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.01.15.12.h – [The Clerk left the meeting] *Council resolved under Regulation 4(3) of the Local Government **Pension** Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 that Simon Bower should be designated as being eligible for membership of the LGPS with effect from 10th January 2013.*

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

[The Clerk returned to the meeting]

2014.01.15.13 – Date of the proposed **public meeting** to be confirmed

2014.01.15.14.a.i – DS summarised the **planning** applications.

2014.01.15.14.a.ii – *Council resolved to support planning application 13/01786/F (Garage etc, 6 Dawes Lane). EL requested his objection on aesthetic grounds be noted.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: EF; 4-1

2014.01.15.14.a.iii – *Council resolved to object to planning application 13/01863/F (works on frontage including raising level – 70A, The Beach) on the grounds that the property is in the flood plain area. SPC also has grave concerns*

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that the boundary on the application is currently the subject of a legal dispute involving the Council.

Prop: DS; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2014.01.15.14.a.iv – Council resolved to support planning application 13/01736/FM (Hopkins Homes development in Common Road) in general terms. **However, SPC expresses major concerns** over the drainage/sewerage and road access provisions. [Council wishes to encourage Snettisham's Borough Councillors to engage with BCKLN planning department on the issue]

Prop: DS; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2014.01.15.14.a.v – Council resolved to support the comments of the Clerk in his paper on the **Sustainability Report** on the LDF.

Prop: AL; 2nd: EF; unanimous

2014.01.15.14.a.vi – Council noted the proposals for **tree-felling** on Ken Hill Estate but had no comments.

2014.01.15.14.b.i – A written paper was presented of the most recent **Amenities** meeting – 17th December.

2014.01.15.14.b.ii – Council resolved to return the **dog-bin** to the Coal Yard area, with Mr Abos' agreement to use his land. [Clerk to arrange other bins as necessary]

Prop: AL; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2014.01.15.14.b.iii – Council resolved to request the removal of the ownerless **chickens** in Goose Green and Alma Roads, subject to legality of such actions.

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.01.15.14.c – The amount of flotsam and jetsam on the Beach due to the recent storm surge was raised. The Clerk had requested protective equipment and rubbish removal. Subject to this being in place a **litter-pick** was proposed for Sunday 19th January, and volunteers were requested. Clerk to confirm. Item iii – removal of hardware – to be arranged by Clerk.

2014.01.15.14.d – No Governance report or nomination for Lead Councillor

2014.01.15.14.e.i – no Personnel report

2014.01.15.14.e.ii – Council agreed to 100 hours of **administrative support** per annum, and for such to be included in the 2014/15 budget.

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.01.15.14.f.i – EL reported that the scrutiny panel had recommended the removal of all **signs** on the Beach – SPC need to ensure this is done.

2014.01.15.15 – MF reported on consultations she and AL had had with villagers. She presented maps showing the **village drainage**. 15 developments of housing had taken place in the last 20 years in the village and 8 in Common Road area alone. Flooding occurs at the site proposed for development on average three times per year. Flooding on Station Road and Lynn Road regularly lasts for two days. Pumping Station only has one pump working – lorries often remove excess. Council resolved that Clerk should arrange meeting for Councillors with BCKLWN and AW (and any separate sewage authority)

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.01.15.16 – no **reports** from external meetings

2014.01.15.17.a – Council resolved not to donate to **Open Spaces**.

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.01.15.18 – no **A.O.B.**

2014.01.15.19 – no **suggestions** from Councillors

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2014.01.15.20 – The meeting was closed for **public participation**. Subjects raised were: Clerk's admin time for Car Park; problems with laying optic fibre for broadband due to drainage; Gas Board pipes causing flooding and subsidence in Dawes Lane; money in Saffron BS bond – would not be used for operational budget; bus stop – Clerk had reported but to check on progress; drainage in Common Road – a detailed analysis; the Car Park situation; money in Saffron BS – should not be just left there.

2014.01.15.21 – Next **ordinary meeting** confirmed as 5th February, 2014 in the Memorial Hall.

2014.01.15.22 – **Extraordinary meeting** confirmed as 22nd January, 2014 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm.

Abbreviations:

AW – Anglian Water

BCKLWN – Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

BFWG – Beach Footpath Working Group

LDF – Local Development Framework (formerly Site Specific Allocations) i.e. new housing programme

NCC – Norfolk County Council

NRCC – Norfolk Rural Communities Council

SPC – Snettisham Parish Council

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