

## SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr E Langford (EL) – Presiding

Cllr J Bailey (JB), Cllr M Fountain (MF), Cllr A Gascoigne (AG), Cllr A Lamplugh (AL), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr A Wright

Approximately 25 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

**2014.02.05.01 – Apologies** were received from Cllr E Fountain and the RFO, Mr A Skipper. Apologies were also received from Cty Cllr Dobson and Boro' Cllr Christopher

**2014.02.05.02** – No **declarations** of interest were received.

**2014.02.05.03** – The meeting was suspended for **Public Participation**. Issues raised were: Interest accrued on Saffron BS bond – where did this show in accounts?; pot-holes in Market Square – Clerk reported meeting with NCC on 6/2\* to discuss; the lack of a vice-chair – no legal or SPC obligation to have one, procedures in place; Newsletter – contributions requested and clarification of advertising & editorial policy for businesses and organisations.

**2014.02.05.04** – No nominations for **co-option** were put forward

**2014.02.05.05** – The **Chairman reported** his disappointment in a recent letter to the Lynn News from a Parishioner, Mrs Val Thorpe, and its potential negative effect on the Village. He listed the recent history of the Car Park lease, Ken Hill's rejection of negotiation and legal demands for 48 hour decisions; also SPC taking barrister's opinion. He maintained that eviction was the correct terminology given SPC's understanding and insistence that the lease should expire in October. He also mentioned the Thanksgiving Service for 30 years of Tapping House (2/3/14 at 4pm). Finally he thanked the volunteers and Councillors who had helped with the litter-pick at the beach – 14 people, some not residents – on behalf of SPC, RSPB and the EA. EA staff would be clearing a wrecked, partially buried, caravan

**2014.02.05.06** – The **minutes** of the 15<sup>th</sup> January meeting were approved without amendment.

**2014.02.05.07** – Under **matters arising**, the Clerk reported the photocopier had been ordered and would be arriving in approx. ten days. The Chair reported he had been in communication with Santander about a possible compensation increase.

**2014.02.05.08** - The **minutes** of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January meeting were approved without amendment.

**2014.02.05.09** – There were no **matters arising** from the above minutes.

**2014.02.05.10** – Cllr Wright reported on the suggestion to change the management of the River **Ingol**. She read from a letter by Lynne Truss, MP, dealing in detail with the costs of the **Incinerator** proposal and possible alternatives. It also covered the reduced need for the facility.

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**2014.02.05.11** – The Clerk read from **Police** reports. One ASB incident and one attempted burglary had been reported. "Words of advice" had been given to people taking things from the Common.

**2014.02.05.12.b** – Questions were asked over the Car Park income (raised in first weekend of 2014) and cheque numbers (should read 105252/3 not 105253/4).  
*Council approved **payments** as listed, with amended cheque numbers.*

*Prop: AG; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AL; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.12.a** – No **RFO** report. Question on interest (as in 03 above) – Clerk to clarify.

**2014.02.05.12.c** – Written report received on **Barclays'** service, outlining possible reasons to change Bank; SPC to contact NorfolkALC for advice on banking alternatives.

**2014.02.05.12.d** – Written report received demonstrating that the £100+VAT requested of purchaser was reasonable and effective way of disposing of the **Toilet Block** asset.

**2014.02.05.13.a.i** – **DS reported** that Councillors had visited the Sailing Club in iv. below

**2014.02.05.13.a.ii&iii** – *Council resolved to accept the Planning Applications 14/00053/LB, 14/00052/F, 14/00037/F & 14/00039/LN at the Coach House and Snettisham House.*

*Prop: DS; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AL; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.13.iv** – *Council resolved to object to Planning Application 14/00065/F at the Sailing Club, on the grounds that the applicant has given incorrect information on paras 6 (intruding onto rights of way) and 12 (liability to flood). The application infringes on footpath currently the subject of a Public Inquiry, and has recently been severely impacted by flooding. Clerk to question whether such applications in the flood zone should be processed at all.*

*Prop: DS; 2<sup>nd</sup>: MF; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.13.v** – Information about the management of the **River Ingol** possibly changing to an IDB was presented. It was decided to leave the Clerk to reply in consultation with Heacham PC.

**2014.02.05.13.b.i** – MF reported that there had been an **Amenities** SG meeting the previous evening. She requested that the meeting with Anglian Water re: drainage be expedited.

**2014.02.05.13.b.ii** – As a site-meeting with contractor was planned, details of **grass cuts** needed not yet known – item deferred.

**2014.02.05.13.b.iii** – *Council agreed to the engaging of a Tree Surgeon to carry out reviews and maintenance. To aid contract negotiations an initial budget limit of approximately £1000 was agreed.*

*Prop: MF; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AI; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.13.b.iv** - The issue of the **rights** at the **Common** and Fuel Allotment was discussed. Clerk informed Council that he had referred to NRCC for advice. Item deferred pending that advice.

**2014.02.05.13.b.v** – The **Public Meeting**/Presentation on issues of Village interest had been split into two dates: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb & Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – both in the Methodist Church Hall, and both from 1-5 pm. Information on Drainage, Common, Beach and Street Lighting to be presented, amongst others.

Thanks were offered to AL. If possible these dates to be added to Clerk's TORC notes.

**2014.02.05.13.b.vi** – Clerk reported that definitive drainage maps had been pursued & located – now waiting for contact at Anglian Water.

**2014.02.05.13.b.vi.1** – *Council resolved to set up a **Working Party** to pursue the matters of drainage and associated flooding within the Village. Members of the Public are invited to apply for membership.*

*Prop: MF; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AG; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.13.c** – no report from **Beach** SG

**2014.02.05.13.d.i** – Clerk explained importance of having **Policies** due to legal requirements, use in grant applications etc. *Council resolved to approve the Equal Opportunities Policy as presented.*

*Prop: AG; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AL; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.13.e.i** – EL remarked that Council employees would be having **Annual Reviews** in near future.

**2014.02.05.13.f.ii** – After explanation of this agenda item (potentially enabling reconsideration of a recent decision) no-one proposed any change in decision. Hence this item and item f.iii were not subject to vote, and *status quo* remains.

**2014.02.05.14** – No WECMS meeting; Memorial Hall AGM to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March – representative Trustees to be sought soon; Allotments – receipt for rent and water bills had been received (details requested); Clerk had received list of allotment holders and officials.

**2014.02.05.15.a** – *Council approved letter from Clerk to NCC regarding Barker's Pond and other drainage issues and instructed him to send without amendment.*

*Prop: MF; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AG; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.15.b** – *Council agreed to donate £25 to Magpas Medical Charity (under section 137)*

*Prop: MF; 2<sup>nd</sup>: DS; unanimous*

**2014.02.05.16** – **A.O.B.** – no subjects raised

**2014.02.05.17** – No **agenda** items etc. raised by Councillors.

**2014.02.05.18** – The meeting was suspended for **Public Participation**. An issue was raised by Mr Steve Chapman regarding the Chair driving onto the revetement on the Beach during the litter-pick. The question was about what permissions had been obtained, with Mr Chapman stating EA approval had not been sought. A heated exchange of views occurred with the Chair maintaining that Mr Chapman's comments were "categorically incorrect" and that he did have EA approval. Further questions related to items 13.a.ii and iii above being merged into one vote – they were in fact separate properties – vote stands as same comments apply in each case; the date/time of the meeting about the River Ingol – 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10-4; whether planning approval could be sought at all for properties on the Beach – Clerk to check; depreciation of costs of toilet - £100 a fair price.

**2014.02.05.19** - The **next meeting** was confirmed as Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

**2014.02.05.20** – Dates were confirmed for **2014/15 Council Meetings** as First Wednesday in the Month, including August. The Annual Parish Council meeting to be at 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> May, followed at 7.30 by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8.55pm

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:

*Abbreviations:*

*AW – Anglian Water*

*BCKLWN – Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk*

*BFWG – Beach Footpath Working Group*

*EA – Environment Agency*

*IDB – (King’s Lynn) Internal Drainage Board*

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

*NCC – Norfolk County Council*

*NRCC – Norfolk Rural Communities Council*

*RSPB – Royal Society for the Protection of Birds*

*SG – Support Group*

*SPC – Snettisham Parish Council*

*\*subsequently rescheduled to 10/2/14*

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