

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on 9th April, 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr E Langford (EL) – Presiding

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

Also in attendance: Mr A Skipper (RFO), County Cllr J Dobson (JD), Borough Cllr A Wright (AW)

Approximately 30 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

After a welcome from the Chair the meeting opened at 7.32pm

2014.04.09.01 – There were no **apologies** for absence from the Parish Council. Borough Cllr Z Christopher did send apologies.

2014.09.05.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest.

2014.09.05.03 – The meeting was suspended for **Public Participation**. Issues raised were: information requested about **fallen tree** in Lodge Walk – in hands of insurers, written report received; **planning** application 14/00359 – statement from owner about need for annexe for family reasons; **Mr Chapman** disagreeing with minutes and requesting delayed copy of email – Clerk to send latter; re: use of word “ejection” to describe parishioner being asked to leave at last meeting.

2014.09.05.04 – No nominations for **co-option** had been received.

2014.09.05.05 – The **Chairman reported** on volunteering. He mentioned in particular Cllr Bailey and Mr Peter Parker who had received **Mayor’s Awards** in King’s Lynn on 4th April (he apologised for the consequent rescheduling of this meeting) – after mentioning the citations both were recognised by applause from all present. The **War Memorial** was nearing completion – he thanked by name Messrs Ames, Milner and Rate, and Frimstone’s and Ridgeons for their time, expertise and materials/resources. A re-dedication ceremony would be held. Poppy seeds had been **donated** by the WI, planted in Ladies Walk, along with much clearing of dog waste (thanks to Anthea, Ros and Elizabeth). More thanks were given to councillors for their work on the **Open Days**, and Betty, Ros and Rita for the refreshments. The clearing on the **Common** involved many people working hard – appreciation from NWT as well as EL. Volunteers were requested for future work. The **Newsletter** Team was thanked and the distributors. It is likely that the next meeting will see a proposal for the Newsletter to go independent of Council finances. A **Drainage meeting** had been held with AngW, NCC and BCKLWN looking at the whole of the Village systems – this to be regular event.

2014.09.05.06 – No **amendments** were proposed to minutes from 5th March. These were signed by the Chairman

2014.09.05.07 – **Matters arising** – SPC sent appointee to MH meeting but was not admitted – this to be pursued; chickens had been removed though a few remain; Zorbing at Park Farm – councillors had been invited to visit during 28 day

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trial; tree report had been received prioritising work; Clerk apologised for mis-speaking at last meeting.

2014.09.05.08 – On Beach signage **JD** thanked SPC for their efforts, and stressed he was pushing for a resolution at County Hall. He announced the cancellation of incinerator, due to lack of planning permission, default on contractor's part, taxpayer benefits and PFI withdrawal; 7,000 letters had come from West Norfolk on this issue. On footpath EL referred to signs still being there; JD replied that SPC could make formal complaint. NCC structure changing back from Cabinet to Committee. **AW** congratulated the volunteers and SPC for their hard work. She reported having been to the Zorbing – this was quiet, but the structure was a bright yellow. King's Lynn would be holding a Hansa Day on 17th May to celebrate anniversary of joining the modern Hanseatic League.

2014.09.05.09 – The Clerk read from recent reports from the **Police**. There had been in Snettisham a burglary, theft of hanging basket and damage to car, as well as a fuel theft from a vehicle. The Public were warned of attacks on Land-Rovers, and a serious case of vigilante behaviour further afield.

2014.09.05.10.a – *Council agreed to continue membership of NorfolkALC at £379.50 for the year.*

Prop: MF; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2014.09.05.10.b – *Council agreed to set up a Direct Debit for Information Commissioner's Office payments.*

Prop: AG; 2nd: AL; unanimous

It was confirmed that the large salary payment included a one-off payment for the Clerk's Pension contributions, and that VAT could be reclaimed on expenses only if accompanied by a VAT receipt. *Council agreed to pay **expenditure items as listed.***

Prop: EF; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2014.09.05.10.c – The **RFO** referred to the "underspend" in comparison to budget; this was made up of Barclays and TROD payments, c£10K less spent on "handyman" – pension as above also was for this period. He also confirmed that the VAT reclaim for 2011-2014 was complete (note 1).

2014.09.05.10.d – The Clerk explained that legislation did not now require two **signatures** on Council payments, but suggested that for historical reasons SPC may wish to confirm it would continue to do so. *Council agreed that two **signatures** would continue to be required for Council payments.*

Prop: AG; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2014.09.05.10.e – EL reported that Santander had increased their **compensation** offer; a second account had also been discovered under the names Melton and Boughen. *Council agreed to accept increased offer of £395 from Santander.*

Prop: MF; 2nd: JB; unanimous

2014.09.05.11.a.ii & iii – *Council approved **planning applications** 14/00290/F and 14/00357/LB – conversion of barn to dwelling at Snettisham House.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2014.09.05.11.a.iv – Following remarks from owner in 03 above, *Council resolved to support application 14/00359/F (2 Southgate Lane) with the proviso that sewerage and drainage did not adversely affect Village infrastructure.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: NF; 5-0

2014.09.05.11.a.v – Council resolved to approve the continuation requested in application 14/00306/F (caravans, Shepherd's Port) provided that this was only for holiday accommodation.

Prop: DS; 2nd: MF; 6-0

2014.09.05.11.b.i – a written **report** was available to the Public as well as councillors

2014.09.05.11.b.ii – Council approved an **amendment** allowing £500 for item b.ii

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

Council resolved to allow up to £500 for **planting** of areas around the War

Memorial, Alma Road, opposite end of Station Rd (on Lynn Rd) and Newbridge.

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.09.05.11.b.iii – After lengthy discussion and an interruption, Council resolved to ask Heronwood Landscapes to clear the area around the "Car Park" at the **Common**, subject to a £150 maximum charge.

Prop: MF; 2nd: JB; 6-0

2014.09.05.11.b.iv – Council resolved to arrange for external **tap** at Parish Office to be reconnected, subject to a £75 maximum charge.

Prop: MF; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2014.09.05.11.b.v – No vote. Council to review all sites and conditions of spare bins etc.

2014.09.05.11.b.vi – Deferred.

2014.09.05.11.b.vii – Council agreed to establish a Working Party to be responsible for "**Open Spaces**". This to include Commons, footpaths etc.

Prop: EF; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2014.09.05.11.c – no report

2014.09.05.11.d – Deferred – not complete.

2014.09.05.11.e – EL reported that **appraisal** process for Parish Clerk had begun. An invitation for public input was made.

2014.09.05.11.f.ii – EL inquired of Mr Chapman if he was taking down the **signs**. During a heated exchange, Mr Chapman said that "all signs" should be removed, that his signs were "not misleading", "everyone (was) acting illegally" and that he was answerable to "the Access Authority, not SPC"

2014.09.05.12 – Meetings had not been attended; Clerk requested minutes of MHT; JB requested water bill details for Allotments.

2014.09.05.13 .i – Council resolved to donate £25 to East Anglian Children's Hospices.

Prop: MF; 2nd: AG; unanimous

2014.09.05.13.ii – Council resolved that Clerk should write to the owner and Police, and request double yellow lines from NCC, to alleviate the parking issue outside the new hairdresser/beauty salon on Lynn Rd.

Prop: MF; 2nd: AG; unanimous

2014.09.05.14 – AOB – none

2014.09.05.15 – No items for agenda for next meeting

2014.09.05.16 – The meeting was suspended for **Public Participation**. Issues raised were: Mr Almey requesting EL change his remarks about meeting with **MP** – EL stated he was referring as usual to family names; £25 **donation** for Hospice compared to £500 for planting – brief explanation of section 137 given but policy not fixed in stone; could Council consider money on **Southgate** Lane – EL observed he thought this issue had been settled; Mr Chapman requesting to know if the flyer about the **footpath** in the magazine was Council comment, and

disagreement over NCC being “not prepared” or not able to support DMMO – EL stated not able; question over **interest** on Saffron Bond(s) – EL referred to Budget Monitoring sheet where the figure appeared.

2014.09.05.17 – Next meeting (**AGM**) confirmed as 7pm on 7th May 2014, followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded at 9.35

Note 1 – this confirmed by post as £5762.79.

Abbreviations:

ALC – Association of Local Councils

AngW – Anglian Water

BCKWLN – Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk

MH(T) – Memorial Hall (Trustees)

NCC – Norfolk County Council

NWT – Norfolk Wildlife Trust

PFI – Private Finance Initiative

SPC – Snettisham Parish Council

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: