

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th January, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr E Langford (EL) – Presiding

Cllr J Bailey (JB), Cllr R Barker (RB), Cllr E Fountain (EF), Cllr M Fountain (MF), Cllr A Lamplugh (AL), Cllr R Pugh (RP), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS), Cllr A Todd (AT)

Also in attendance: County Cllr J Dobson (JD), PCSO Chris Stevens (CS)

Approximately 13 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

After welcoming councillors and public, wishing them Happy New Year, the Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

2015.01.07.01 – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gascoigne.

2015.01.07.02 – There were no individual **declarations** of interest, but Council was reminded they were covered by Clerk's dispensation to discuss budget and precept.

2015.01.07.03 – There were no **public questions** at this point so Council continued.

2015.01.07.04 – There were no requests for **Co-Option** to the Council.

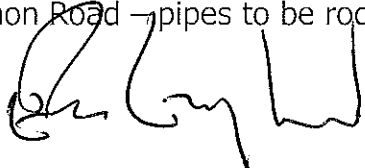
2015.01.07.05 – The **Chairman** commented on the Clerk's two year anniversary. Representatives from Solar Associates were meeting him and the Clerk on 9/1/15 to discuss the routing of traffic for construction of the **solar farm**. It was expected that their planning application to BCKLWN would be in the February meeting. He informed Council that the **footpath guide** was late, apologised and said it would be ready soon. He requested thanks to volunteers who had worked on the **Common** should be formally noted, and asked anyone interested in such work to contact the Clerk.

2015.01.07.06 – The **minutes** of the previous meeting having been circulated, and there being no proposed amendments, these were taken as read.

2015.01.07.07 – Matters arising from these minutes – the Clerk informed Council that the new **facebook** page had been popular, and wondered whether it might be appropriate to open it for comments; EL reported that the **footpath** signs had now been agreed by NCC and he hoped they would be in place by Easter; the Clerk reported letters of **thanks** from the two charities who had received donations last month.

2015.01.07.08 – JD reported that **NCC** had been quiet due to the break. Adult financial services would be overspending (£6m). The election in May was causing uncertainty about future budgeting. He had attended talks relating to **flood defences** and funding, and was disappointed by the Environment Agency's "unsustainable and unfair" approach. He expressed anger about the three years of controversy about **Beach signage** and NCC inaction. He referred to a meeting with a Parish Councillor and Highways representative over flash **flooding** in Common Road – pipes to be rodded through. There would be further meetings,

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and drainage issues should be called in during planning consultations by Borough Cllrs. EL thanked JD.

2015.01.07.09 – In his **Police** report CS reported that at the SNAP meeting the main concern was ASB. This had dramatically decreased, possibly due to a principal offender having moved. Police were in talks with the management of the Paddocks over improvements to security and access relating to recent vandalism in Lodge Walk. EL commented that old fencing would be removed to help. CS warned those with oil tanks to beware thefts of fuel.

2015.01.07.10.a – The Clerk drew attention to a large cheque to solicitors being apportioned between Asset, Footpath, Contingency and Reserves due to there being no "legal" budget. This cheque had been sent under S/Os re: contracts, and following negotiations to reduce the amount, and councillors informed at the time. As previously attention was drawn to spending keeping to **budgets** except for personnel.

2015.01.07.10.b – Clerk reported that HMRC had charged 3% interest on the final tranche of Car Park VAT, so the cheque was being submitted for approval without the interest, which he would discuss with HMRC before further payment. He also reported that the VAT reclaim on purchases in Quarter 3 had been submitted, and would be c£2580. *Council agreed expenditure as listed.*

Prop: MF; 2nd: AT – unanimous

2015.01.07.10.c – The Clerk went through a written paper outlining the **budget** proposed for 2015/16, and options for the **precept**. There was extensive discussion relating to the need for Council to move forward with developments on the Common and elsewhere. *Council agreed to set a budget of £87,262, and a precept of £81,060, with CTSG of £4,940, for income of £86,000.*

Prop: JB; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2015.01.07.11.a.i – *Council agreed to object to **Planning Application** 14/01710 – 6 Lodge Walk – on the grounds of inappropriate materials and design.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: AL; unanimous

2015.01.07.11.a.ii – *Council supported **Planning Application** 14/01781 – 106 Strickland Avenue.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: EF; 5-2

2015.01.07.11.a.iii – *Council supported **Planning Application** 14/01782 – Sailing Club – while drawing attention to the need to avoid encroaching on the Public Footpath.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: EF; 8-0

*Council also agreed to support **Planning Application** 14/01813 – 25 Goose Green Road.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: AT; 7-1

The Clerk reported that the final **Local Development Framework** documents had been published and they showed an increase in the area previously agreed south of Common Road. He expressed surprise that this was the first SPC had heard of this, yet developers appeared to have been aware of it in September 2014. Council concurred and asked the Clerk to write a strongly worded letter to planning copying in CEO of BKCLWN.

During the planning discussions one of the councillors declared he was unhappy with communication by email and was "not aware" of applications.

2015.01.07.11.f.ii – Clerk reported new **Street Lighting** now physically at the contractors and hoped installation would commence within a fortnight.

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2015.01.07.11.f.iii – Barker's Pond had been cleared, but there was confusion over the route of the **drain** below this.

There were no further Support/Working **Group** reports, but EL requested renaming the Market Square Group to "Village Parking", and commented that this would be touched on in a joint meeting with Memorial Hall Trustees on 12/1/15.

2015.01.07.12 to 15 – There were no reports on training or other **meetings** attended, no **correspondence** to discuss, no **A.O.B.** and no councillors concerns or **agenda** requests.

2015.01.07.16 – The meeting was adjourned for public participation. Subjects raised were: situation regarding the former **Compasses Pub** – Clerk to contact contractors and enquire regarding position and request site office be moved; SPC **funding of flood defences** – not under present law, and CIC being formed for this, consultation ongoing.

2015.01.07.17.a – *Council agreed dates of meetings through to April 2016.*

[Ordinary meetings as the first Wednesday of each month except May 2015 and January 2016. January 2016 should be a week later to allow for Christmas break – i.e. Wednesday 13th. The election being held on 7th May 2015 means the Annual Parish Council meeting should be 20th May.]

Prop: MF; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2015.01.07.17.b – Next meeting confirmed as 7.30pm, Wednesday 4th February, 2015, in the Memorial Hall

The meeting ended at 9pm

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; CIC – Community Interest Company; CTSG – Council Tax Support Grant; HMRC – HM Revenue and Customs; NCC – County Council; SPC – Parish Council

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