

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS
2014-2015

Date Of Meeting	6 th May, 2015
Type of Meeting	Extra-Ordinary
Number of Meeting within Year	14th
Chair	Cllr Eric Langford
Minutes approved at meeting on	20 th May, 2015
Amendments to Minutes at next meeting	None
Pages in minutes	2

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on
Wednesday 6th May, 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 M Fountain (MF), Cllr A Lamplugh (AL), Cllr
R Pugh (RP), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS), Cllr A Todd (AT)

Also in attendance: approximately 24 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

The meeting opened at 7.33pm

2015.05.06.01 – Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr E Fountain.

Borough Cllr Avril Wright also sent her apologies.

2015.05.06.02 – There were no **declarations of interest** on agenda items.

2015.05.06.03 - The meeting was suspended for **public participation**. One item was raised by eight individuals, i.e. **Highways** response to the proposed Caravan-/Camp-site at park Farm. Particular concerns raised by these, all objecting, were: narrowness of the verge, difficulty of caravans passing by the School, accessing the road at busy times, satnav directions via Station and Alma Roads, Alma Road bottleneck, Post Office parking, cars mounting kerbs, emergency vehicle access, request for "sensible justification" from Highways, farm vehicles, drivers unfamiliar with the Village, and others.

2015.05.06.04.a – The Clerk presented the **budget monitoring** report referring to large items distorting the Amenities and Open Spaces budgets. Other budgets were on target after two months. Expenditure from reserves on Street Lighting was c£30K.

2015.05.06.04.b – Clerk presented **payments** for approval. Two large items were benches and tables for Common and elsewhere, and the SAM2 speed sign for Beach Rd. The latter would be held until receipt of the equipment. *Council agreed items of expenditure as listed.*

Prop: AL; 2nd: AT; unanimous

2015.05.06.04.c – The Chair thanked the Clerk for his work on the **2014/15 accounts**, in particular for their promptness. *Council agreed the accounts as presented, and authorised the Chair and Clerk to sign the Mazars External Audit forms as being correct figures.*

Prop: AT; 2nd: RP; unanimous

The Chair then went through each declaration on the form regarding financial accountability, and with unanimous consent ticked each box in turn. The **forms were duly signed.**

2015.05.06.05.i – DS read from NCC Highways' response to the **Park Farm** application as above. Each Councillor was invited to comment. Specific points raised were: possibility of limiting site to exclude caravans; the reference only to the site itself, not including the rest of the Village; lack of a meeting with Parish Councillors; chaos on any closure of the by-pass; lack of awareness of the "rat run" use of the roads currently; comment that an objection would have been

Signed: 

(Chair)

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made were the development a residential one. Clerk instructed to write to Highways, copying in BCKLWN and Borough and County Councillors, covering these points.

2015.05.06.05.ii – DS (on behalf of the Planning Group) and MF reported that **Planning Application** 15/00610 and 612 was a continuation of current use of this property (13A Beach Rd) as a residential retreat for children with no change of use. *Council agreed to support the application.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: MF - unanimous

2015.05.06.06 – A.O.B. – Mr Clarkson reported on a letter from Ken Hill Estates claiming that the fence between **Barker's Pond** belonged to them and SPC. This was disputed by the Clerk and Chair. Clerk to provide evidence, and contact Highways. Clerk reported that he and RP had been reviewing Council **Insurance**, and would be presenting recommendations to the Annual PC Meeting.

EL then reviewed the **2011/15 Council**. He referred to difficulties of finance with missing money and problematic bank accounts, unpaid bills to HMRC and others, staffing issues, missing Car Park income and VAT payments stating "evidence gathered had suggested some £200K appeared to be 'missing'". This had followed the fraud committed during the previous Council term. MF thanked EL for his leadership during this time. [Applause] He then commented on the achievements of the past four years: new Street Lighting, renovation of the War Memorial, improvements at Newbridge and planting generally, development of the Common as a resource, provision of a Coasthopper service and the successful outcome of the Beach Footpath case. He looked forward to Council progress in the future on Drainage, Village Parking and Dog mess! He concluded by thanking Councillors and Villagers for their support. [Applause]

2015.05.06.07 – Meetings were confirmed as: Annual Parish Meeting on 13th May and Annual Parish Council Meeting on 20th May. EL apologised in advance for his absence from the latter.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; NCC – County Council; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council

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(Chair)

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