

## SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Barker (RB) – Presiding

Cllr J Bailey (JBy), Cllr J Bateson (JBn), Cllr S Dark (SD), Cllr M Fountain (MF), Cllr A Lamplugh (AL), Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr S Pipe (SP), Cllr R Pugh (RP), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS), Cllr A Todd (AT)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID) from 8pm

Approximately 11 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.31pm

**2015.09.02.01** – There were **apologies for absence** from Cllr Billington, County Cllr Dobson, Borough Cllr Wright, and ID who apologised in advance for late arrival.

**2015.09.02.02** – There were no **declarations** of interest.

**2015.09.02.03** – There were no **public** comments at this time.

**2015.09.02.04** – There were no candidates for **co-option**.

**2015.09.02.05** – The **Chair** thanked AL and David Lamplugh for their work at the Common, and MF for her work on the bench as previously noted. He also remarked that the name Tapping would be remaining in the Village as Hopkins Homes had agreed to use it at their Common Rd site.

**2015.09.02.06** – There were no objections so the **minutes** of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015, having been previously circulated, were taken as read.

**2015.09.02.07** – **Arising** from those minutes the Clerk reported: the elephant slide had been removed; AT and Clerk had gone through the Play Area inspection report and were meeting a representative of a playground supplier on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>; the Police were not happy with volunteers helping with traffic problems in the Village caused by by-pass closing; he had met with Highways and had preliminary consent to place the speed sign outside the School – exact position tbc; he had contacted several other councils of similar size regarding contracts and would give detail later; benches which had been proposed for replacement had been reported as in memory of individuals – recommended Amenities Group reconsider these; there were more dog fouling posters available at the Office; the Rangers had visited.

**2015.09.02.08** – delayed

**2015.09.02.09** – The Clerk read from recent **Police** reports. There had been a violent attack in Lynn, residents were being requested to keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours following some cold-calling frauds and thefts locally, and there had been a fuel oil theft in the Village.

**2015.09.02.10.a** – The Clerk reported on spending against **budget**. After 50% of the year only one budget was spent by more than that – due to large purchases.

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**2015.09.02.10.b** – Questions were asked about the photocopier cost – Clerk to provide info – and the ABC payment. It was agreed to discuss the latter in the Amenities section. The Clerk reported that the Ken Hill allotment rent was due, but had not been included as no invoice had been received – he asked for this to be added. *Council agreed **payments** listed, with the addition of the £700 allotment rent and the exclusion of ABC invoice.*

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

**2015.09.02.11.a** – RB having reminded new councillors that they could join support groups on request, DS went through the **Planning** Meeting notes from 17/8/15. The Clerk reminded those present that this had taken place due to a large number of applications with deadlines between Council meetings, and that the comments had then been passed to all councillors for views, or requests to consider at Full Council – none of which had been received. BCKLWN had been sent these comments.

**2015.09.02.11.a.i** – The Clerk explained the nature of **Neighbourhood Plans** including advantages, requirements and funding. Councillors commented on the need to “sell” the Village as a holiday destination, to go beyond references to development, to include affordable housing, to generate income, and concerns over future funding, the need for a wide involvement and acceptance – thought to be likely in Snettisham, experience of other areas (eg Brancaster), the offers of help already received, and the timing of the TORC for publicising this. *Council agreed to set up a Working Group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.*

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

**2015.09.02.11.a.ii** – *Council agreed to support the **licensing application** for the former Compasses site, with a suggestion that Highways should be consulted regarding short term parking.*

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

**2015.09.02.11.a.iii** – SD raised concerns over the omission in BCKLWN’s **licensing and gambling policies** that certain groups were not included in consultation – Local Health Authority, mental health and addiction groups etc. – and also that the extension of the time between reviews had been lengthened. *Council agreed that the Clerk should draft a response incorporating these concerns, and forward to councillors for approval.*

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

**2015.09.02.8** – ID reported from **BCKLWN** that the LDF inquiry would be resumed on 30/9/15 – earlier than expected – which would prevent developers taking advantage of a lengthy hiatus. A green levy was included on new developments. He offered his support on the Neighbourhood Plan. Regarding the long-standing ASB issue in Station Rd., he felt that warnings given were now leading to a conclusion in this case.

**2015.09.02.11.b.i** – Discussion took place over the quote for **tree works** relating to number of quotes, renegotiation of price etc. No agreement could be reached, and this was referred back to the Amenities Group. Provisional date set as Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

The Clerk commented on **contracts** and the variety in other Councils. He remarked that it would appear to be impossible to combine the “hours per week” view with the “pounds per job” approach, and that Council needed to decide between the

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two. Also the view from elsewhere was that contractors should produce the contract, and those terms be considered by Council, rather than vice versa. This to be addressed at Amenities Group.

*Council at this point agreed to pay the ABC cheque deferred from above.*

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

**2015.09.02.11.b.ii** – Council considered commissioning a **map** of the local footpaths, and purchasing copies of this for various locations. The locations were referred back to Amenities, but in the meantime *Council agreed to pay £250 for the production of the map.*

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

**2015.09.02.11.b.iii** – *Council agreed the expenditure of £199 (incl VAT) for the servicing of the **boiler** in the Office.*

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

**2015.09.02.11.c.i** – Council considered a series of quotes for **Open Spaces** work at the Common. Clerk to contact Highways regarding levelling of track, and general contract referred back to Amenities.

*Council agreed expenditure of £240 on clearing the heather beds in January as agreed with NWT, ABC doing the work.*

*Prop: RP; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AT; unanimous*

*Council agreed expenditure of £220 to clear the sandpit in November, ABC doing the work.*

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

**2015.09.02.11.f.i** – It was reported that there were issues obtaining alternative quotes for **street lighting** electricity, but that the present supplier quoted higher than SPC presently paying, so this not being pursued.

**2015.09.02.11.f.ii** – A written report was available of the recent **Drainage** meeting. The subject of planning permission on Beach properties and their long-term future was raised – Clerk awaiting BCKLWN response.

**2015.09.02.11.f.iii** – As SD volunteered help from School Governors getting children involved in design of posters relating to dog waste, there was no vote on funding a **competition**. Concern was expressed over incessant barking – BCKLWN should be first port of call; to be mentioned in TORC.

**2015.09.02.12** – SD reported **SNAP** meeting now dealing with Hunstanton, Snettisham and Dersingham etc.; there had been nothing raised of specific local relevance. John Austen (Ken Hill) had requested a meeting with the **Allotment** committee.

**2015.09.02.13** – *Council agreed the following **donation requests**:*

*a - £25 to Poppy Appeal*

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

*b - £25 to Norfolk Milestone Society*

*Prop: AL; 2<sup>nd</sup>: MF; 10-0, 1 abst*

*c - £25 to Tapping House*

*Prop: MF; 2<sup>nd</sup>: AL; 10-1*

*d - £50 to East Anglian Children's Hospices*

*Prop: PM; 2<sup>nd</sup>: MF; 7-4*

*e - £50 for commemorative trees on the Memorial Field*

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

**2015.09.02.14** – no **AOB**

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**2015.09.02.15** – Clerk informed Council that a request had been made to reconsider payment of money from SPC to Townlands; this would be included on next **agenda**.

**2015.09.02.16** – The meeting was suspended for **Public Questions**. On the revised footpath guide it was confirmed this existed and required work between AL and Clerk; the circulation of the guide to holiday cottages etc. was encouraged; the question of the Mill House being open was raised – Clerk to check.

**2015.09.02.17** – Next meeting confirmed as 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.38pm

*Abbreviations:*

*ASB – Anti-social behaviour; BCKLWN – Borough Council; LDF – Local Development Framework; NCC – County Council; NWT – Norfolk Wildlife Trust; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council*

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