

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 13th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Barker (RB) – Presiding

Cllr J Bailey (JBy), Cllr J Bateson (JBn), Cllr M Billington (MB), 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), Cllr D Westwood (DW)

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

Approximately 25 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

2016.01.13.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from Borough Cllr Ian Devereux

2016.01.13.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest. The Clerk reported he had signed a dispensation for all councillors to enable approval of the budget and precept.

2016.01.13.03 – The meeting was suspended for **public participation**. Subjects raised included: Chicken Farm at Sedgeford (two representatives of the "No to Poultry Action Group" requested SPC support, stressing potential impacts on tourism and health); street lights – two included in proposed budget for 16/17; Teal Close Planning Application – traffic and flooding issues, and addition to Hopkins Homes; street light in Strickland – adjustment to be done and possible new lamp as above.

2016.01.13.04 – The **Chairman** presented Cllr John Bailey with a gift from individual councillors, thanking him for his work on the Christmas Lights in the Market Square. Reference was made to comments about how much better they were than in a local town.

2016.01.13.10.a.viii – (brought forward) *Council resolved to support Sedgeford Parish Council in their views on the chicken farm referred to above.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: MF; 11-2

2016.01.13.05 – The **minutes** having been circulated previously were taken as read.

2016.01.13.06 – There were no **matters arising** from the above minutes.

2016.01.13.07 – **AW** reported on fuel subsidies available to park homes. She had attended the chicken farm meeting at Sedgeford. **JD** reported on the NCC funding consultation, possible county council tax increases, and his opposition to the changes in recycling and fire service provision. He explained current devolution plans for Suffolk and Norfolk. There were questions regarding mental health provision, sea defence funding and Environment Agency bonuses. He recommended a SPC drainage meeting. **SD** raised flood alert/response preparedness. This to be added to next drainage meeting.

Signed:



(Chair)

Date: 3/2/16

2016.01.13.08 – The Clerk reported he had contacted the **police** requesting attendance at PC meeting as the current e-mail reporting of crimes was inadequate – since October. He had written to the Police complaining about this.

2013.01.13.09.a – The Clerk went through **budgets** to date. No issues.

2013.01.13.09.b – A question was raised about photocopying costs – larger than usual due to TORC colour printing. *Council agreed to **expenditure** listed.*

Prop: AL; 2nd: RP; unanimous.

2013.01.13.09.c – Clerk went through **proposed budget** for 2016/17 prepared by groups and requested by individual councillors. A proposal to reduce the spending on contractors by £1000 was made by JBn/PM and defeated 2-10 (1 abst). *Council agreed a spending budget of £73,219.50 including donations and contingency. In addition a further £19,000 was included to be ring-fenced for future projects (see note), giving a total of £92,219.50.*

Prop: AL; 2nd: MF; 11-2

2013.01.13.10.d – referring to underspend in 15/16, the Clerk presented suggested figures, explaining the consequences. A proposal was made (JBy/MF) to leave the precept (with CTSG) as in 16/17. *Following a counter-proposal to reduce by £5,000, Council agreed to income of £81,000 (**precept** of £76,460 and CTSG of £4,540) for 2016/17.*

Prop: JBn; 2nd: AT; 8-5

2016.01.13.10.a - Planning (not taken in order):

2016.01.13.10.a.i – There was no objection to a letter from the Clerk to BCKLWN planning department protesting about consultation period over Christmas and Easter breaks.

2016.01.13.10.a.ii – PA 15/01982 – There was no objection to a change of use to residential at the Watermill. Clerk to note no change to status of agreement to Watermill open days etc.

2016.01.13.10.a.iii – PA 15/02006 – 9 new homes off Teal Close. *Council objected to this (by consensus, on advice) on several grounds (including an inaccurate application).* Clerk to write again to BCKLWN including reference to LDF figures.

2016.01.13.10.a.iv – PA 15/02021 – *Council objected to four homes on the Poppyfields Garden Centre Car Park on the grounds of exceeding the LDF quota and that this should be a commercial area.*

Prop: PM; 2nd: JBn; 12-0; 1 abst

2016.01.13.10.a.v – PA 15/02045 – There was no objection to an extension at 2 Willowmead.

2016.01.13.10.a.vi – PA 15/01886 – Clerk informed Council this was to correct boundary error in a previously approved application. No objection.

2016.01.13.10.a.vii – PA 15/02039 – *Council objected to an extension to 3 Sweetbriar on the grounds of extending beyond original curtilage into open space.*

Prop: AL; 2nd: DS; 11-0; 2 abst

2016.01.13.10.a.viii – see above

2016.01.13.10.c.i – *Council agreed to £450 expenditure on Car Park area at Common to level and resurface using donated materials.*

Prop: AL; 2nd: MF; 11-0; 2 abst

2016.01.13.12.a – Clerk went through a proposed response to the NCC budget consultation. No changes were suggested; councillors to inform Clerk asap if any additions needed.

2016.01.13.12.b – *Council agreed a donation of £50 to Norfolk Age UK.*

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Prop: PM; 2nd MF; no objections

Clerk reported a further consultation – just received – on best way to maintain sea defences. A draft response was outlined and given to councillors suggesting adopting the recommended “hold the line” approach. Councillors to suggest any changes.

Clerk also reported on a new planning training course at BCKLWN; mention was made of a suggestion to deal with planning electronically – councillors were not happy with this.

2016.01.13.14 – PM asked after the ownership of land at Dersingham previously discussed – registered to Sandringham Estate. Also mentioned Viafix® as possible solution to potholes.

2016.01.13.15 – The meeting was suspended for **public participation**. Subjects raised were: Police response to crime reports (vandalism); street lights (Station Rd?) – likely; resident in Station Rd – continuing issues; Neighbourhood Plan – info for TORC; village co-ordinator – role; buses – no service at Poppyfields – only one comment had been received.

2016.01.13.16 – Next meeting confirmed as Wednesday 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

2016.01.13.17 – At 9.50 Council went into private session under the relevant notice on the agenda.

2016.01.13.18 – *Council approved the appointment, recommended by a panel of councillors, of Helen Scott as the Village Co-ordinator.*

Prop: AL; 2nd: DW; unanimous

There was a brief discussion of the role, income and other arrangements for this role.

Meeting ended at 10pm

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; CTSG – Council Tax Support Grant; NCC – County Council; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council

Notes: the figures ring-fenced were:

£3,000 – Play Area (Lodge Walk); £5,000 – Office; £4,000 – future TRODs; £2,500 Neighbourhood Plan; £5,000 – playing field shelter and equipment.

The two applications at Teal Close and Poppyfields have been “called in” for committee consideration by Cllr Wright.

Signed:



(Chair)

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