

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 3rd February 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 A Todd (AT), Cllr D Westwood (DW)

Also in attendance: approximately 13 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

The meeting started at 7.31pm

2016.02.03.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from Cllr Snelgrove. Ward Cllrs Dobson, Devereux and Wright also apologised for their absence.

2016.02.03.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest.

2016.02.03.03 – The meeting was suspended for **public** questions: an anonymous letter in the Lynn news regarding the Common was referred to – Council was yet to decide whether to reply.

2016.02.03.04 – The **Chairman** referred to recycling centre changes, and the hope that Docking may yet remain open. Contractors at the Tapping House site had offered a building; Councillors had looked and felt it best that the School should be given it - SD reported on progress with academy funding this; if impossible other groups in Village should be considered. [JBy arrived]

2016.02.03.05 – The **minutes** of the meeting on 13th January having been previously circulated were taken as read.

2016.02.03.06 – **Arising** from those minutes the Clerk commented that Police reports were still limited, the street light in Strickland Avenue had been adjusted, the precept figure for band D would be lower at £74.98pa¹, and that Helen Scott had signed the contract with Council as Village Co-ordinator.

2016.02.03.07 – There were no reports from ward **councillors**.

2016.02.03.08 – No **Police** report relating to the Village, but warnings of scams were passed on.

2016.02.03.09.a - The Clerk reported on the current spending against **budget** – there were no queries raised.

2016.02.03.09.b – *Council approved **payments** as listed.*

Prop: RP; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2016.02.03.09.c – *Council approved expenditure recommended by RB, AT and MB on new **computer** equipment, software and maintenance/back-up facilities¹.*

Prop: MF; 2nd: SP; unanimous

2016.02.03.09.d – There was discussion relating to the **car park** on the Memorial Field – car parking generally to be considered further, with suggestions requested at the Open Day.

2016.02.03.09.e – Clerk reported a meeting with two members of Memorial Hall Trustees, Helen Scott and himself to look at **fete** funding. There was a need for funding in advance, to be recouped on the day. The Memorial Hall should receive

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some funding to cover their expenses. *Council agreed to allow initial expenditure of up to £500 on the feteⁱⁱⁱ.*

Prop: SD; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2016.02.03.10.a – The following additions to current council **groups** were made:
Planning – DW/AL; Amenities – SP/DW; Dogs – DW.

2016.02.03.10.b.i – While having no specific objection to **Planning** Application 16/00036, Council felt the plans were out of character and expressed concerns over occupancy and how this fitted with recently raised issues over the long term future of Beach properties.

2016.02.03.10.b.ii/v – Council had no objections to **Planning** Applications 16/00045; 16/00058; 16/00007 and 15/02097.

MB raised concerns over planning decisions in the light of issues with BCKLWN's 5-year **land supply**. Clerk to clarify with BC. PM added comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan in this context. General discussion ensued.

2016.02.03.10.c – An **Amenities** meeting was being arranged within next two weeks.

2016.02.03.10.d – AL raised the need for improved permanent signage at the **Common**. *Council agreed expenditure of £330 on signs and notice board.*

Prop: MF; 2nd: SD; unanimous

2016.02.03.10.e/f – No reports

2016.02.03.10.g.i – Council awaiting reply to request for permission to place new **street light** on UK Power pole in Station Rd.

2016.02.03.10.g.ii – **Drainage** meeting to be organised around Police presence (re: emergency plans)

2016.02.03.10.g.iii – **Dogs**: RP reported many anti-fouling signs had been removed. Requested note in TORC magazine.

2016.02.03.10.g.iv – New **standing orders** draft planned to be ready for consideration at Annual PC Meeting.

2016.02.03.10.g.v – SD requested a group be formed to look at **correspondence**, how it is dealt with including expectations, efficiency and streamlining. Council agreed to form such a group, to include RB/MF/PM/RP/SD/SP/AT.

2016.02.03.11 – There were no reports of **meetings** attended – several were due in coming days.

2016.02.03.12 – Council considered voting for representatives of the Norfolk Coast AONB. *It was agreed that the five votes should be given to those candidates nearest to Snettisham.*

2016.02.03.13 – Other **business** for info: Clerk reported that Open Days likely to be second week of April; Environment Agency to do scalp work in early March; Church roof repair begins end of February – further work needed, and kitchen plans for Heritage Group being finalised; Red Cross requesting volunteers.

2016.02.03.14 – There were no further **public** questions.

2016.02.03.15 – No issues or agenda items were raised by councillors.

2016.02.03.16 - The **next meeting** was confirmed as Wednesday 2nd March, 2016 (NB not as on agenda) at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

2016.02.04.17 – Members of the Public left as the meeting went into private session under the relevant notice on the agenda.

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2016.02.03.18 – There was discussion regarding Council's retention of its current solicitor. While no firm proposal was made Council felt it should consider alternative arrangements in specific cases.

2016.02.03.19 – The Clerk drew to Council's attention some personal concerns.

The meeting ended at c.9.50pm

Abbreviations:

*BC(KLWN) – Borough Council (of King's Lynn and West Norfolk); NCC – County Council;
(S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council*

i This due to reduction in second home allowance from 5% to 0%

ii Given the changing nature of IT equipment a small leeway included.

iii This to be from "miscellaneous" budget. Any profit to be re-invested in fete or specific projects, not general funds.

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