

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1st June 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Barker (RB) – Presiding

Cllr J Bateson (JBn), Cllr M Billington (MB), Cllr S Dark (SD), Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr S Pipe (SP), Cllr R Pugh (RP), Cllr A Todd (AT), Cllr D Westwood (DW)

Also in attendance: County Cllr J Dobson (JD), Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID) – p/t

Approximately 9 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting began at 7.30pm

The Chair (ironically) welcomed those present to the British Summer.

2016.06.01.01 – There were **apologies** for absence accepted from Cllrs Bailey, Fountain, Lamplugh and Snelgrove, and from Borough Cllr Wright. JD/ID would be late due to attendance at another parish.

2016.06.01.02 – SD declared an **interest** in item 11.e

2016.06.01.03 – The meeting was adjourned and immediately re-opened in the absence of **public** questions.

2016.06.01.04 – The **Chair** remarked on the silica sand extraction issue, thanking both the public and SD for their work and support on this; there would be a meeting the following day at 5.30. He also referred to a visit from representatives of Pigeon Homes, which would be addressed in detail later.

2016.06.01.05 – *The **minutes** of the meeting on 4th May having previously been circulated were accepted without objection.*

2016.06.01.06 – There were no matters arising from the minutes above.

2016.06.01.07 - *The minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 18th May having previously been circulated were accepted without objection.*

2016.06.01.08 – There were no matters arising from these minutes.

2016.06.01.09 – deferred until arrival of JD and ID

2016.06.01.10 – The Clerk reported on recent **Police** emails: a theft of lead from a Church had been reported elsewhere - St Mary's alerted; usual reports of trailers being targeted; advice to use locks. Two pushchairs had been abandoned at the Office – Police made aware and facebook used to request information.

2016.06.01.09 – JD/ID having now arrived, **JD** reported that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were now proposing to go alone rather than join the wider devolution project. This would leave the problem of elected mayors – now two – which JD is strongly against. He asked what those present felt was meant by East Anglia – reaction included Essex – and concurred. He made his feelings clear on the likely cost of additional bureaucracy and buildings required by another layer of government, asking what might be abolished in the process. He was grateful for SPC's support over the NCC representation on WECMS; he asked that the Clerk pursue this further.

ID referred to: the drop-in session held by the Environment Agency and BCKLWN at the Beach earlier that day; BCKLWN considering a proposal from DW at recent meeting to ban Chinese Lanterns etc.; the King's Lynn Festival soon to be in full swing –

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recommended; his referring the silica sand issue to the BCKLWN Development Portfolio holder, and the need to get public awareness of the issue out now – not all councils were as concerned as SPC.

2016.06.01.11.a – There were no questions on the **Budget** monitoring report – only the admin budget was over (large items early in year).

2016.06.01.11.b – *AT outlined the finances for the **car-boot sale** on 11th June in aid of Play Area funding. Council agreed expenditure on "up-front" costs of £175.*

Prop: RP; 2nd: PM; 8-1

[JD/ID left the meeting, SD leaving with them briefly, by prior arrangement with Chair]

2016.06.01.11.c – Clerk outlined correspondence he had had with NorfolkALC, following previous deferral regarding continuing membership. *Council agreed to continue membership of **NorfolkALC**, and that Clerk should write to stress Council concerns.*

Prop: PM; 2nd: SP; 8-0

2016.06.01.11.d – *Council agreed to take up **membership** of Fields in Trust for £50pa.*

Prop: AT; 2nd: RP; 5-1 (2 abst)

2016.06.01.11.e – JBn having raised a concern over the date on one invoice, *Council agreed the **payment** of all invoices, but that Clerk should confirm the date on that one invoice above before remitting.*

Prop: AT; 2nd: MB; 8-0 (1 n/v)

2016.06.01.11.a – Planning: Clerk gave a report on a meeting held earlier in the day.

Pigeon Homes had contacted SPC regarding a "community-led housing development".

This was an introductory exchange of views regarding possible development of land off Poppyfields Drive and two small patches on the west of the Bypass. MB was concerned about the appropriateness of such a meeting and approach, and would consult BKCLWN planning. It was agreed that the Planning Group should be the first contact hereon.

2016.06.12.a.i – *Council agreed that Clerk should prepare a letter to NCC objecting the **silica sand** extraction, consulting with SD and the WASP Action Group. This to be circulated to Councillors for comment/amendment.*

2016.06.12.a.ii – *Council had no objection to **Planning Application** 16/00818 – changes at Coach House St Thomas – subject to listed building considerations and use of appropriate materials.*

2016.06.12.a.iii – *Council had no objection to **Planning Application** 16/00889 – extension 7 Beach Rd – again subject to use of appropriate materials.*

2016.06.12.a.iv – *Council had no objection to **Planning Application** 16/00880 – extension Lancaster Lodge – subject to use of appropriate materials, and that parking for other than immediate deliveries should be off-road.*

2016.06.12.a.v – Council discussed suggestions for names for the **Old Station Yard**. *By consensus, and with general agreement from the public present, the suggestion was that "The Sidings" would be appropriate.*

2016.06.12.b – Amenities: Clerk reported he had asked Heronwood to strim the area by the Office and the new TROD on Beach Rd, the latter for safety reasons. Regarding other areas needing such work he had advised residents to contact NCC, and supported this by email. The area by the Church turning into Burnham Rd was mentioned – he would write to NCC.

2016.06.12.e – Personnel: SPC awaiting draft contract from NorfolkALC, after which the recruitment process for Office Assistant can be concluded.

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2016.06.12.f.i – Street Lighting: Quote and permission now received for additional light in Station Rd. Westcotec have been asked to provide a quote for the whole process, at which point it will be brought to Council for final approval.

2016.06.12.f.ii – Drainage meeting date to be confirmed.

2016.06.13 – Clerk summarised a written report (provided to Councillors at meeting) on the current progress on the **fete**. AT reported that the **MHT** had met; questions on insurance sharing (SPC and MHT) and a new dog bin would be on SPC July agenda.

2016.06.14 – SD reported on the events at the **Primary School** on June 10th for the Queen's Birthday celebrations. He was "vexed" at questions which had been raised over "discrimination" in the provision of commemorative medals and dismissed these. He expressed thanks from the School to SPC and MHT for their support, and reported that the Fire Brigade, Police, Coastguard and RAF Marham would be involved. There would be a bouncy castle, Hunstanton Community Choir, Springwood Band and a photo op of the children forming a human "90 EIIR". All residents invited. Councillors to give out medals.

2016.06.01.15 – *Council agreed to support the **Heritage** Group in their pursuit of brown signs advertising the Heritage Centre.*

2016.06.01.16.a – There was no formal proposal to **donate** money to the CPRE for us in a County Survey.

2016.06.01.16.b – *It was agreed that the Clerk should write a "snotty" letter to BCKLWN regarding their proposed recycling award scheme.*

2016.06.01.17 – The **Clerk** reported on a range of matters which had been dealt with in the last month. These included: a cold-calling zone being worked on for Mallard Close; white lines to be replaced at end of Goose Green Rd; referendum paperwork; defibrillator pads replaced; Heritage Group meeting with Clerk; Beach protection funding meeting attended at seafront (noted that the earth bank would be funded by Environment Agency); double yellows on Lynn Rd will happen, but not yet...; Teal Close Planning Application – Clerk had written to all Planning Committee members adding info on traffic and green space; Clerk seeking info on Neighbourhood Plan finance and governance rules; triathlon coming nearby on July 3rd; apologies for absence of Clerk from time to time when supporting Deputy Mayor of BCKLWN – time would be made up or in lieu; communication with Mike McDonnel on the CIC.

2016.06.01.18 – A reminder was made that there was a WASP Group meeting on 2nd June at 5.30pm in the Memorial Hall. There were no **agenda** items proposed other than those in 13 above.

2016.06.01.19 – The meeting was suspended for **Public Participation**. Issues raised were: grass-cutting around Strickland – this a BCKLWN issue; TORC would be too late for advertising the School event above, but would be delighted to have photos; question as to whether Highways would have an issue with any development as in 12.a above.

2016.06.01.20 – The next ordinary meeting date was confirmed as Wednesday 6th July at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting ended at c.9.20pm.

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; MHT – Memorial Hall Trustees; NCC – County Council; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council.

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