

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1st February 2017 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 M Fountain (MF),
Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr S Pipe (SP) p/t, 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 I Devereux (ID)

Approximately 10 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

2017.02.01.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from BCKLWN Cllr Wright.

2017.02.01.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest.

2017.02.01.03 – Public Comments: Arthur Clarkson raised the issue of pot-holes in the Market Square (noted) and the double yellow lines at the School (NCC have informed PC these are imminent).

2017.02.01.04 – The **Chair** reported on a meeting with NCC Highways engineer re: footpath 17/18 along the Ingol. This is in a very poor and dangerous state and NCC will be making improvements. SPC have been contacted by the new Police Community Engagement Officer who hopes to be more involved and attend meetings where possible etc. [SP arrived]

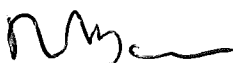
2017.02.01.05 – *The **minutes** of the meeting on 11th January 2017, having been previously circulated, were approved by consensus, and duly signed.*

2017.02.01.06 – Arising from the above minutes the Clerk reported that he had been pursuing NCC over better marking outside the Village Shop (new Post Office). He was looking at getting Southgate Lane done by a contractor, due to lack of time to get volunteer group organised. There had been a petition from the Avenue regarding a new street light – this would be discussed by the Street Light WG.

2017.02.01.07 – ID spoke on **BCKLWN** matters. He had attended the meeting between the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner which had been informative. He recommended attendance at such meetings. He spoke at length on **Coastal Flood Defence** funding giving details of partnership and other local funding received totalling £206,000, of which £178,000 was from the Community Interest Company (CIC). He praised the efforts of BCKLWN leader under whom amount from regional and national sources had risen from 25% to 43% of the total, and suggested that parishes locally should play their part – by making some contribution locally it would be easier to persuade others to contribute.

JD spoke on **NCC** matters. He stated that 80% of total Council Tax bills were to fund NCC. Overspends on Adult Social Care and Children's Services would lead to

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a rise, but not one which would trigger a referendum. On the Coastal funding, he argued that NCC had withdrawn from this process, ignoring his suggestions of creating a reserve. He stated that NCC was the senior authority and should take part. He felt it wrong that PCs should be replacing EA funding, and they should write to NCC and EA.

ID referred to the "existential threat" to the Village, and the £300,000 additional funding recently promised.

JD felt that NCC should be invited to respond, and that this could include a possible Public Meeting.

Clerk remarked on NCC Social Care Funding consultation.

2017.02.01.08 – Clerk read from **Police** report on drug crime in the area – organised gangs from elsewhere present. [JD left]

2017.02.01.09.a – Clerk presented **budget** figures. Only remaining major 16/17 expenditure apart from Play Areas would be bus shelter – no date for repair yet. No questions. Current assets £122,000+.

2017.02.01.09.b – Council approved the **expenditure** listed.

Prop: RP; 2nd JBy; unanimous

2017.02.01.09.c – A lengthy discussion took place on **Flood Defence funding** under Section 137 [LGA 1972]. References were made to: the need for legislative change; central funding; levies on caravans being source of funding – not guaranteed; need for wider participation than just coastal parishes; risks of adopting an entrenched position; a one in 200 year event could happen next year etc. [ID left] Following this a series of proposals were made: to pay nothing (PM/JBn); to consider paying some, if other parishes were included (RP/DW). Eventually *Council agreed that it should make no contribution under Section 137 to the Coastal Flood Defence Funding, but that it should make representations to NCC, HMG regarding the need for their participation, and ensure press also involved.*

Prop: MB; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2017.02.01.09.d – Council agreed to renew **membership** of CPRE.

Prop: MF; 2nd: DW; unanimous

2017.02.01.10.a.i – Council agreed to adopt draft Neighbourhood Plan policies as a guide to planning representations until the Plan is officially adopted by the Parish.

Prop: DS; 2nd PM; unanimous

MB commented that this would still not make the policies of the Plan "Material Planning Considerations". Clerk felt that as adoption moved nearer, more account may be taken of them.

2017.02.01.10.a.ii – Council objected to **Planning Application** 16/02173 – new bungalow 7 Park Lane - on grounds of overdevelopment, drainage matters and parking issues (also raised by NCC).

Prop: DS; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2017.02.01.10.a.iii – Council had no objection to the revised solar farm layout **Planning Application** (16/02237).

Prop: DS; 2nd: PM; unanimous

JBn reported that work had started there.

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2017.02.01.10.a.iv – Council had no objection to a new hide at the RSPB site (16/02144).

Prop: DS; 2nd: RP; unanimous

2017.02.01.10.a.v – Planning Appeal re: 36 Beach Rd: Council agreed by consensus that Clerk should write that Council understood that the land had been used for the relevant purposes for over ten years, and that two councillors were prepared to assert this from their own knowledge.

2017.02.01.10.a.vi – Council agreed to the renumbering of Bank Rd, Shepherd's Port.

Prop: DS; 2nd: MF; unanimous

2017.02.01.10.b.i – Cllr Dark being absent, it was agreed that the question of the fencing at the Common should be deferred to an **Amenities** Meeting. The date for this was proposed as 6.30pm on Wednesday, 15th February, subject to Cllr Dark's availability¹.

2017.02.01.10.c – Governance: Council agreed to amend the Donations Policy to state that 1.5% (replacing 1%) of the operating budget would be allocated to Section 137 payments.

Prop: PM; 2nd RP; unanimous

2017.02.01.10.d – Personnel: RB reported that Diane Sheldon's mid-year appraisal had been satisfactorily completed, and the Marian McCall was on leave.

2017.02.01.10.e – MB reported on the **Neighbourhood Plan**. Two successful Open Meetings had been held, with a very positive (92%) approval rate. 70+ people had attended, though he was disappointed that, despite every effort, the age profile was still very heavily weighted to older residents. He thanked the Clerk for his efforts, and the W.I. for the refreshments. Clerk thanked MB (particularly) and PM for their work, and referred to the timescale and meetings – relatively few before the Plan is formally submitted. BCKLWN and NP Team to meet Weds 15th at 11.30am.

2017.02.01.11 – There had been no **meetings** of relevant groups. RP requested copies of the Memorial Hall Minutes (MF already receives). She also congratulated the MH on the new floor – actually a restoration of the original.

2017.02.01.12.a – Council agreed to **donate** £25 to the Women's Institute in recognition of their support providing refreshments at Council events.

Prop: MB; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2017.02.01.12.b – A request for commitment to the "Battle's Over" tribute was considered. AT to investigate further. Deferred.

2017.02.01.13 – A.O.B. – Clerk reported on the Community Infrastructure Levy, giving an information sheet out to Councillors. BCKLWN had confirmed that the land opposite Station Rd/Lynn Rd junction could not be registered as a Community Asset. There would be Film Nights, now on weekday evenings, at St Mary's Hall – look out for further details. Question was raised over car parking for Film Nights.

2017.02.01.14 – Public Comments: Janet Lane thanked SPC for donation to the WI. Arthur Clarkson asked why the lead theft had been omitted from the police

¹ Subsequently amended to 22nd February.

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report – Clerk apologised [Councillors had previously been informed]; also, if there was a date for the fete – Clerk replied he had asked for a meeting with Kerry Dark to discuss.

2017.02.01.15 – Next meeting confirmed as 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st March, same venue.

Meeting ended at 9.12pm

Abbreviations:

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

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