

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1st March, 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 S Dark (SD), Cllr M Fountain (MF), Cllr P Morton (PM), 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 9 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.32pm

2017.03.01.01 – There were no **apologies** for absence. [ID had sent prior notice that he may be late]¹.

2017.03.01.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest.

2017.03.01.03 – Public questions: H Blackburn asked if Clerk's microphone was on – sorted; J Lane asked if facebook page would be back – Clerk hoped this would be soon. [ID/JD arrived]

2017.03.01.04 – The **Chair** spoke re: Lodge Walk Play Area, asking AT to bring Council up to speed. RB then thanked AT/RP and others involved in bringing this to fruition; he was proud to be part of a Council that had made such a commitment. There had been a "small amount" of opposition, much based on misinformation or a perceived lack of information, but hoped that meetings with individuals had sorted this.

2017.03.01.05 – *There being no objections, the **minutes** of the meeting on 1st February 2017, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and duly signed.*

2017.03.01.06 – No matters **arising** from the above minutes were raised.

2017.03.01.07 – ID reported that **BCKLWN** were involved in discussions over the Boundary Commission proposals to change BC boundaries and number of councillors – probably from 62 to around 50. He was currently involved in work relating to Keep Britain Tidy. JD reported that **NCC** was raising Council Tax for the first time in several years. This was principally for adult social care and children's services. There was hope that the "Transformation and Sustainability Plan" would help solve the crisis, enabling NHS and Social Services better to work together. With elections due in May, there were no major initiatives in progress – the new council would likely revive the unitary debate. He thanked SPC and the Clerk for their work on the Wash Defence Funding issue; he had long been against PCs funding this, and that the issue needed sorting. We have been lucky not to have had a tidal event. MB enquired if the additional income would be ring-fenced for social care – JD confirmed it would.

¹ BCKLWN Cllr Avril Wright had offered apologies, but it was not stated.

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2017.03.01.08 – Clerk summarised recent Police emails – there had been a major drug arrest in Lynn, thefts of vans, and an assault in Hunstanton. Police were using horses in Lynn, and mobile phone use in cars had acquired stiffer penalties – 102 charged in Norfolk in January. Clerk to contact Revd Wilson regarding illumination of the Church.

2017.03.01.09.a – Clerk presented the **budget monitoring** and summary figures. These would be close to the end of year figures, but there would be some late notice Direct Debits, possible contingency expenditure and some VAT corrections.

2017.03.01.09.b – Clerk went through the expenditure list, observing that he had made the cheque out for the Memorial Hall Play Area as invoice received; he invited councillors to decide how to proceed as work not completed.

Council agreed to hold all payments to Playdale until work completed and signed off at a site visit; all councillors to be invited to this, and decision to be taken at subsequent Full Council.

Prop: JBy; 2nd: PM; unanimous

A second cheque, to Poppyfields GC, was queried – Clerk to check. *With these two excepted, Council agreed by consensus to the payments listed.*

2017.03.01.10.a.i – *Council agreed to have no objection to the BCKLWN policy on community engagement.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: RP; unanimous

2017.03.01.10.a.iii – Ingoldisthorpe PC had been invited to inform SPC if there were any issues with the Planning Application at the Water Recycling Plant. They had replied that they did not feel SPC needed to comment. Council moved on.

2017.03.01.10.a.ii – *Council approved Planning Application 17/00272 (7 Bircham Rd) subject to conservation officer approval.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: RP; unanimous

2017.03.01.10.a.iii – Re: Planning Application 16/00710 (40b Common Rd).

Council agreed by consensus that as the issue was changing BCKLWN Planning Committee's own restrictions, it should be left to them to decide. An apparent incorrect address was remarked upon. There was no need to attend the Planning Meeting in Lynn.

2017.03.01.10.a.v – MB outlined the need for Strategic Environmental and Habitat Regulations Assessments under new guidance from BCKLWN for the **Neighbourhood Plan**. This would delay, and add expenditure, as at least one had to be outsourced. Now likely the referendum would be early autumn. Grants are available and we would now be seeking such funding.

2017.03.01.10.a.vi – *Council agreed to additional expenditure of £1,500 if necessary on the Neighbourhood Plan².*

Prop: MB; 2nd: RP; unanimous

2017.03.01.10.b.i – Village Signs – no reply from company from whom advice/quote sought. Memorial Bench: *Council agreed to expenditure of £20 on materials for oiling of bench³.*

Prop: MF; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2017.03.01.10.b.ii – There was extensive, and not altogether relevant, discussion of issues relating to the Common with JBy repeatedly interrupting and talking

² This takes total expenditure allowed by NP Group to £2,500.

³ JBy/MF agreed to do the work. An amendment proposing £50 was not seconded.

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over others, despite the Chair using the gavel. DW confirmed that the aim would be conservation and working to the agreed Plan. Some trees/branches had fallen, in Storm Doris, but only one needed moving and DW would arrange that. *Council agreed to form a Working Group, under the lead of DW, for the Common.*

Prop: SD; 2nd: RP; unanimous

Council agreed membership of the Common WG as: Cllrs Dark, Pugh, Todd & Westwood, and Julie Godfrey.

Prop: SD; 2nd: RP; 10-1

2017.03.01.10.b.iii – *Council agreed formally to adopt the existing policy on removing wood from the Common.*

Prop: RP; 2nd: PM; 10-1

[There was further discussion of this, and other matters, not all audible, with interruptions as in 10.b.ii above.]

2017.03.01.10.b.iv – Re: fencing round Shelduck Open Space; SD to talk to neighbours. Issue over crossing the area.

2017.03.01.10.d.i – Clerk stressed the importance of Councillor **training**. Clerk to arrange training in Village, and invite other PCs to partake.

2017.03.01.10.e – AT reported on **Lodge Walk** progress and the state of grants etc. Tesco had awarded £2,000 in addition to ones previously referred to. Further £5,000 still possible. Completion likely day after meeting; handover from contractors tba.

2017.03.01.11.a – *Council agreed by consensus the date for the **fete** as 22nd July.* [H Blackburn observed that the Classic Car Club had a different date – Clerk to attempt to sort]

2017.03.01.11.b – *Council agreed by consensus that Diane Sheldon should take over the running of the **fete**.* SD observed that Kerry Dark had arranged a formal handover.

2017.03.01.12.a – Clerk reported on a meeting of local councillors at Hunstanton on 23rd February. *Council agreed by consensus to the text of a common letter from Hunstanton, Heacham, Snettisham, Ingoldisthorpe and Dersingham Councils on the **Wash Sea Defence Funding** issue stressing that this was a national issue⁴.*

2017.03.01.13 – A **letter** from the Memorial Hall Trustees [MHT] requesting financial help had been received. [PM observed that she could turn things round.] SD observed that this was due to Bobtails moving to the School. Perhaps the Scouts might fill the gap. [Comments were made by JBy about restrictions on children playing on the field were made with which MHT members present were clearly unhappy, and AT refuted.] As the MHT AGM was happening soon, and accounts would then be available, it was agreed to wait. In the meantime, Clerk to arrange a joint meeting of SPC and MHT, and to delay arranging Annual Parish Meeting so that matters relating to the Hall could be presented there (this from item 16.b).

2017.03.01.14 – **Clerk Report/A.O.B** - Clerk reported on: work at Southgate Lane being completed – SD requested thanks be recorded to the Almeys and others; fallen/ hanging branches on tree in Lodge Walk dealt with – wood chopped and left for public; solar farm traffic had been given wrong Traffic

⁴ This had already been agreed by three councils, and Ingoldisthorpe confirmed acceptance on 2/3/2017.

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Management Plan by developers – this sorted with contractors; correspondence with Post Office and Highways following SPC intervention – likely that there would be a marked pedestrian route in front of newsagent/Post Office. PM asked re: date of Townlands AGM – before end of March.

2017.03.01.15 – Public questions: H Blackburn referred to parking problem if Shelduck area unfenced; A Clarkson asked about the gates from Shelduck into Lodge Walk – AT replied that this is next part of project; A Clarkson also reported that lead thieves had been apprehended; he also expressed his dissatisfaction with the “comedy act” he felt had occurred earlier in the meeting, with one councillor repeatedly speaking over others. C Mardon asked about details of the Post Office move.

2017.03.01.16.a – next **meeting** agreed as 5th April, 2017 – Memorial Hall – 7.30pm

2017.03.01.16.b – Annual Parish Meeting tbc – see above under 13.

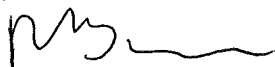
2017.03.01.16.c – Clerk to seek consecutive evening/morning slots for **Open Meetings** so that can displays can be left up.

Meeting ended at 9.08pm

Abbreviations:

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

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