

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 6th June, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Pugh (RP) – Presiding

Cllr J Bateson (JB), Cllr M Billington (MB), Cllr G Byrne (GB) (p/t), Cllr P Morton (PM),
Cllr Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID); Inspector Rob Button and PC Francine Stock

Approximately 9 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

2018.06.06.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from Cllrs Barker, Dark and Deverick.

2018.06.06.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest.

2018.06.06.03 – Public Participation. As there were **Police** Officers present the Chair invited Members of the Public to ask questions of them, in addition to Council – hence item 8 absorbed into this session. Bob Almey asked about the allocation of patrols to the Village – there is a daily visit at some point, mostly by car, and a beat officer at Hunstanton, which is manned 24 hpd; open to public drop-in Weds 1100-1300. 37 parishes are covered. MB asked about staffing levels – two plus beat officer, and traffic and armed teams available if needed. Last month 22 calls to Police from the Village, of which most were “domestic”. The remainder were: two thefts from a shop, one public order offence and one suspicious circumstances (which proved not to be). ID asked about fly-tipping and littering – arrests will, and have, been made for the former, though littering is more difficult. PM asked about speed cameras and motorbikes – not all cameras could identify speeding motorcyclists. [Clerk noted that a meeting with NCC Cllrs and Officers with Police and Safety Teams had taken place in the Office. This looked at junction safety, which was felt more likely than speed cameras to achieve safety aims.] Clerk asked what was meant by “domestic” – incidents behind closed doors, which may or may not lead to further proceedings. RP asked if lack of PCSOs and their “ear to the ground” was leading to increases in incidents – probably not, and increase in “official” officers meant arrests etc. were easier, as they had greater powers. She added thanks for the increased vigilance and resolution of drug issues. Finally, the Officers requested any further questions be addressed via Hunstanton Station. [They left at this point.]

2018.06.06.04 – RP noted, as **Chair**, that SPC Cllr David Lamplugh and BCKLWN Cllr Avril Wright had both recently resigned; she thanked them both for their hard work for the Village, and added that we were “sad to see them go”. She reported that Cllr Stuart Dark had been on Radio Norfolk at 7.30 that morning – a “good interview” - and was flying to Canada the next day as part of the Snett45 programme. She expressed disappointment with the turnout at the Parish

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Meeting, where there had been lots of speakers but only two members of the public not directly involved. She thanked the WI for the refreshments.

2018.06.06.05 – *The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 2nd May, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and duly signed.*

2018.06.06.06 – **Arising** from those minutes, the Clerk remarked that the phone boxes were still awaiting decommissioning by BT, and that the new printer was arriving on the 7th June. He had written to BCKLWN about charges for uncontested elections, and although the Borough Cabinet had agreed to go ahead with these, they have conceded that the cost would not be as great as suggested.

2018.06.06.07 – **BCKLWN** Cllr Devereux supported RP's comments regarding Avril Wright, commenting on how much she had done, particularly in the field of heritage, and as ward councillor. He reported that Nelson Quay in Lynn was part of a £30billion national scheme for redevelopment, one of only three or four locations in East Anglia, and the only one in Norfolk. A housing minister had visited and was very supportive of developments, especially West Winch. ID was now the Coastal Member for the RFCC (an EA board) for the Great Ouse catchment area – responsibilities including flood defences. Regarding Cllr Deverick clearing up fly-tipping, he suggested that he should report this to BCKLWN so that they could monitor for patterns.

2018.06.06.09.a – **Budget monitoring** – Clerk reported that no budget was overspent for the time of year.

2018.06.06.09.b – JBN asked about the CGM invoices not being very detailed – Clerk to request hours worked at least be included. *The expenditure listed was agreed by consensus.*

2018.06.06.09.c – Clerk reported that the paperwork had been completed and the **audit** period had started on 4/6/18, and concluded on 13/7/18. Electors were asked to arrange appointments if they wished to view the accounts.

2018.06.06.09.d – *It was agreed to continue membership of Community Action Norfolk at Gold Level at a cost of £150.*

Prop: RP; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2018.06.06.10.a.i – *Council agreed to object to **Planning** Application 18/00527 (47 Lynn Rd) on the grounds that this was an additional dwelling, against the policies of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.*

2018.06.06.10.a.ii – *Council agreed to support **Planning** Application 18/00864&5 (Norton House), subject to the Conservation Officer being happy that it met listed buildings conditions.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: RP; unanimous

2018.06.06.10.a.iii – *Council had no objection to **Planning** Application 17/00250NMA (Old Coal Shed) if the Conservation Officer was happy with the change of materials.*

2018.06.06.10.a.iv – *Council agreed to support **Planning** Application 18/00869 (Old Scout Hut) with reference to the Neighbourhood Plan exceptions for such change of use.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2018.06.06.10.a.v – *As Highways were content with parking issues, and BCKLWN had answered previous SPC concerns over the loss of garages, Council agreed not*

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to object to **Planning** Application 17/02094 (39 Parkside). Though not happy there was a preference for a dwelling rather than increasingly derelict garages.

Prop: DS; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2018.06.06.10.a.vi – Clerk reported that the War Memorial listing would be going ahead. Any name changes etc. in future would need planning permission. The Flood Memorial could not be included at this time.

2018.06.06.10.b.i – Council agreed the expenditure to refurbish the **Village Sign** at the Ingoldisthorpe end, noting that the cost would be lower than the quote (change of materials) and funding from the WI may be forthcoming.

Prop: RP; 2nd: DS; unanimous

2018.06.06.10.b.ii – It was agreed to **delegate spending** powers to the Clerk to allow him to arrange urgent extra works by CGM to a maximum of £400 per month. Council to be notified of any works so authorised.

Prop: MB; 2nd: RP; unanimous

2018.06.06.10.c.i – It was agreed that RP should be a member of the **Appeals** Panel only. MB and RB should be on the **Grievance** and **Disciplinary** Panels. As further volunteers were not forthcoming this should be addressed further.

2018.06.06.10.c.ii – Membership of Parking/Marking Square WG¹ and MHT Liaison WG² recommended by the **Project Development** Group was agreed. RP and PM to join the first.

MB noted that there would be an article in the TORC dealing with general ideas for Snettisham's future, and asking Villagers to comment. It was vital that Members of the Public "step up to the plate", e.g. by joining WGs.

2018.06.06.10.c.iii & iv – Clerk reported that Suffolk ALC had reported on the Local Council Award Scheme Application. There were several small points which needed addressing, and then paperwork could be resubmitted. He said that in revised standing orders he would propose omitting the Finance Committee completely, and the delegation of training funds to the Chair should be transferred to the Clerk. There was consensus that this seemed sensible.³

2018.06.06.10.d – As there was a sensitive **staffing** item to report, Council agreed by consensus to discuss this in private at the end of the meeting, under the relevant legislation.

2018.06.06.10.e – MB reported that the **Neighbourhood Plan** was still under BCKLWN consultation until 22/6/18. An inspector had been appointed who could begin work promptly after that, so things were now moving more quickly.

2018.06.06.11 – There were no **reports** from external meetings.

2018.06.06.12 – RP reported one attendee at the most recent **Councillor Surgery**. As that person also availed themselves of alternative ways to contact Council, it was agreed that surgeries would no longer occur, in line with the decision at the previous meeting.

2018.06.06.13.a – Council agreed by consensus to **donate** £50 to Norfolk AgeUK.

¹ Now: RB, MB, GD, PM, RP, DS

² Now: JB, MB, PM, RP

³ Note this was not a decision, but guidance on a new draft – this would be considered on production.

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2018.06.06.13.b⁴ – Council agreed to **donate** £50 to Classical Music Rocks.

Councillors wished it added that this is not to be an annual donation, and other parishes in whose schools the group operates should be approached.

Prop: MB; 2nd: DS; 3-2

PM wondered if there might be scope for outdoor concerts.

2018.06.06.13.c – Donation request from Friends of the School deferred again, as no new information available. [GB arrived, apologising for unavoidable delay.]

2018.06.06.14 - There was no **A.O.B.**, or any **Agenda** Requests.

2018.06.06.15 – Public Participation: Bob Almey asked about businesses being included in parking consultation – of course. Robbie Kerr wondered what “improvement” meant in this regard, commenting on previous Council moves – MB stressed the past was not relevant and that everyone needed to be involved in looking for the best solution for the future. Arthur Clarkson inquired who was responsible for strimming – areas mentioned were County. Mark Denman asked about the Post Office – a letter being written to businesses, asking those with premises to consider; a trained post-person did now live in the Village. Bob Almey asked about floods on Lynn Rd in recent rains – Clerk had contacted NCC repeatedly, and also the affected residents. PM referred to a possible drainage meeting.

2018.06.06.16 – *The next meeting to be held, as agreed, on 4th July; usual time and place.*

The Public were asked to leave allowing discussion on item 10.d, as above. [8.58pm]

Clerk reported on a pension matter.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

As Councillors were available, Clerk presented a recent letter relating to Townlands to see if Councillors wished to have a Trustee meeting to look at this. Meeting to be arranged.

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; EA – Environment Agency; HMG – Her Majesty’s Government; MHT – Memorial Hall Trustees; NCC – County Council; RFCC – Regional Flood and Coastal Committee; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council; WECMS – Wash East Coast Management Strategy

⁴ NB, the Clerk as an Officer of CMR, declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

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