

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 4th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Pugh (RP) – Presiding

Cllr R Barker (RB), Cllr J Bateson (JB), Cllr G Byrne (GB), Cllr S Dark (SD), Cllr G Deverick (GD), Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID), Jack Davidson and colleagues Ben and Samantha Holden from Norfolk Trails.

Approximately 13 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.32pm

2018.07.04.01 – There was an **apology** for absence from Cllr Billington.

2018.07.04.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest on agenda items.

2018.07.04.03 – Public Comments: Arthur Clarkson referred to the state of the bench at Newbridge – all benches being looked at, but he offered to do if provided with paint; Wendy Wall thanked Council for their support over the Planning Appeal at 36A Common Rd – many neighbours had submitted comments; Bob Almey thanked the Scouts for their work on the bus stop; Janet Lane informed Council that the WI would donate £200 towards the Village Sign to maintain their connection – a replacement plaque mentioning this would be nice.

2018.07.04.04 – Chairman's remarks: RP reported that she, Revd Wilson and SD had had a "wonderful experience" in Canada, visiting as part of the Snett45 commemorations; the majority of graves would be visited during the forthcoming trip to Europe. She thanked the Scouts for the work on the bus shelter and SD for help with the funding. Thanks also to Diane Westwood for organising the Beach clean, and the 28 volunteers, who encountered large quantities of plastic which is causing such suffering to wildlife. [ID confirmed he could arrange clean-up equipment if contacted.] The SAM sign had been collecting information in Common Rd, and will be moved to Beach Rd next. She congratulated the WI on winning the best fairground category at the Norfolk Show [this would soon be shown in the Chemist's]. She thanked Rachael for her hard work on the fete, and requested more volunteers to help on the day, and the day before.

2018.07.04.05 – *The minutes of the meeting on 6th June, 2018, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and duly signed.*

2018.07.04.06 – Arising from those, and other, minutes, the Clerk reported: the Audit period would finish on 13/7; the Neighbourhood Plan was with the Inspector; SPC had received thanks for donations from CMR and AgeUK; he commented on his frustration with lack of response from so many organisations – some after five contacts in eight weeks – which was affecting what SPC can achieve, and his dismay at BCKLWN reply about the operation of the "Sifting Panel", calling it "patronising"; the Village sign work is booked but may be a long while before commencing – letter of thanks will go to WI.

2018.07.04.07 – For **BCKLWN**, ID reported that he had been talking to Clerk re: processes being in place at the Borough, and the importance of focusing on future

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compliance. He had attended a Local Government meeting about the funding of flood defences; he had observed that if the risk to life was a deciding factor, tourism should be taken into account, as well as effects on the whole area if the A149 were affected. A £50 levy on new homes for green infrastructure was within his responsibility, for mitigation and protection – e.g. locally for Dersingham Bog; the Brexit effect might cause this to be more in tune with domestic than EU priorities. He was looking forward to going on the Snettisham European trip.

For **NCC**, SD reported the death of NCC Leader, Cliff Jordan, and the appointment of his successor. A new mineral consultation was in progress (for 2026-2035), but Snettisham was not included. A further meeting to look at the issues raised by the speed camera debate would take place in the next couple of weeks, focussing on junctions rather than simply speed. The trip to France etc. would begin on 29th July. He observed that he had been selected as the Conservative candidate for the Borough Ward election on 2/8/18.

2018.07.04.08 – Clerk reported no specific information from **Police**, though a newsletter had been forwarded – JB remarked that it was not exactly detailed. RP then brought forward item 10 to allow **Norfolk Trails** to report on the proposed Circular Walks in the Parish.


2018.07.04.10 – Samantha Holden introduced her colleagues, and she and Jack Davidson spoke. The proposal is that there be two **circular walks** (from Beach, via Beach Rd, Ken Hill and across the fields back to Beach; from Home Farm, around Ken Hill, skirting the Common, and back). These would be waymarked and referred to in descriptive booklets promoting West Norfolk and points of interest. They would be on current Rights of Way [PRoW], and so would link with the wider network. Some may be wheelchair accessible. Contact with SPC had been made about the involvement of the proposed additional TROD (already funded) in this route. Questions were taken: no new PRoWs proposed; Norfolk Trails aware of issues with some of the route in winter (and also from bulls), but this was stressed as potentially more serious than they might be aware; a meeting had taken place with Ken Hill, where the need for repair of damage caused by farming was pressed; Coastal Path extension to Lynn had been delayed; parking, lavatories and public transport were all touched on. Clerk asked what happened next – need to keep in touch with them for help with arranging the TROD. RP thanked the trio and they left.

2018.07.04.09.a – Clerk reported on no issues with balances and **budget** compliance – no questions.

2018.07.04.09.b – JB raised the lack of info on the CGM invoice – Clerk replied this was part of his comment in 6 above re: contact with other organisations – would continue to pursue. *Council agreed to the listed **expenditure** by consensus.*

2018.07.04.09.c – Clerk explained difficulties in getting information from banks, and the need for a formal filling in of forms (hence this item). *Council agreed by consensus that the **Clerk** should have access to all account information, and the ability to transfer money between (but not outside) accounts controlled by Council.*

2018.07.04.09.d – *It was agreed by consensus that, should the August meeting not occur (whether through cancellation in 17 below, or lack of quorum) the bank signatories should have delegated power to sign any **cheques** required, once the information had been presented in the usual format to Councillors, with time to*

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comment or object. This only to cover those which would normally be part of the August meeting cheque run.

2018.04.09.e – *It was agreed by consensus to allow the Clerk to withdraw up to £350 in cash for the needs of the **fete**.*

2018.07.04.11.a.i – *It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to the **Planning Appeal** on 36A Common Rd, by presenting a covering letter, enclosing the reply to the second Planning Application on this address. This response could be delayed slightly to allow for the possibility that the Neighbourhood Plan might return from the Inspector, and therefore acquire extra weight.*

2018.07.04.11.a.ii – *Council agreed to object to **Planning** Application 18/01042 (new dwellings off Cherry Tree Road); issues being lack of footway, concern over garages raised by Highways, the parking issues at the junction with Alma/Common Rds., the location within the AONB, problems with some comments in the supporting statement, and general incompatibility with the Neighbourhood Plan. Given the Sifting Panel issues covered in 6 above, it was further agreed to request that ID call this in to the Planning Committee.*

Prop: SD; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2018.07.04.11.a.iii – *Council had no objection to the "escape hatch" on 2 Southgate Lane (PA17/02183).*

2018.07.04.11.b.i – *Council agreed to the expenditure of £348.88 on new **fencing** at the Office to match that next door. Old panels to be "juggled" to use the best on the remaining fence, and remainder to be offered to the public.¹*

2018.07.04.11.b.ii – *Clerk explained that he was seeking a Council position on the presence of the **chickens** on (notably) Common Rd. Historically there had only been objections to the chickens, due to damage etc., and he had acted on that basis. Now that some support had been expressed (albeit only on social media), he no longer felt able to proceed without direction. There was extended discussion, including by Colin Tilson, a relative of the deceased owner of some of the birds, who described his dealings with Ken Hill on the subject (the chickens would be removed from estate land by October). *It was agreed that future complaints should be directed to Ken Hill, and that previous ones should be similarly forwarded.**

Prop: SD; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2018.07.04.11.b.iii – *Council noted the reports on the **Play Areas**; three issues were raised, none of which significantly increased risks. Marian McCall had been tasked to include the specific points raised in her weekly inspections. *Council agreed that this should continue until such time as further deterioration was reported.**

Prop: RP; 2nd: RB; unanimous

2018.07.04.11.b.iv – *It was agreed by consensus [Prop RP, no objection] to allow the **Market Square** to be dug up along two lines to replace overhead power cables with underground ones.²*

2018.07.04.11.b.v – *There was extensive discussion regarding the placement of a BT Broadband cabinet on the **Market Square**. This could allow for the removal of some of the current street furniture, and the relocation of grit and litter bins. Mention was made of possible camouflaging, which those at the visit had been*

¹ SD offered to use part of this NCC Member's Allowance to fund this.

² It was stressed that this permission should be conditional on completion without affecting remembrance or WWI events.

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assured was not possible. *Council agreed to the placing of the cabinet adjacent to the south side of the bus shelter.*³

Prop: RP; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2018.07.04.11.c – Clerk explained that BCKLWN **Code of Conduct** had been revised; SPC by precedent followed this. *It was agreed to adopt this Code of Conduct, using BCKLWN Monitoring Officer where needed, and that all Councillors shall be deemed to have signed by unanimous Council resolution.*⁴

2018.07.04.11.e – Clerk reported [with Arthur Clarkson's confirmation] that MHT had met on Monday – he drew Council's attention to sharing information with the Trustees about **business rate** valuation and charges; he and they were further addressing this, but it seemed likely that charity and discretionary reductions would apply.

2018.07.04.13.a – *Council agreed to allow the temporary presence of a skip on the Market Square as requested by John Bailey.*

Prop: PM; 2nd: RP; unanimous

2018.07.04.14 – A.O.B. – Clerk reported that there was a new consultation on gambling from BCKLWN. He read from SPC's 2015 response, and proposed that, unless anyone suggested raising possible revisions, he would send the same – no objection was raised. The new bin at the Common had been removed by persons unknown. Janet Lane commented that since she had put a note stating the bin was emptied by volunteers, much less litter had been left.

2018.07.04.15 – Public Comments: Bob Almey raised the issue of fly-tipping and whether it had increased due to recycling centre charges, and, later, about such on public vs private land – ID reported a possible 20% increase, but that the figures were seasonal; BCKLWN only obliged to remove from public land, but exceptions may be made. ID and SD continued for some time – important that cost benefits be looked at across both County and Borough – with other contributions. Doreen Holman referred to littering of glass and risk of fires.

2018.07.04.16 – Clerk referred to knowledge of four apologies already for **August meeting**. Suggested consideration be given to not having this meeting, listed as provisional – planning and finance issues already covered. *Council agreed that the next ordinary meeting should be on September 5th, but that an extraordinary meeting be called if necessary.*

Meeting ended at 9.28pm

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; HMG – Her Majesty's Government; MHT – Memorial Hall Trustees; NCC – County Council; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council; WECMS – Wash East Coast Management Strategy

³ Clerk subsequently received information about such camouflaging elsewhere, and is pursuing given that Council clearly would have included this had it not been assured it was not possible. Further, to ensure legal compliance, before proceeding will seek planning and Conservation Officer approval.

⁴ Cllr Billington will be given to the opportunity to sign individually as he was not present for this vote; the same will apply for any new member.

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