

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 4th October, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr R Pugh (RP) – Presiding

Cllr R Barker (RB), Cllr J Bateson (JBn), Cllr M Billington (MB), Cllr S Dark (SD) [7.37 on], Cllr G Deverick (GD), Cllr D Lamplugh (DL), Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS), Cllr D Westwood (DW)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID) [7.37 on]

Approximately 10 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.31p.m.

2017.10.04.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from BCKLWN Cllr Wright.

2017.10.04.02 – There were **declarations** of interest presented by: JBn (membership of RBL – item 12.a) – not needed; Clerk for DL – expenses cheque added on late cheques in 9.b.

2017.10.04.03 – There were no contributions from the **Public**.

2017.10.04.04 – The **Chairman** thanked SVEC for the wine-tasting and hog-roast, and also the Christmas events on 6/12/17. RP also thanked Mr and Mrs Schumann for the use of Norton Hill Farm for events during the year – GD added thanks from the Scouts for this. She announced that Revd Niemic was being installed as Rural Dean as the meeting was in progress – Clerk to write offering best wishes. SPAM would be receiving a Comic Relief cheque for £1,000 from BCKWLN Mayor on 10/10 to help with transport to events. She also reported on damage to the Playing Field Wall – email received confirming done by a rubbish truck.

2017.10.04.05 – *One amendment was proposed to the **minutes** of the meeting on September 6th, which were then accepted unanimously, amended and duly signed.*¹

2017.10.04.06 – Arising from those **minutes**, Clerk reported that NARS cheque had been paid, and a thankyou received.

2017.10.04.07 – ID reported that there would be major works at the Saddlebow A47 interchange – major disruption expected. For **BCKLWN** he was dealing with various complaints on planning enforcement matters – Clerk involved. A new contract was being sought with the refuse collection company. A very long named Habitat Regulation group had funding available for green infrastructure. He also continued to be involved in meetings relating to Coastal Protection funding. Responding to questions he stated that: food caddy waste bags were no longer needed; the new refuse contract would be with similar frequencies; the Saddlebow work was to be c. six months. Clerk added that the enforcement

¹ 2017.09.06.12.c now reads – “MHT had selected DVM as preferred contractor from three bids – a third bid (May) of £5,390+VAT was reported.”

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issues referred to were raised by parishioners and he had progressed to BCKLWN on their behalf; ID reported officers had responded well.

For **NCC**, SD reported details of issues surrounding buses, especially those transporting schoolchildren. Problem remained with those going further afield than Smithdon – Wells timetable not fitting with school times. There had been a number of complaints about poor service from Stagecoach, including the QEH route. SD and NCC Cllr Jameson (Hunstanton) had written to traffic regulator. NCC working on saving £125m over next four years, without reducing front-line services (esp. Fire Stations and recycling). An additional £160m was being spent on schools over the four years – he gave a figure of £32m currently being used for transporting children to school. He referred to local NCC councillors acting for the local area, ahead of being “party animals”. Dersingham Library - presented awards to junior readers; library one of best in the County, and an out-of-hours swipe-card scheme being trialled. He asked Snettisham to support their work. He referred to his “personal budget” for Highways improvements, giving examples; encouraged SPC to use, as also speeds up works. The Silica Sand issue was now completed, with the NCC minerals plan being ruled fit for purpose – no risk until 2026. Next plan, from then to 2035, also not likely to include AOS_A, as the reasons for its removal will still obtain. Clerk added a reminder of a meeting with Highways about the new TROD, and that budget setting for any projects should begin by mid-November.

2017.10.04.08 – No **Police** report though reference made to Hunstanton cashpoint robbery.

2017.10.04.09.a – Clerk reported on expenditure against **budget**. The refund from Apogee (c.£750) for an estimated bill was still causing the admin budget to appear over target. This had been chased for two months, and now resolved. No questions on budgets.

2017.10.04.09.b – There were three cheques additional to those listed previously for consideration². *All **expenditure**, including these, was agreed without objection.*

2017.10.04.10.a.i – A **Planning** Appeal on at 36 the Beach was reported – SPC had previously not objected, but BCKLWN had rejected. Clerk reported new information since that decision.

2017.10.04.10.a.ii – A late **Planning Application** (17/01855 – 5 Lynn Rd) was considered. *Council agreed not to object to this application.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: GD; unanimous

2017.10.04.10.b.i – There had been a meeting of the **Amenities** Group. Notes were not yet available; no actions, other than admin for the Clerk, were agreed or required.

2017.10.04.10.c.i – There was no proposal made to change the **time of meetings**, so Council moved on.

2017.10.04.10.d.i – There was a brief discussion of the **Admin Assistant** contract etc., which was deferred to a meeting of the personnel group. It was suggested that the post might be increased to make it more attractive (e.g.

² Mark Parnell - £72; Memorial Hall - £74; DL (exp) - £10.32

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involvement with the TORC newsletter); also to ensure pay rate moved in line with other staff; SD wished to ensure that the staff retention rate was looked at – why do staff leave?

RP reported that Clerk appraisal was due. Suggestion that process be begun before RP attends employment training session, and completed thereafter.

2017.10.04.10.e.i – MB reported on the **Neighbourhood Plan**. The consultation responses had been detailed and much work had been required to incorporate these into the Plan, though mainly on the wording and presentation, rather than the policies (which remained fundamentally unchanged). BCKLWN seemed to be aware of the implications of such plans for Borough Planning, and was possibly becoming more “protectionist”. Agreement had been reached on a consultant for the “Healthcheck”, of which the BC would pay 2/3 of the cost. On completion of this, in about one week, the WG would meet to approve submission before the end of the month, at which point BCKLWN begin their processes, ending with the referendum. Much time spent on this, and other things had inevitably suffered. RP offered thanks to MB and Clerk.

2017.10.04.11 – Clerk noted that there had still been no minutes of the inter-council meeting on **flood defence** funding – a Hunstanton councillor was chasing.

RP reported that the **SNAP** meeting had focused on agricultural thefts – otherwise quiet. She expressed strong concern over the lack of PCSOs, both for parishes and the PCSO’s own safety. Clerk to write to PCC expressing concern. Also, to work with other local parishes and Cty Cllrs. Not acceptable to be doing work for the Police (e.g. speedwatch), and question “what are we paying for?” was asked.

2017.10.04.11.a – DW reported on the success of the recent **meeting** about the **Common**. A very good turnout, with excellent speakers, and a good number of volunteers expressing interest. The next volunteer session will concentrate on removing saplings from heather beds.

2017.10.04.11.b – *It was agreed to pay £25 to each of the two organisations represented by the **speakers** at the above meeting.*

Prop: RP; 2nd: DW; unanimous

2017.10.04.11.c – GD reported that he and DS spoke to several people as they passed the Councillor **Surgery** on 27/9/17. The next surgery would be on 25/10 and DW and DS agreed to staff this. MB wished to have a six-month review of this to assess its utility. Clerk to put in TORC notes.

2017.10.04.12.a – *Council agreed a £25 **donation** to the Royal British legion Poppy Appeal.*

Prop: RP; 2nd PM; unanimous

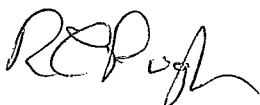
2017.10.04.12.b – *Council agreed a £50 **donation** to the Norfolk Citizens Advice service.*

Prop: PM; 2nd: JBn; unanimous

2017.10.04.12.c – There was no proposal to support **Civic Voice’s** Big Conservation Conversation, so Council moved on.

2017.10.04.12.d – Consideration was given to a letter from the **Cricket Club** about the date of the fete and possible payment to them for moving venue on that day. Council did not move to a consensus on any proposed change to the

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date, but a straw poll of public present was clearly against this moving to a Bank Holiday. Following this, *it was agreed to donate £60 to the Cricket Club to compensate them for the enforced move.*

Prop: SD; 2nd: MB; 8-1; 1 abst

2017.10.04.13 – no **A.O.B.** or **agenda** requests.

2017.10.04.14 – Public Participation: subjects raised were: Arthur Clarkson – request for confirmation of time of WW1 WG meeting – Weds 18th @2pm in the Office; Bob Almey – latest on Townlands – letter to be written, had been agreed that this should state a termination date for lease – Bob thanked those working on this; Heather Blackburn – felt the cricket club were “taking the mickey”.

2017.10.04.15 – The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, on Wednesday 1st November, 2017.

On subject of the clash between the Parish Council Meeting and the Christmas Fair, the possibility of changing the PCM date should be discussed next time.

Meeting ended at c.9p.m.

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; NCC – County Council; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council; SVEC – Snettisham Village Events Committee; SPAM – Snettisham Pensioners Annual Meal

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