

PARISH OF SNETTISHAM

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

13TH MAY 2015 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Chair – Cllr Eric Langford (Chairman, Snettisham Parish Council)

Taking minutes – Simon Bower (Clerk, SPC)

Also present Members of the Public – B Almey; J Bailey; R Barker; J Bateson; A Clarkson; I Devereux; E Fountain; M Fountain; A Gascoigne; J Godfrey; A Lamplugh; A Langford; L Marriage; P Morton; F & J Parkes; R Pugh; L Standeven; E & M Tagg; A Thompson and at least three others.

The meeting began at 7.04 pm

- 1 The Chair welcomed those present.
- 2 There were no apologies for absence.
- 3 The minutes of the previous meeting (21st May, 2014) were available for those present. The Clerk summarised them dealing with matters arising: SPC having a dog working group; lack of parish councillors a district –wide problem. They were approved as being an accurate reflection of the meeting by common consent – there being no objections. They were duly signed by the Chair.
- 4 The Chairman gave a report from the Parish Council (SPC). After commenting that it would be his last meeting as Chair, EL reported on activities of the Council during the year: the success of achieving PRoW status for the Beach Footpath, and accurate signage; settling of the VAT issue with a lower than expected final figure; renovation and rededication of the War Memorial (thanks to Geoff Milner, Aaron Rate and Paul Ames) including RAF Marham personnel attending and the fly-past; USAF personnel attending the Remembrance Day parade; extensive and continuing work on the Common with clearance and addition of picnic area and disabled path (thanks to Ann Lamplugh) all soon to be accessed by improved footpath; 2 successful SPC Open Days attended by over 200 people; completion of the Internal Audit by mid-May; independence of, and continued success of, TORC of Snettisham (thanks to Janet ~~Todd~~, Elizabeth Tagg, Lane, Addie Thompson, Phryne Richardson, Pauline Westcott, EL and the distribution team); new street lighting completed within three months of decision – c75% reduction in costs expected – two more lamps probable and some adjustments yet to be made; chickens of Goose Green Area removed in two batches to happier climes; getting all agencies together for drainage meetings; SPC facebook page; ongoing issues include slow registration of SPC land, and future of the Townlands charity and dog-related problems.
- 5 Borough Councillor Avril Wright thanked parishioners for their support, especially while being a "lone" councillor, and looked forward to continuing to represent them. She referred to: Sedgeford chicken farm; the many things achieved by SPC and the good recycling record in the area. She also provided information about the Hansa week in King's Lynn. New Borough Councillor Ian Devereux referred to the "impressive list" of

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SPC works, particularly on the Common. He was looking forward to representing Snettisham and the other villages in the ward. He and the Chair wished each other well.

6 Reports from Village Groups etc.:

- a. Women's Institute (Ros Pugh): is a "thriving community" meeting monthly, which has had a series of interesting talks in its 92nd year in the Village. WI provided refreshments at many Village events (notable the footpath inquiry) and stalls at Christmas Market. Last year's Charity was Leeway, and now E Anglian Children's Hospice. Proud moment was placing a poppy wreath on Remembrance Day for (believed to be) the first time. Aim to increase membership and work for the Village in the national centenary year.
- b. Events' Committee (Lesley Marriage): A list of events was given including: quiz nights; exhibitions (WWI and WWII – thanks to Peter Everingham) encouraging visitors to appreciate history of the Village; Victorian Market and Snettifest. Last would be on 24/25 July this year, including a Madness tribute band – tickets £5 – hopefully no hurricane as in 2014. 22nd August a photographic exhibition from 10-6. Looking forward to usual lights, service and market at Christmas. Info on facebook and via snettishamevents@gmail.com
- c. Halls Foundation (Chris Holt, read by Clerk): £77,885 in grants in 14/15 year – largest amount ever. (11+, 16 pupils - £3200; 16+, 36 pupils - £7,200; 18+, 41 students £66,485; Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, 3 students - £300) 41 students in Higher Education – 5 at post-grad level. Snettisham fortunate to benefit from 1708 will of Antony Hall. Welcoming applications for 15/16 at the moment.
- d. Memorial Hall and Field (Lynda Standeven): Trustees had income of around £30,000 from events and fund-raising including car boot sales which resume on 23rd May. Expenditure has been on new roof and guttering, drainage issues, Christmas Party, ensuring field prepared for cricket and football, a new induction hearing loop system (with thanks for donations) etc.
- e. Townlands (Clerk): current funds stand at £2,700. Council is still looking at the best way to proceed for the future of the Charity.
- f. Parish finances (Clerk): Parish Council balance at end of 2014/15 year £111,790 – from which street lighting cost of £32,500 needs to be deducted to give true reserves. This compares with £117,460 at end of previous year.

7 Public questions and comments: Status of Compasses site (Mr Tagg) – nothing new officially known; Barker's Pond fence (Mr Clarkson) – land not Council property, Ken Hill owner; name change of bus company (Mr Clarkson) – as far as is known will not affect service; possible move of Post Office to new site (Mr Almey) – a surprise to all present; possible skateboard park for youngsters (Mrs Thompson) – money is being set aside from budgets for a youth project, and termination of loan on play area will provide additional potential funding; attractive appearance of Village (Mr Parkes) and question of clarity on expenditure – discussion including Mrs Fountain and Mrs Blackburn who felt requested information was available at meetings, and Mrs Tagg commenting on minutes being online.

There being no specific subjects or requests for debate, the meeting ended at 8.04pm, following which refreshments were served.

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