

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 7th March, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Cllr G Byrne (GB) – Presiding

Cllr J Bateson (JB), Cllr S Dark (SD), Cllr G Deverick (GD), Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

Also in attendance: Borough Cllr I Devereux (ID) (p/t)

Approximately 7 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.30

2018.03.07.00 – The Clerk, in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chairman, drew councillors' attention to the need to elect a **Chair** for the meeting. *PM proposed GB who was accepted by acclamation and duly took his seat at the head of the table.*

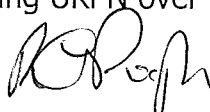
2018.03.07.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from Cllrs Barker, Billington, Lamplugh and Pugh, and BCKLWN Cllr Wright.

2018.03.07.02 – GD declared an **interest** in item 10.b.iii

2018.03.07.03 – There were no **public** questions at this point.

2018.03.07.04 – As the **Chairman** had had no opportunity to prepare a report, the Clerk made a series of comments. He expressed Council's condolences to the family of Derek Ebbs who had died recently; Derek was a former Chair and Councillor of long-standing – the flag had been lowered and a letter written. He congratulated all those involved in the launch of the Snett45 WWI commemoration, and noted the extensive press coverage. He had met with ABC to discuss the placement of signs on Southgate Lane etc. – permission had been received to place one within the hedge of a resident. CGM had made their first grounds visit, and would be in regular touch with the Office over priorities. An email had been received regarding average speed cameras on the A149 from Lynn to the Village – press had contacted and been told that previous SPC attempts to get speed limits had been refused on grounds of low number of incidents and that Council would not be happy not to have been consulted on this. NCC had refused to repair sign at Goose Green and posts at Newbridge (SD informed of concerns over the latter). Neighbourhood Plan – nearing completion of final drafts into full copy. Clerk had attended a parish update session on planning – consultation being reduced to 14 days; sifting panel for parish comments included two officers and four councillors; there had been anger at the meeting over many issues, notably infrastructure not keeping pace with development. Data protection: had written to most local parishes asking how they were progressing – general response no more than SPC. No major snow or flood incidents, but several potholes reported. TORC would be printing from 19th March – any items for inclusion? [PM – Open Days]. Clerk requested assistance with Open Days from councillors involved in issues or groups. Street lights – Westcotec still pressing UKPN over connection. Phone boxes had been glazed; awaiting

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painting by volunteers. SPAM had been in press with a grant award. Village film on 21st. Had been pushing to recruit councillors to fill vacant places via social media – could members also push this?

2018.03.07.05 – The **minutes** of the previous meeting on 7th February, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and duly signed.

2018.03.07.06 – There were no **matters arising** from the above minutes.

2018.03.07.07 – ID reported that **BCKLWN** had been working hard to keep bin collections going through recent weather; delays would be similar to Christmas period. WECMS meeting had been regarding cliffs and prom at Hunstanton; 25 or so had attended a drop-in session – another on April 9th. Some beach owners in Heacham had been lowering the dunes to improve view – potential impact on defences; PCs should be informed in this instance. Beach recycling going well - around two weeks to completion.

SD reported that **NCC** were involved in keeping Coasthopper service running (Lynx locally to Wells) – ticketing and timing arrangements being sorted. Best way of running mobile libraries was being looked at – could be more ordering of books. Openreach had caused an issue by the factory shop by not moving traffic lights – sorted quickly by Sally Bettinson. Speed cameras – he had not been consulted on this, and was “on the case”.

2018.03.07.08 – Clerk reported that **Police** had referred to hare coursing locally, and a need to watch out for cold-calling scams.

2018.03.07.09.a – Apogee had sent another estimated bill for £1450 – Clerk had written to correct to £550 – may affect end of year figures. **Budget** figures showed underspend likely of around £7,000 on operating budget. End of year balances would drop from c.£122K to c.£100K. Figures presented were for 100% of year not 91% as stated – apologies.

2018.03.07.09.b – *Payment of **expenditure** as listed agreed by consensus.* Clerk noted that WWI expenditure falling in 17/18 would be paid from reserves and corresponding reduction made in 18/19 budget.

2018.03.07.10.a.i – A lengthy discussion took on the history of the **Planning** Application at the Vets (18/00177 latest number). *It was agreed to express concern over the lack of clarity with the application and also to comment on the process involved.*

2018.03.07.10.b.i – Crescent to be a priority for CGM [PM]. Clerk to produce list of areas for councillors to report back on, to focus **groundworks** where most needed.

2018.03.07.10.b.ii – *It was agreed to pay £100 for transportation of materials donated by Frimstone to the **Common**.*

Prop: DS; 2nd: PM; unanimous

2018.03.07.10.b.iii – *Council agreed by consensus to pay £380 to the Scouts for painting of the **bus shelter**, this to be reclaimed from NCC as Cty Cllr expense.*

2018.03.07.10.c – **Governance:** Clerk reminded councillors that there would be a need to review policies prior to the AGM.

2018.03.07.10.e – SD reported that **Snett45** was progressing well. Stories now up on the website; family members were getting in touch and planning to visit the Village; fundraising starting well, including £1,000 donation received from a local business. [Clerk noted much interest on facebook.]

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2018.03.07.11 – Other **meetings**: Clerk attending networking and conference in coming week.

2018.03.07.12 – No attendees at last **surgery** with Ds and GD. Suggestions that reports on issues raised should be included on agenda, and progress reported back to those requesting help. GB and GD agreed to attend next surgery on 28th March.

2018.03.07.13.a – *Rather than make an immediate **donation** it was agreed to refer back to Heritage Group to look at whole issue of archiving important Village documents, e.g. with School, RBL etc. Clerk to arrange.*

Prop: SD; 2nd GD; unanimous

2018.03.07.13.b – *It was agreed by consensus that the idea of participating in "**Norfolk Day**" on 27th July, should be explored, possibly by combining with official opening of Lodge Walk.*

2018.03.07.14 – No **A.O.B.**

2018.03.07.15 – **Public participation**: Arthur Clarkson asked about the delivery of materials to the Common (date etc.); suggestion for several smaller piles to be made, and closing the car parking area, to be put to Diane Westwood; also, would the bus shelter notice board etc. be tidied - yes. Janet Lane asked whether there was a Norfolk Flag – Clerk had seen one¹. Mark Denman asked about the consultation over the Post Office move – this was obligatory, and lack of any changes due to only one applicant. Bob Almey asked about potholes – due to be fixed this month.

2018.03.07.16 – *It was agreed that the next **meeting** (Weds 4th April, 7.30pm, MH) would go ahead as previously publicised.*

Prop: PM; 2nd: GB; unanimous

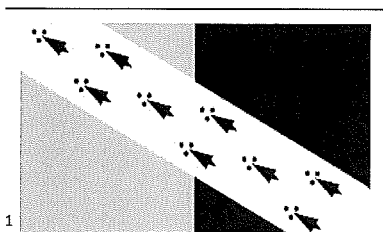
Having been announced on the agenda, the meeting went into private session, and the public left at c.9.00pm.

2018.03.07.17 – *An amendment to the Admin Assistant's terms of employment was agreed by consensus.*

Meeting ended at c.9.15pm

Abbreviations:

BCKLWN – Borough Council; HMG – Her Majesty's Government; MH(T) – Memorial Hall (Trustees); NCC – County Council; (S)PC – (Snettisham) Parish Council; WECMS – Wash East Coast Management Strategy



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