

SNETTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Snettisham Parish Council held on Wednesday, 12th December, 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), Cllr S Dark (SD), Cllr G Deverick (GD), Cllr P Morton (PM), Cllr H Platt (HP), Cllr D Snelgrove (DS)

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

Approximately 10 members of the public

Minutes taken by Simon Bower (Clerk to the Council)

Meeting started at 7.31pm

2018.12.12.01 – There were **apologies** for absence from Cllrs Barker and Carey.

2018.12.12.02 – There were no **declarations** of interest.

2018.12.12.03 – Public Participation: Rodney Forster asked who had planned the floodlit MUGA next to bungalows on Old Church Rd – was informed this was MHT but that application had been withdrawn; David Bocking asked why the Village needed another Hall – several Councillors responded giving parking and suitability as reasons for a feasibility study, and there were further comments about public consultation and the problems providing information at an early stage when ideas, not decisions, are being discussed; Arthur Clarkson asked about the amount of land available for such a Hall at Poppyfields, given the Neighbourhood Plan allocation – Clerk showed on map from Plan.

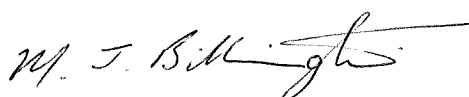
2018.12.12.04 – The **Chairman** reported on: the success of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum, how exciting it was to be at the count, and thanked the Team for two years' hard work, referring to it as "the best thing that could happen to Snettisham"; the School Memorial Garden was excellent and the Council donation "money well spent"; the Armistice Day events were very well-attended, it was good to have descendants present of those lost, there were excellent displays and refreshments, and thanks to all involved, especially SD for all his work; the Christmas Lights and Carols event – thanks to John Bailey and his helpers; the Christmas Market – very successful, thanks to SVEC; Live Nativity a "special treat" – well behaved animals and baby ("no crying he makes"); the Scout Hut was now under construction - thanks to Lord Fellowes for presiding at launch; so many other events, concerts, social etc., all making Snettisham a special place to live. She concluded with Season's Greetings to all.

2018.12.12.05 – Bob Almey had asked for his comment about fires at the Common to be included in the **minutes** of the meeting on 7th November. *These minutes having previously been circulated, Council agreed that, with that addition, they were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly amended and signed.*

2018.12.12.06 – There were no **matters arising** from the above minutes drawn to Council's attention.

2018.12.12.07 – For **BCKLWN**, ID congratulated SPC on the Neighbourhood Plan – around one third of parishes in the Borough were now working on such plans

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showing how important they were; on recycling, the issues from last month, with bins being left due to contamination, had been resolved, resulting in more sympathetic and helpful press reports; another fly-tipping prosecution had occurred, and agencies were working together on this issue. PM asked about non-internet reporting of fly-tipping, which ID would follow up.

For **NCC**, SD reported on the budget setting process at County Hall, asking people to take advantage of the consultation – there would be some tightening of belts in certain areas, but a greater investment in children's services; the PCC had decided not to proceed with taking over the fire service at present; SD had been visiting children's centres in relation to the changes there and in the Early Years' Service; he was working with Highways and other NCC Cllrs on the junctions on the A149; he reported on progress with the Common Rd drainage problems, thanking PM for keeping him informed; he reflected on how much the Village had been brought together by the WWI commemoration events, and concluded by reporting on Santa visiting the School by helicopter – thanks to MHT. GB and David Bocking asked about the extent of works on the drains – this to be monitored but the approach was currently incremental.

2018.12.12.08 – Clerk reported that there had been a noticeably greater **Police** presence due to recent anti-social behaviour, and that this included visits to the Office for information and updates.

2018.12.12.09.a – Clerk reported on current **budget** outcomes, suggesting that there would be a slight overspend this year, more due to expenditure from reserves than individual budgets being overspent; likely figure between £5K and £10K. Detailed WWI accounts would be provided, noting relatively small expenditure on food etc. – MB requested an agenda item relating to donations to those groups who had helped with refreshments.

2018.12.12.09.b – *By consensus Council agreed the expenditure listed.*

2018.12.12.09.c – Clerk went through the various budget lines in the 2019/20 draft budget, explaining how these had been arrived at. No decisions would be made on 12/12/18, and precept figures were to show effects of spending levels, not suggested amounts. Councillors were invited to comment and suggest any changes, either at the meeting or before final draft prepared. MB requested Funding for feasibility study of £2,500. Clerk noted the bridge cost would be lower and should be moved to Parish partnership line. There was discussion of TROD funding, and of reducing the reserves. Finally, all were invited to ask Clerk for further information and explanations in private if required.

2018.12.12.09.d – *It was agreed, with one objection, to ring-fence the BT wayleave of £750 for possible future lighting of the War Memorial.*

2018.12.12.10.a.i.1 – As Council had been told **PA 18/02080** – the MUGA – was being withdrawn, no decision was required.

2018.12.12.10.a.i.2 – *Council agreed not to object to **PA 18/02173&4** – extension at Snettisham House – subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.*

2018.12.12.10.a.i.3 – *Council decided to object to **PA 18/02178** – cart lodge at 10 Common Rd, on ground of proximity to the boundary, and concerns over extra drainage into the surface water drains.* It was noted the plans presented were unhelpful, including a "missing" construction, planning permission for which the Clerk would check.

Prop: PM; 2nd: GB, unanimous

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2018.12.12.10.a.i (late application) – **PA 18/02108** – extension of upstairs accommodation at 29, The Beach – was supported.

Prop: DS; 2nd: RP, unanimous

2018.12.12.10.a.ii – Four applications decided at the recent **Planning** Group meeting were noted – comments made to BCKLWN were in the councillor pack and public had notes of the meeting.

2018.12.12.10.b¹.i – *It was agreed to take independent legal advice, at a cost of £750, regarding the document showing responsibility for the **footpath** adjacent to the River Ingol.*

Prop: SD; 2nd: HP; unanimous

2018.12.12.10.b.ii – Council agreed to NCC replacing the **bridge** on that footpath with the provisos that: the cost would be £4,500 match funded by NCC through the Parish Partnership Scheme², and that, should responsibility for the Bridge not be established as SPC's, Council should not bear this cost. SD noted that he would use some of his member's allowance to help with resurfacing the alleged SPC part of the path³.

2018.12.12.10.c – Governance: Expenditure of up to £200 was agreed by consensus on website domain name and email addresses.

2018.12.12.10.d – Personnel: There was discussion over a quote for IT equipment, arising from staff appraisals, including a laptop. Clerk to seek further quotes for the equipment, *but Council agreed in principle for the additional work involved (set-up, software, back-ups etc.) to be done by ECS.*

2018.12.12.10.e⁴ – Project Development: Council agreed, with one objection, to set up a feasibility study to look at a possible new Village Community Centre.

2018.12.12.10.f.i – The result of the **Neighbourhood Plan** referendum was noted. The Clerk commented that the turnout was good for local elections, but there was disappointment over the number of "no" votes. This was clearly partly due to misunderstanding (the wording of the question etc.), but it did need to be considered. A brief existential discussion on the nature of democracy and reality ensued.

2018.12.12.10.f.ii – *It was agreed that work on the **Common** should continue over Christmas, with no further burning until meeting with NWT in the New Year.*

2018.12.12.11 – Other Meeting Reports:

HP reported on a very useful **training** session with NPTS, commenting on her desire for councillors to network as clerks do.

Clerk commented on a recent such event, and praised councillors for their support for **training**, given the shocking lack of support he had become aware of in some other councils.

GB reported that the **MHT** meeting, to which some councillors had been invited, suggested that the MUGA was focused more on the 0-18 age range and was a good deal for the School. The idea seemed brilliant but the location not.

RP and HP agreed that the **SNAP** meeting was indeed snappy, noting that SPC were the only contributors, referring to ASB in the Village.

¹ Amenities Group meeting notes were in the cllr and public packs.

² With funds allocated to the TROD possibly being switched to 19/20 if required. It was noted that NCC now had £6,000 of SPC money for the TROD in the 18/19 budget year.

³ Clerk noted that this, of course, should be dependent on any legal findings which may place responsibilities on the landowners involved.

⁴ Project Development Group meeting notes were in cllr and public packs.

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*It was agreed by consensus to invite the MHT to participate in a **joint public meeting**.*

MB noted that the MHT seemed more amenable to working with the Project Development Group, and that a meeting of that group should take place very early in the New Year.

2018.12.12.12.a – Council agreed to allow the use of the Market Square, probably in late January, for a **memorial event** by the RAF⁵. This may involve temporary closure of the Square.

2018.12.12.12.b – No comment on the **NCC budget** consultation was proposed.

2018.12.12.13 – PM requested that an item about a parking sign be added to the next **agenda** – Clerk apologised for the omission.

2018.12.12.14 – Public participation: David Bocking asked about the future use of the Chalk Pit – RP replied this was under consideration and all conclusions would be public – he added that fly-tipping was now a problem; Bob Almey asked re: the contact address for the Police – Clerk noted that this was in a footnote to the last minutes; Arthur Clarkson commented on the state of the Hall after the WWI event – Clerk would pursue as there seemed to be some confusion; David Bocking asked why councillors had moved to Snettisham – Clerk ruled the question out of order under GDPR; Mark Denman asked about the Post Office – no change from the present situation, though the feasibility study might allow for such in any new Community Centre, subject to the stringent commercial restraints; he further asked about the large increase in precept given austerity – Clerk reminded everyone that the precept figures were illustrative (requesting that the public did not report them as anything other than that), and that next month's meeting would be presented with a series of precept options to assist councillors; David Bocking commented that the WWI events had been "spoiled" by the dirty flag – Clerk remarked that he had not been made aware of this, or the fly-tipping above, which made dealing with such things difficult; Carol Mardon asked about the previous decision relating to tablet computers – these had not been purchased.

Meeting ended at c.9.35

There being no formal confirmation of the date of the next meeting this will stand as previously advertised – Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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



⁵ SD suggested that the RAF should be referred to a local resident who had done extensive work on the crash to be commemorated.