Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 9 June 2020 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr Tim Beach (Chair) Cllr Russ Rainger (Vice-Chair),

Cllr Mike Hill, Cllr Jackie Allfrey, Cllr Maria Norman, Cllr Graham Farrant,

Cllr Helen Stuart, Cllr Paul Richards and Cllr Georgina Lock.

**Attendance**: Marie Backhouse (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies and Approval of Absences**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Hough, Cllr Caroline Meffan, DC T Cooper, DC J Bond, DC T-J Haworth-Culf and CC A Reid. Cllr Norman proposed that we accept the apologies, this was seconded by Cllr Stuart and agreed by all.

1. **Declarations** **of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members**

Cllr Beach – Village Hall & Planning application – non-pecuniary

1. **Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr Beach requested permission to speak about the village hall as Cllr Meffan was absent. It was agreed by all to allow Cllr Beach to comment about the allotments.

1. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 26 May 2020.**

Cllr Norman proposed that the minutes of the 26 May be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Farrant and agreed by all.

1. **Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 26 May 2020.**

Cllr Stuart reported that she had received an invoice from Pumps & Filtration Ltd for 50% of the total cost to provide a borehole on the allotment. This cost is £900, and the contractor will not proceed until he has 50% of the payment. The Environment Agency were asked if an extraction licence was required but it is not needed for the small amount the allotment holders will be using.

Cllr Norman proposed that a cheque should be raised for the amount of £900, this was seconded by Cllr Richards and agreed by all.

Clerk to organise a cheque for the required payment.

Cllr Stuart explained that the AONB would like to take a photo of some of the Councillors at the allotments. She will be in touch with some of the Councillors when this happens.

Cllr Hill received a gift from the Council as a thank you for the time he has been on the Council and all the support he has given to the village. Cllr Hill will be resigning from the Council after this meeting.

Clerk to contact ESC re resignation of a Councillor.

1. **Consideration of Reports from District Councillors and County Councillors.**

Cllr Beach reported that reports had been received from the County Cllr and the District Cllrs.

1. **Contributions by Members of the Public**

Cllr Beach commented that the School had sent an email requesting a meeting with the PC regarding the academisation of the School.

Cllr Stuart said the need for the meeting was that at the moment the lease was between the PC and SCC, this will need to change if the School goes to an academy.

Cllr Beach proposed that a small group of Councillors (Cllr Lock, Cllr Allfrey and Cllr Stuart) should arrange a meeting with the School as soon as possible, this was seconded by Cllr Richards and agreed by all.

Cllr Stuart commented that the School becoming an academy is not for the PC to agree or disagree, the issue is the fact that the PC owns the school.

Cllr Hill said that the School is being driven by the government to become an academy.

Cllr Richards said that the academy trust will be looking into a long lease of 125 years when it takes over from SCC.

Cllr Norman said that the PC needs to protect the school as it is an asset.

1. **Planning Applications & Decision Notices.**

DC/20/1858/FUL – Willow Farm, Cundle Green Lane, Snape, IP17 1RE

A retrospective application for the erection of a log cabin to provide ancillary accommodation.

Cllr Farrant reported that he had spoken to neighbours and they have no comments to make.

It was agreed by all Councillors that there is no objection to this application.

1. **Parish Council Business**
2. Village Hall

Cllr Beach reported that the Village Hall Committee have the funding for a new fitted kitchen in the Village Hall. They have met with three contractors but only one has responded. The undertaken work would be at no cost to the Parish Council.

Cllr Norman proposed that the PC should agree to the new kitchen in the Village Hall at no cost to the PC, this was seconded by Cllr Stuart and agreed by all.

1. Application for funding from the Sports Space Fund

Cllr Beach said that he had contacted Iken and Friston Parish Councils to ask if Snape may apply for £8,000 from the ESC Sport/Play Space fund to purchase some new equipment for the playing field.

It was agreed by all Councillors to approach the Sport/Play Space fund for £8,000 for new equipment on the playing field.

1. Councillor Roles & Responsibilities

Cllr Beach proposed that the Councillor responsibilities remain the same, this was agreed by all.

Cllr Lock agreed to be on the School group and to replace Cllr Hill and organise the litter pick.

1. Energy Matters

Cllr Beach commented that there is a virtual meeting later today, to address the situation. There will be many attending this meeting. It will be very difficult to cover everyone’s views via a virtual meeting.

Cllr Rainger said that this is the wrong project to trial a large virtual meeting, with so many developments going on at the moment.

Cllr Beach reported that there is a survey to be completed by the 11th June re Energy Matters. Having access to all the documentation is an issue, in the past there has been public meetings for people to attend and look at the plans etc.

Cllr Lock proposed that Cllr Beach should complete the survey on behalf of the PC, this was seconded by Cllr Richards and agreed by all.

Cllr Hill commented that there was an article in a newspaper and this was relating to the reasons why Sizewell C should be scrapped, one of the main issues was the cost.

Cllr Farrant reported that he had watched a film about the project and it had showed that EDF may go bus if this project does not go ahead; EDF needs the project in Sizewell, France and Finland to enable them to keep going.

Cllr Rainger said that it was important for the District Cllrs and the County Cllr to be included in any response we make to these projects.

Cllr Beach said that the PC would write to the PINs in relation to EDF stating the views of the Council.

Cllr Norman reported that she had ordered and paid (£47.09) for the pads for the defibrillator.

Cllr Richards proposed that Cllr Norman should be reimbursed for the defib pads, this was seconded by Cllr Stuart and agreed by all.

Cllr Norman commented that she is continuing to purchase items for the village larder (GNS) at a cost of about £30 per week.

Cllr Norman reported that the School had to fit two new handwashing sinks at a cost of £400 to enable them to open to pupils. Is the PC in a position to pay for this, as landlords, as the school did not budget for this expenditure?

Cllr Stuart suggested that the school should fundraise or ask the PC formally for the money.

It was agreed by all that the School should ask formally and that Cllr Norman should contact the School to suggest this to them.

1. **Correspondence**

Cllr Lock said that she had spoken to a member of the public about the no cycling signs on the footpath, it was suggested that the signs should be made more visible.

Cllr Beach commented that he is aware of people who stopped walking on the footpaths because of the cyclists.

Community Speedwatch – Cllr Rainger reported that Matthew Hicks had been chasing the Police for a response to the lack of community Speedwatch at the moment.

Cllr Beach commented that the letter that was sent on behalf of the PC went to Tim Passmore and Andrew Reid.

Cllr Farrant said that he has a lot of data from the VAS’s in the village; 40% of traffic at Saxonfields exceed the speed limit.

Cllr Beach said that the speeding was commented about in the letter.

Cllr Rainger said that the percentile figure in the VAS data is a trigger point to how much support the village receives.

Cllr Farrant to forward the information from the VAS to Cllr Rainger and Cllr Richards.

Dogs Mess – Cllr Richards reported that a resident on the Church Common had commented about the amount of dog’s mess on the footpaths at the moment, and some in bags near the bins. What can be done about it?

Cllr Beach said this is due to more people walking at the moment, a comment could be placed in the newsletter as a reminder to place the dogs mess in the bins provided.

1. **For consideration at the Virtual Meeting on 23 June 2020 at 2pm.**

It was agreed to keep this meeting pencilled in should an item need to be discussed.

**15 Dates of the Next Meeting**

23 June 2020 2pm.

14 July 2020 2pm

28 July 2020 2pm

Meeting Closed – 15.08.

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