

# SNAPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Snape Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday 24 January 2008,  
7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

Present: Mr Mike Hill (Chairman), Mr Neil Parsons (Vice-Chairman), Mr Eddie Gillett, Mr David Robertson, Mr Roger Horton, Mr Geoff Day, Mr Graeme Hinton, Mr David Abbott,

Mrs Frances Danielsen, Mr Andy Wilmot, Mrs Marion Walker.

In Attendance: SCC Rosie Clarke, 8 members of the public & the Clerk.

**1 OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** Planning application C08/0009 Land to west of Abbey Farm, Snape - Conversion of approx 17 ha of agricultural land to wet reed bed with associated drainage and other works to be managed for nature conservation purposes. Mr Frances, resident of Cundle Green Lane, has no objection to the development but he would like consideration given to the 7 households adjacent to the development as there is no safe guard against flooding. With more rainwater and extra sewage from new developments this all needs to be considered by SCDC. On a high tide/flooding, water has been within 50 metres of his property at Willow Farm. The Chairman informed that this will all be taken into consideration when the application is discussed later on in the meeting. The footpath from Foxes Corner to Blackheath was brought up by a member of the public, this will be discussed under footpaths & highways.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Mr David Abbott item 5d.

**3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mr Cyril Fidler SCDC

**4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2007.** These were approved correct and signed by the Chairman, proposed Mr Robertson seconded Mr Abbot.

**5 MATTERS ARISING. a. Website.** Mr Parsons informed that the new simple version is now on line. The Chairman will inform Mr Hughes that the new site is to continue.

**b. Priory Road, drainage.** The Chairman has met with SCC at the problem area outside Brackendale. Improvements are in the pipeline. Mrs Rosie Clarke will try to push this forward.

**c. Village Noticeboard.** The Chairman has spoken to the tenants of the cottage and they have no objection to the noticeboard being fixed to the property. This will be put in writing to them. Mr Archie Canham will be asked to carry out the job of fixing the noticeboard.

**d. Allotments.** Mr Day has received a quote from James Abbott for tree surgery and ground work at the allotments. The whole area and boundaries need clearing and tidying up and this was agreed by all. Mrs Rosie Clarke has agreed to give £250 towards the cost. Mr Day proposed putting up the allotment rent to £10, seconded Mr Wilmott.

**e. Estuary Planning Partnership Meeting.** Mr Hinton reported that he had attended the last meeting which informed about the control and management of

flooding and high tides. He recommends that this is looked at in more detail, Mrs Danielsen – emergency planning officer offered to become involved. A traveling exhibition is to hit the road this year.

**f. Publicity.** The Chairman will continue to place a Parish Council article in the Ebb and Flow each month. The minutes will be placed on the website.

**g. Pumping Station.** The Parish Council are still not happy with the comments back from Anglian Water, another letter will be sent back to them.

**6 POLICE REPORT.** None

## **7 REPORT FROM SCDC & SCC COUNCILLORS.**

The Chairman read out the report sent from Mr Cyril Fidler.

Mrs Rosie Clarke gave a short report on the SCC increase in the budget and money towards vulnerable people.

**8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** The Chairman informed that it would complicate matters if the Rural Housing Trust was used, regarding the planning through SCDC. Therefore the PC could choose a housing association. Mr Horton said that if this is the case the low cost homes must be ring fenced for just local people. The Chairman will look at other possibilities for the next PC meeting.

**9 FOOTPATHS & HIGHWAYS. a. The Canser.** Complaints have been received from residents that the Canser is impossible to walk. The ditches are full and the water has no where to drain to. The marshes are not draining any of the water away. A letter of complaint will be sent to SCC.

**b. Foxes Corner to Blackheath Footpath.** The footpath which runs from Foxes Corner, Priory Road, Snape to Blackheath Corner on the A1094 is a Restricted Byway no motorised vehicles. The byway is being regularly used by vehicles, recent work removing the hedgerow bordering the byway saw 2 tractors and a 4 wheel drive vehicle using the path. At the Blackheath/A1094 corner the Byway has been used for many years by 4 wheeled vehicles and this continues to be the case, there is a Restricted Byway – no motorised vehicles sign at each end of the path. A letter will be sent to SCC to inform them of the problem.

**10 PLAYING FIELD – Report.** Mr Gillett informed that the play equipment has been installed and the hedges have been cut. Before a charity can be registered accounts need to be produced with an income of £5,000. Mr Gillett and Mr Horton will consider this.

**11 PARISH PLAN – Report.** David Robertson informed that the plan has now been written and believes that it can bring great benefits to the village through the PC. It should also involve residents in the village and enthusiasts. He thanked all the members of the committee for their work and then handed over the plan to the PC. The Chairman thanked Mr Robertson and all involved. It was agreed by all that the Parish Plan should be an agenda item for each meeting so that it can be taken forward. A sub committee will also be formed, Mr Robertson, Mr Parsons and Mrs Walker are prepared to be members. Further members will be advertised for. One issue to be considered is the constant speeding through the village, the Chairman has received correspondence from Community Speed Watch advertising the opportunity to purchase, £2,000 or rent a speed camera for use within the village on a regular basis.

Mrs Rosie Clarke recommends sharing a camera with another village and that grants can be applied for. The Chairman will mention this in the next article of the Ebb and Flow to see if it creates any interest.

However it is still felt by the PC that a flashing speeding sign would be more effective. This will be discussed by the committee.

**12. SNAPE SCHOOL.** The Chairman informed that parents from a neighbouring village had withdrawn an application for their child to attend Snape school as they had heard that the school is closing.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Mr Andrew Barker – Snape School Governor informed that the 2 tier school system is still an ongoing public consultation and not clear for how many more months this will go on. Snape school is currently not closing no decision has yet been taken by SCC. He urged everyone to express their views on the SCC website. Mr Barker will publicise this on the Ebb and Flow

The Chairman opened the meeting.

**13. FINANCE. a. Statement of Accounts.** Bank balances as at 24 January 2008, Community Account - £1077.64, Business Money Manager Account - £4166.18, Village Amenity Fund - £12,566.64. The Clerk informed that she has recently received the new printer from SALC however it is not yet compatible to print out the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the payments so these were read out as follows: 100767 Eb and Flow 15/11/07 £25.00. 100768 SALC 15/11/07 £35.25. 100769 Mr G Bradley 15/11/07 £243.00. 100770 HT Argents 15/11/07 £180.86. 100771 CYDs 15/11/07 £25.00. 100772 Mrs M Thurston 16/11/07 £415.00. 100773 Mrs M Thurston – BT Rental 15/11/07 £80.00.

**b. Grasscutting - Invoice.** This has been received from Mr Bradley £243.00 for cutting the village green and playing field play area. £566.57 from SCC for the previous year grasscutting of the playing field.

**c. Parish Plan – Various Invoices .** £137.00 (Suffolk Acre) Rural housing survey printing and stationary, to be paid to Mr David Robertson. £7.70 (SCDC) Map licence to be paid to

Mr David Robertson. £11.25 (Frames by Robert) Stationary, to be paid to Christine Redington. Mr Robertson informed that the PC should expect to receive an invoice from Leiston Press for the printing of the Snape Village Plan booklets, £195.00. It was agreed by all that the invoice should be paid as soon as the Clerk receives it.

**d. Election Expenses – Invoice.** This has been received from SCDC, £103.70. I was agreed by all not to pay yet but to request an itemised bill.

**e. Poppy Wreath – Invoice.** This has been received from the royal British Legion for the wreath laid on remembrance day, £20.00.

**f. Play Equipment – Invoice.** This has been received from Kompan for the new equipment which the playing field committee has recently purchased and had erected on the play area, £4,769.33. Now that the equipment has been received the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of playspace funding should be claimed back to cover this.

All the above payments apart from the Election Expenses were approved for payment, proposed Mr Wilmott seconded Mrs Walker.

**14 PLANNING. a. C07/2173 Marsh Cottage, Sandy Lane – Erection of greenhouse and logstore.** No objection from the Parish Council.

**b. C07/2069 The Whin, Wadd Lane – Alterations and extensions to existing**

**house including two 1.5 storey side extensions and removal of lobby.** No objection from the Parish Council.

**c. C08/0009 Land to west of Abbey Farm, Snape - Conversion of approx 17 ha of agricultural land to wet reed bed with associated drainage and other works to be managed for nature conservation purposes.** The concerns of the residents have been noted by the PC. A letter will be written to SCDC informing that the PC has reservations and will only approve the application if it guaranteed that safe guards are put into place for the residents.

**d. Permissions etc.** SCDC has approved planning permission to the following: 7a The Terrace, South Lodge Wadd Lane and to Abbey Farm for the conversion of former cattle sheds along with listed building consent.

**15. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2008.** This will take place on Thursday 17 April. Mr Hinton will invite the Estuary Planning Partnership Traveling Exhibition along to give a short presentation.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE. a. Coffee Caravan.** The Clerk will write to see if they feel it is worth while them visiting Snape this year.

**b. SCDC Planning Applications.** Informing that from April 6 planning applications will need to be applied for on a new form available electronically.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** This will take place on Thursday 13 March. The Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 22 May.  
The meeting ended at 9.23pm