

Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the Snape Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday 15 January 2009,
7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

Present: Mr Mike Hill (Chairman), Mrs Marion Walker, Mr Andy Wilmot, Mr Eddie Gillett, Mrs Carol Churcher, Mr David Abbott, Mr David Robertson (Vice-Chairman), Mr Geoff Day.

In Attendance: Mr Cyril Fidler SCDC, Rosie Clarke SCC, Sergeant Daye Goddard, Youth Bus representatives & the Clerk.

OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Chairman welcomed Rachel Rowe & John Denny to the meeting, both representing the Youth Bus. Rachel Rowe introduced herself as the SCC Extended Schools Development Officer and she has been involved with the new Youth Bus project. The bus will be for 13 to 19 year olds and will be mainly for communities who have a lack of youth leaders or their youth club/facilities has closed down. Facilities on the bus will include a refreshment area and quiet room (information/support on health, social issues and local opportunities) 8 computers with music packages & internet access (restricted access), audio equipment, games consoles, TV screens & DVD. It will provide a safe relaxed environment for teenagers. £96,000 has been raised so far towards the funding of the bus which was purchased for £1,000 and has now been fully refurbished. They would welcome any financial donations from villages which the bus visits. John Denny introduced himself as the Driver/Co-ordinator and looks forward to bringing the high tec, youth bus to the Framlingham/Leiston area. They are willing to bring the bus to Snape as the PC has shown an interest and it will provide a 2 hour session for 25 teenagers, outside school hours. The Parish Council will welcome the bus to Snape, the Clerk suggested to John that he gives out flyers at the bus stop prior to the visit. He anticipates the first visit will be the end of February beginning of March on a Saturday, volunteers to assist will be welcome.

Mr Cyril Fidler SCDC expressed his concern that the RSPB development at Abbey Farm is likely to be passed without serious regard for the residents of Cundle Green Lane. He also informed that the post code addressing will be kept the same at the Maltings area. Planning fees and a new pricing structure for planning applications. Council Tax will increase 2-3%.

Mr Rosie Clarke SCC reported that the Local Government Review has been delayed. The rate of serious and fatal road accidents is down. SCC is within the top 10% in the UK.

Sergeant Daye Goddard covered the report which PCSO Thora Taylor had previously prepared. 3 offences had been committed in November 2008 which included class A drugs and theft from 2 properties. No offences committed in December 2008.

Speeding and Snape Crown – The Sergeant reported that a site meeting had taken place and speeding had been monitored between 26 November – 1 December 2008, 200 vehicles were shown to be traveling in excess of 45mph. SID monitoring on 4 & 18 December 2008 has also taken place and showed that the village is priority. Mr Luke Barber SCC will include the Snape Crown site as priority and recommends a form of visual narrowing as this would be beneficial to help motorists to negotiate the slight bend in the road.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. None

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mr Neil Parsons, Mr Roger Horton, Mr Graeme Hinton.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2008. 2 spelling errors were corrected, the minutes were then approved correct and signed by the Chairman, proposed Mrs Walker seconded Mrs Churcher.

4 MATTERS ARISING

a. Speeding and Snape Crown. Covered in the open forum.

b. Land to West of Abbey Farm. Covered in the open forum.

c. Footpath from Saxonfields to the Primary School. Mr Goodyear SCC has informed that he has now written to the owners of the properties which the new footpath would affect, requesting their permission to proceed.

d. The Canser. A letter has been received from Mr Williams SCC Area Rights of Way Officer to inform that funding is not currently available for a boardwalk over the flooded area of the Canser. However the adjacent land is in the process of being sold, he is therefore hopeful that the new owner may offer an alternative solution should the sale be completed.

e. White Lines at Church Junction. A response has been received from SCC informing that the white lines at the junction will be renewed once the road is dry and free from salt.

5 FINANCE. a. Statement of Accounts. Bank balances as at 15 January 2009, Community Account - £634.83
Business Money Manager Account - £6,512.73, Village Amenity Fund - £7940.89.

b. Precept Budget April 2009 – March 2010. To confirm that the Snape Parish Council precept has been set at £6,500 the same as last year.

c. Force Fresh – Invoice. Payment for toilet tissue purchased for the portaloo, £24.32. Agreed by all.

d. Suffolk County Council – Playing Field Grounds Maintenance Invoice. Payment for the annual grass cutting on the playing field for 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009, £569.30. Agreed by all.

e. Website – Domain Name. Mr Parsons has renewed the Snape website domain name and needs to be reimbursed £8.04. Agreed by all. All the above payments were approved, proposed Mr Wilmot seconded Mrs Walker.

6 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS. To discuss any issues which have arisen since the last meeting which need to be reported to Suffolk County Council. Mr Abbott reported that the 30mph sign has been knocked down at the Church junction, the Clerk will report this to SCC. The Church Road sign at the junction has also been damaged. The Clerk will report this to SCDC.

7 PLAYING FIELD – Report. Mr Gillett informed the Parish Council that an invoice could soon be expected for the hedge cutting which will soon be carried out around the playing field. At the previous Playing Field Committee Meeting it had been agreed to have the water supply connected to the newly installed pipes. Mr Gillett asked if the invoice could be made out to the PC to enable the VAT to be claimed back, the committee would provide the payment which is likely to cost £1,200. Mrs Walker suggested that the Parish Council could pay for the connection of the water not the Playing Field Committee and that it should be paid out of the Village Amenity Fund. This was agreed by all, proposed Mrs Walker seconded Mr Wilmot. Mr Gillett thanked the PC on behalf of the committee.

He informed that it had been decided at the previous committee meeting that a letter should be circulated around the village asking for help with future projects eg. Tennis/All weather courts, there are many grants available to help take any new projects forward. If there are not enough positive responses then it was agreed not to bother pursuing any future projects as obviously the need is not their. The Trust Fund is still on going.

8 PARISH PLAN. Mr Robertson is pleased to see that the Parish Plan is covering the action points in the Plan.

9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. The Chairman reported that a further meeting has recently taken place between the Parish Council, Orwell Housing, the Gibsons and their agent. All were in agreement for Orwell Housing to now draw up plans for the housing which will include 7-8 properties and will be ghosting in a further 7-8. The PC should expect to see the plans within 4-6 weeks and the planning application is likely to be 6 months away. Rough sketch's may be available for the next PC meeting. Orwell Housing hopes to get funding from the Government to enable them to proceed.

10 PLANNING. a. C08/2197 Ardenbank, Wadd Lane, Snape – Erection of rear conservatory. No objection from the Parish Council.
b. C08/1942 Part side garden, Alde View, Priory Road, Snape - Erection of single storey dwelling with vehicle access via existing private drive. No objection from the Parish Council.
c. Permissions Etc. None.

11 SNAPE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. This will take place on Thursday 9 April, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. The Chairman suggested that a presentation could be given regarding the affordable housing, but will decide on this after the next PC meeting. Mrs Walker suggested that Mr Brian Boulton could be invited along to give a display of his historic photographs, the Clerk will invite him.

12 TO ADOPT THE NEW PUBLICATION SCHEME. Received from the Information Commissioners Office, all Parish Councils are required to adopt the new model publication. All Parish Councillors are in favour to adopt the new model publication received from the Information Commissioners Office. Agreed by all.

13 CORRESPONDENCE. a. Suffolk Coast and Heaths – Grants Available. It was agreed to pass onto the Woodland Group.
b. Suffolk Coastal District Council – Local Development Framework Consultation Winter 2008. The Chairman informed that a CD is now also available.

c. Parish Council Strimmer. Mr Parsons has advised that the Woodland Group continues to use the strimmer at the Priory Wood and would the PC consider donating it to them. It was agreed by all that the strimmer could be on permanent loan to the Woodland Group and that they should be responsible for insuring and maintaining it. It should remain a Parish Council asset.

d. Allotments. Mr Day would like the Allotments to be included on the next agenda.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This will take place on Thursday 12 March 2009. The Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 28 May.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm