

SNAPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Snape Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday 14 January 2010,
7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

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

In Attendance: The Clerk.

OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Chairman read out the reports received from Mr C Fidler SCDC and PCSO Thora Taylor.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr David Abbott, Mrs Rosie Clarke SCC, Mr Cyril Fidler SCDC, PCSO Thora Taylor.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Mrs Churcher declared an interest in Item **9 Playing Field** and Mr Horton declared an interest in item **11 Planning**, they both signed the Register of Interest Book.

3 MINUTES: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 November 2009.

The minutes were amended in the item Open Forum, Mr Fidler's report, to read as follows- reported 20% savings at SCDC over the next 2/3 years. The minutes were then approved correct, proposed Mr Robertson seconded Mr Wilmot.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- a. Footpath Foxes Corner to The Saltings.** A letter has been received back from SCDC of which not a lot seems relevant. Mr Robertson feels that having a notice asking dog owners not to leave their dogs mess on the footpath, but to remove it and to put it in the bin provided, or remove out of site. There is no need to go down the legal route. All agreed that it would be a good idea to have a water tight sign board and to place it at the footpath entrance to the car park. All in favour.
- b. Church Common Car Park.** SCDC have replied to the recent letter sent to them, claiming no responsibility to the car park, they have raised the matter with SCC. The PC will write to SCC and again to ask them to maintain the surface to level with road planings.
- c. Litter Pick.** Mr Parsons informed that this will take place on Saturday 16 January, to take place around the church junction and along the beginning of the road to Sternfield. Volunteers welcome.
- d. Notice Board, opposite garage A1094.** The Clerk has received some quotes and it was agreed that a 150 x 750 notice board would be needed with legs, to be secure when unlocked if possible. The Clerk will get a price.
- e. Traffic Calming at Snape Crown.** The Chairman has asked that this goes ahead ASAP.

5 SNAPE SCHOOL PHASED DEVELOPMENT PLAN. No report has yet been received.

- 6 FINANCE.**
 - a. Statement of Accounts.** Bank balances as at 14 January 2010, Community Account £736.70, Business Money Manager Account £5185.60, Village Amenity Account £4322.72.
 - b. Draft Precept Budget April 2010 – March 2011.** The precept was not raised last year. However there will be a short fall of monies to be paid out if the precept is not raised this year. It was agreed by all that the precept should be raised from £6500 to £7000 for the forthcoming year. Proposed Mr Horton seconded Mrs Churcher.
 - c. Suffolk County Council – Playing field Grounds Maintenance Invoice.** The payment is now due to SCC for grass cutting carried out at the playing field from April 2009 to March 2010, £607.20
 - d. Grass Cutting Invoice – Mr G Bradley.** The payment is now due for grass cutting carried out on the play area and the Village Green, £264.00
 - e. BDO LLP Audit invoice.** An invoice has been received for £184.00, the audit fee for the year end accounts 2009.
 - f. Snape Website Domain Name Renewal payment.** A payment of £8.99 is now due to Mr Parsons for the renewal of the web site domain name.

The above payments were all approved, proposed Mr Wilmot seconded Mrs Walker.

7 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS. To discuss any issues which have arisen since the last meeting which need to be reported to Suffolk County Council.

The Clerk will inform SCC that the drains on both sides of Priory Road by Brackendale need emptying and have been blocked for some time.

8 PLAYING FIELD. Mr Gillett informed that the portacabin has arrived and is currently at Mr Rix farm due to the fact that access onto the playing field is currently a problem due to a tree making the route too narrow. The hedge cutting around the playing field is to be carried out soon, but leaving the area that overlooks the rear of the properties at Saxonfields. The Chairman reported that the Trust should be completing today and will be sending the necessary paper work to the Charity Commission and Land Registry.

9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING – To receive further progress report.

The Chairman reported that the landowners, their Agent, and Orwell Housing have had a recent meeting and intend to put together an updated plan. The proposals will be set out to the Parish Council before the application is presented to SCDC. The land owners will not accept just affordable homes, some private housing will have to be included in the scheme if it is to be financially viable for the landowners. Previous indications were that they would be unlikely to proceed with the sale of the land if it was for affordable housing only. The Parish Council would prefer that there will not be too many private homes included. The Parish Council had previously registered the land to be included in the Local Development Framework for possible future development.

10 SNAPE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. The date for the meeting is set for Thursday 8 April 2010 and it was agreed to invite the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to give a presentation.

11 PLANNING. a. C09/1807 Maple Cottage, The Hill, Snape

Mr Horton left the room whilst the plans were considered. No objection from Snape Parish Council.

b. C09/1880 Church Garage, Farnham Road, Snape – Erection of 1 double sided pole mounted display unit.

No objection from Snape Parish Council.

c. The Cartshed, Abbey Farm, Bridge Road, Snape – C09/1815, C09/1803, C09/1802.

Mr Horton left the room again whilst the plans were considered. No objection from Snape Parish Council.

d. C09/1914 Part Side Garden, Alde View, Priory Road, Snape – Erection of single-storey dwelling (vehicular access via existing private drive) (submission of reserved matters under outline planning permission C08/1442OUT).

d. Permissions Etc. Planning permission has been granted from SCDC to, The Granary, Church Common, Snape. The Cartshed, Abbey Farm, Snape.

13. CORRESPONDENCE. a. Oil Syndicate. A letter has been received from a resident in Wadd Lane, suggesting an Oil Syndicate which enables a village to get cheaper heating oil. The Chairman informed that there is a very successful syndicate in place in Snape. The resident will be given the contact details.

b. The Boundary Committee – Review Correspondence received.

c. Olympics Grants. Mrs Walker informed that grants of up to £500 are available to put towards events carried out to promote the 2012 Olympics. Ideas are invited at the next meeting, applications for grants should be in by 16 April. The event weekend is 23-25 July 2010.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This will take place on 11 March 2010. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 8 April 2010. The Annual General Meeting will take place on 27 May 2010. The meeting ended at 8.32pm.