

Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 August 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Tim Beach (Chair) Cllr Russ Rainger (Vice-Chair),
Cllr Caroline Meffan, Cllr Maria Norman, Cllr Graham Farrant,
Cllr Helen Stuart, Cllr Paul Richards and Cllr Georgina Lock.

Attendance: 1 member of the public.

1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Hough and Cllr Allfrey, who experienced internet connection problems. Cllr Farrant proposed that we accept the apologies, this was seconded by Cllr Norman and agreed by all.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members

None

3 Applications for Dispensation

None

4 Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 14 July 2020.

Cllr Richards proposed that the minutes of the 14 July be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Norman and agreed by all.

5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 14 July 2020.

Cllr Beach reported that he had forgotten to contact Suffolk County Council (SCC) regarding the verges on the highway.

Cllr Norman commented that if the verge was agreed to be left as a wildlife area, seeds would need to be planted in the area in September.

Cllr Beach asked if this was area of verge where the 30mph sign was.

Action – Cllr Norman to take some photographs of the area and circulate.

Cllr Beach asked who agreed to laminate the dog poo bins map and put in the noticeboards.

Action – Cllr Farrant to send the maps to Cllr Norman to laminate and put in the noticeboards, Cllr Beach to place in noticeboard as well.

Cllr Richards said that he would be drafting a letter to EDF this weekend.

Cllr Farrant and Cllr Beach had sent letters to the residents of Saxonfields, as yet no response had been received.

6 Consideration of Reports from District Councillors and County Councillors.

Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf thanked all those that had attended the JLAG meeting. An email with key dates relating to this will be circulated shortly. The application date for the East Suffolk Business Grants are coming soon

Cllr Richards commented that the JLAG meeting was very successful and managed well.

Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf said that EDF & SPR is affecting many different areas in Suffolk. When accidents happen on the A12 and Friday Street area it causes gridlock in other areas, Woodbridge, Tunstall etc.

Cllr Beach said that Snape PC had mentioned the traffic situation in their correspondence to SPR and EDF.

Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf commented that there will be a vast increase in the volume of traffic.

7 Contributions by Members of the Public

None

8 Planning Applications & Decision Notices.

DC/20/2812/FUL – Willow Farm, Cundle Green Lane, Snape, IP17 1RE.

Permission requested for a change of use of log cabin to holiday let.

The Councillors had no objection to this planning application.

9 Finance

a) Authorisation of payments up to 11 August 2020, approved and agreed.

Community Action Suffolk - £42, G Whiting - £105, Vertas Ltd- £316.01, M Backhouse - £394.96 & HMRC - £123.40. Total £981.37.

The authorisation of payments was proposed by Cllr Meffan and seconded by Cllr Norman and agreed by all.

b) Cllr Richards proposed that the Parish Council agrees the increase in the Clerks working from home allowance, as recommended by SALC from April 2020 from £4 per week to £6 per week (£26 per month), this was seconded by Cllr Meffan and agreed by all.

10 Parish council Business

a) Village Plan

Cllr Beach reported that the draft Village Plan had been circulated to all the Councillors for comments. The plan has been written by 3 of the Councillors. It is to be placed in draft form on the website for comments.

Cllr Norman asked if copies could be delivered to individual households.

Cllr Beach said that sending copies to all households is very costly. After discussion agreed 5 copies will be printed, so that if people wish to read a copy, they may have access via the Clerk.

Cllr Norman suggested that something may be written in the newsletter when they are re-established.

Cllr Beach said that the village flier for the PC and Snape Good Neighbour Scheme had been drafted, but needs amending to add more about the Housing Needs Survey. When this is completed it will be circulated to every household.

b) Quiet Lanes

Cllr Beach commented that this is a slow process and we are awaiting a decision on funding from SCC.

Cllr Rainger reported that there is to be a fund of £200,000 to be spread out amongst the County, and Snape is at the top of the list. 'Expect and Respect' is the theme. Signs will be put in place to make people aware of the quiet lane and the presence of walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Cllr Stuart asked if Priory Road could be resurfaced prior to inception of the scheme, it has had a lot of pot holes repaired but it really needs to be resurfaced.

Cllr Rainger said it is best to report this using the online report tool.

Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf said that if a resurfacing is about to take place, there is usually a notification circulated.

Cllr Beach suggested that a letter is drafted to SCC re the resurfacing of Priory Road as a priority.

Action: Cllr Stuart offered to draft a letter which was agreed.

Cllr Lock asked if the quiet lanes project is being pushed forward to reduce external traffic, through the village.

Cllr Beach replied that the quiet lanes project is about encouraging shared use and motorists being aware of other road users when driving on single track roads.

Cllr Meffan commented that the bridge in Snape is to be closed for 3 weeks in November, the back roads will be gridlocked, as not everyone follow the diversion signs. This will have an effect on the Maltings, but there has been no report of how the closure will be dealt with.

Cllr Beach suggested that Cllr Meffan and Cllr Richards should draft a letter to Andrew Reid asking if better diversion signage could be used.

Cllr Farrant suggested that Priory Road and Culver Lane should be closed when the bridge is closed to reduce the traffic trying to cut through the back roads.

Cllr Beach said that the local people know the back routes and will use them. It may help to place something about the road closure in the newsletter.

Cllr Meffan suggested a use of traffic lights and not closing the road totally.

Action – Cllr Meffan, Cllr Richards and Cllr Farrant to draft a letter to Andrew Reid re the road closure and potential mitigation measures.

c) East Coast Power Projects

Cllr Beach reported that the joint parish letter, that was signed by 20 parishes, has been sent, but there has been no response as yet. The Parish Council has until the 13th to register the PC interest to SPR.

It was agreed by all for Cllr Beach to register an interest on behalf of the Parish Council.

d) Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Stuart proposed that the APM be postponed until next year, this was seconded by Cllr Farrant and agreed by all.

e) Alde & Ore Community Partnership

Cllr Beach reported that virtual meetings have been taking place. A business plan has been agreed and funding has been applied for. This will enable work to take place on the river walls. This is work in progress.

Cllr Richards commented that a Highways Community Engineer has looked at the proposed traffic management plans. The response from Highways was that the plan would need to be split into areas, not dealt with as one project.

Cllr Rainger suggested that Mark Ash (Head of Highways) is contacted, he may be able to assist with the proposed plan.

Cllr Rainger noted that the A1094 is really bad at the moment, and there are only the speed signs along there. Cllr Beach & Cllr Richards commented that in the discussion about the Community Speed Watch (CSW) on set up the Police regarded the A1094 as too dangerous to allow CSW activity so it has not been authorised by them.

Cllr Farrant commented that he had managed to download the data from the speed signs and sent it through to Cllr Richards and Cllr Rainger. The first two weeks of August could be downloaded to compare the volume of traffic and speeds.

Cllr Richards said that the Community engineer did consider the data from the speed signs.

Action – Cllr Farrant to download data from the speed signs and pass to Cllr Rainger and Cllr Richards. Cllr Richards to draft a letter to Andrew Reid and the Police & Crime Commissioner re the proposed traffic plan.

11 Correspondence

None

12 For consideration at the Virtual Meeting on 22 September 2020 at 7pm.

Highways, Verges, Power Projects.

15 Dates of the Next Meeting

22 September 2020 7pm

27 October 2020 7pm

Meeting Closed – 8.03pm.

Marie Backhouse, Parish Clerk

snapec.clerk@gmail.com

11 August 2020