

# Snape Parish Council

## Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr Tim Beach (Chair) Cllr Russ Rainger (Vice-Chair),  
Cllr Maria Norman, Cllr Graham Farrant, Cllr Helen Stuart,  
Cllr Paul Richards, Cllr Bill Hough, Cllr Caroline Meffan and Cllr Georgina Lock.  
County Cllr Andrew Reid, District Cllrs Tony Cooper, T-J Haworth-Culf, and Jocelyn Bond  
**Attendance:** 2 members of the public.

### 1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

None

### 2 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members

Cllr Norman – Allotments

### 3 Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Norman to allow possible discussion for the allotments; this was agreed by all.

Cllr Beach commented that this was an urgent item only meeting.

Andrew Reid said that he was not aware that this was an urgent item only meeting, he had submitted a written report and was happy to answer any questions.

Cllr Beach reported that the Quiet Lanes was ready to be unveiled on the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr Hough asked if Andrew Reid could assist with the lack of response from the Highways Team.

Cllr Beach said that he had been chasing a response from Highways about the ideas of traffic calming for the village, promised a response about three weeks ago, but nothing has appeared.

Andrew Reid asked for the information to be emailed to him, and then he may chase it.

Andrew Reid left at 7.05pm.

TJ Haworth-Culf commented that there were only a couple of items to add to the report. The green bin collection is to re-start on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. The parked car that was mentioned at the last meeting was reported and has now moved. Suffolk Coast & Heaths have a grant and funding pot open, but this does close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Cllr Beach thanked the District Councillors for their donation towards the plants and bulbs. Greensnape are also applying for some additional funding for this project.

### 4 Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 26 January 2021.

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

### 5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 26 January 2021.

Planning – District Cllr Cooper commented that he had received the information from Cllr Farrant, regarding the static caravan, the owners have been given a 28 day notice to remove this which has now expired, if it is not removed ESC will organise the removal.

Cllr Farrant arrived at 7.08pm.

Cllr Beach commented that SCC had been contacted regarding Sand Pit cottage, the parking and access. SCC has now agreed that they own the common and have agreed to write to the owner of the cottage to ask them not to park on the common. The letter appears to have been sent as the car that was parked on the

parking space has moved to the side of the road. The PC was also seeking the approval and support of SCC for any work to enhance the area and a response is awaited.

## **6 Consideration of Reports from District Councillors and County Councillors.**

The County and District Councillors were present at the meeting and a written report had been submitted in advance.

## **7 Contributions by Members of the Public**

A member of the public wished to comment about one of the planning applications.

## **8 Planning Applications & Decision Notices.**

DC/20/4615/FUL – Hulver House, 1Hulver Cottage, Hulver Lane, Snape, IP17 1QU

To build a log cabin, to be used in conjunction with the house but also as a holiday let. This will be built on a concrete base, with a new sewerage treatment plant installed.

It was noted that there appeared to be already an existing log cabin in the grounds of the house, as well as a stable block and another building. The proposed log cabin is to be tucked away in the corner. The owners of the property have a field that is sited at the back of the house, this did have a footpath that goes through the field diagonally from one side to the other. The footpath appears to have been re-sited to go along the boundary fence. The diagonal footpath appears on current maps and it was agreed to seek the advice of SCC Rights of Way. Access to the new log cabin is to be over what was understood to be a shared access. This would include potentially commercial traffic if it is a holiday let in the summer months.

Cllr Beach commented that the Rights of Way team will be contacted regarding the footpath.

Cllr Lock asked if the neighbours had been consulted?

Cllr Cooper stated notification of a planning application is only sent to the immediate neighbours that are adjacent to the property, if there is a gap than no notification is necessary.

Cllr Beach proposed that a response to ESC is sent regarding the application. Cllr Farrant will be asked to compile a response for ESC and District Cllr Cooper regarding the application; this was seconded by Cllr Stuart and agreed by all.

DC/20/5127/FUL – Snape House, Farnham road, Snape, IP17 1QW

Installation of a 12.5m x 4.5m inground pool + 8m x 3m Summer House and 110m<sup>2</sup> of paving surround.

Cllr Beach reported that the neighbours had been asked, and they had no objection to the proposal.

Cllr Rainger commented that the area is well hidden with trees, and not easily noticeable.

Cllr Beach proposed that there is no objection to this application, this was seconded by Cllr Meffan and agreed by all.

## **9 Finance**

- a) Approval of internal auditor – Cllr Beach proposed that SALC is used to complete the Internal Audit, this was seconded by Cllr Richards and agreed by all.

## **10 Parish Council Business**

- a) Virtual Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Beach commented that the date for the APM is set to be the 27 April. The use of remote meeting is to expire in May 2021, although SALC/NALC are lobbying to have this date extended.

Cllr Rainger said that there may be the opportunity for hybrid meetings.

Cllr Beach proposed that the meeting is opened at 6.30 for some light chat and formally starts at 7pm. Leaflets with this information on will be circulated to the residents later in the week.

Cllr Meffan asked when Speedwatch could resume.

Cllr Beach said that he had not received any further correspondence regarding the re-starting of the Speedwatch.

Cllr Rainger said that there is a SALC meeting with the Police & Crime commissioner, maybe he could be asked when this may resume.

Cllr Beach confirmed that he is attending this meeting so he will ask, and feedback to the PC.

## **11 Correspondence**

Cllr Beach commented that a letter written to the leader of the ESC regarding the change towards Sizewell C from objection to neutral received a response from ESC stated that no meeting or further engagement would take place. Seven other PC's had been contacted and they all wish to pursue this further and ask again for a meeting. Cllr Beach proposed that another letter is sent, this was seconded by Cllr Meffan and agreed by all.

Sizewell C – Cllr Beach commented that Sizewell had been asked if they would resurrect the Forum, but this is not going to happen.

Cllr Rainger commented that a forum is a meeting for selected attendees, Cllr Farrant is the representative for the PC, and there is some constraint on this meeting. Cllr Rainger stated EDF had made an offer to meet with Snape PC earlier today when he had spoken with them. Cllr Beach stated Snape has not been approached prior to that for a consultation meeting.

Cllr Rainger said that PC's directly affected by Sizewell C plan had been asked for a meeting. A forum is a means to deliver information.

Cllr Beach suggested that the PC approaches Sizewell C for a meeting.

District Cllr Cooper agreed to contact Sizewell C and ask for a meeting on behalf of the PC.

Cllr Rainger reported that it seems strange that the parishes are being led by an action group in relation to communication with Sizewell C.

Cllr Beach said the SALC has been contacted in the past as a means of communication, but this has not happened and that the Alliance were not leading the initiative but acting as a means of coordination. Does the PC support the other parishes that feel they have been let down by the lack of communication?

It was agreed by all to support the other Parishes.

District Cllr Cooper commented that the PC should continue to support the other Parishes but should also support their own parish and the problems that may be faced.

TJ Haworth-Culf said that the issue of meetings has been raised with Sizewell C and they are happy to meet, so it is important to follow this through.

Jocelyn Bond commented that the current phase of the SPR consultation ends tomorrow, so if you wish to speak at this, it needs to be handed in tomorrow.

Cllr Beach said that the application to speak had been sent in today.

Cllr Richards said that there are some parishes that have red lines which is where specific parts of infrastructure is to be built, they clearly are in the front of the queue when it comes to consultation. What we know is that Snape is not a peripheral parish, with a bit of an interest on the side, we know we are right in the middle of it because of the road access, it is really important that we do not allow ourselves to be diminished, as we are a key stone in the whole of both sets of development.

Cllr Rainger said that SPC has made a representation, and Sizewell will talk to us if we ask them to.

Cllr Beach asked if the PC supports the joint letter and for direct conversation with Sizewell C.

It was agreed by all the Councillors to pursue the above.

Finance - Cllr Hough said that the Clerk would be giving the Cashbook, bank statements and cheque books to Cllr Farrant to do a check through before the end of year.

Allotments - Cllr Stuart commented that the willow tree cutting has taken place and completed today. Bulb planting will take place in the autumn. A proposal will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting regarding the increase of allotment fees, it is currently £20 per year. An email has been sent to those allotment holders to warn them of an increase, and to give them an opportunity to comment if they wish. We have to give 12 months' notice, so the increase will take place in April 2022.

## **12 Matters for consideration at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.**

Proposal for increase in allotment fees.

## **13 Dates of the Next Meeting**

23 March 2021 7pm

27 April 2021 (Urgent items only and the APM)

25 May 2021 (Annual General Meeting)

Meeting Closed – 7.55pm.

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