

Snape Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Tim Beach (Chair) Cllr Russ Rainger (Vice-Chair),
Cllr Jackie Allfrey, Cllr Graham Farrant, Cllr Helen Stuart,
Cllr Paul Richards, Cllr Bill Hough, and Cllr Georgina Lock.

County Cllr Andrew Reid, District Cllrs T-J Haworth-Culf, and Jocelyn Bond

Attendance: 5 members of the public.

1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Maria Norman and Cllr Caroline Meffan.

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 23 February 2021.

Cllr Beach proposed that the minutes of the 23 February be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Lock and agreed by all.

5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 23 February 2021.

Traffic calming project – Proposals have been received for detailed work on Church Road, the cost of which is around £5,000. If the PC wishes to continue it is suggested to contact both Mark Ash and Andrew Reid for a contribution as the money that originally was received from Hopkins Homes for this work had to be returned as SCC did not complete the traffic survey in an appropriate time.

Andrew Reid commented that he would be able to contribute support, but financially not until after the 26 May if he is re-elected, his budgets are currently frozen.

Cllr Beach proposed that the PC contacts SCC, agree to the proposal with some additional suggestions; this was seconded by Cllr Stuart and agreed by all.

Power projects – a meeting has taken place with the Sizewell C team, Cllr Lock and Cllr Richards attended as well; the meeting was useful, EDF are to return some more detailed information at a later date relevant to the representations the PC has made at the consultations.

Cllr Lock commented that the detail is very important.

Cllr Richards reported that it was a very good meeting with EDF; EDF came to the meeting with all the PC's representations and worked through each one in turn. Some aspects of the information did not add up, but EDF have agreed to forward the Community Impact assessment for Snape, which may help with further information.

Cllr Beach commented that he had attended the EDF preliminary hearing which had been problematic in terms of the IT and structure of the meeting. Further submissions are to go to SPR, these will follow the previous formats, and the B1069 and A1094 remain a concern as all other issues raised.

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.

Andrew Reid commented that he had a couple of things to comment; the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) is to be used in recycling centres to assist with the managing the flow of vehicles, to speed up the process; also, ANPR is to be used in conjunction with the Police to control speeding, it will flash up the number plate. This will be used to educate repetitive speeders. Rural areas will benefit from this, it

will be formally announced tomorrow. The Gull Wing bridge in Lowestoft and the crossing in Great Yarmouth are underway. The budget has been set and SCC are to receive £40m extra, £598m in total. The government has assisted with some of the Covid pressures. The planning application that was mentioned at the last meeting relating to Hulver Cottages is to receive a visit from the Planning department.

County Councillor Andrew Reid left at 7.18pm.

T-J Haworth-Culf commented that a report had been submitted; planning consultations are ongoing; lateral flow testing is going well in Schools.

Jocelyn Bond commented that the district Councillors will be amplifying the concerns of the PC's to the power projects.

Cllr Beach commented that one point to be raised with the leader of the District Council is the change of response to neutral regarding the power projects. Cllr Gallant refused to engage with a meeting about this issue despite two requests. Cllr Beach asked district councillors to feed our disappointment back, as our local District Councillors continue to give support with this. A follow up letter will be submitted to the ESC.

ACTION: Cllr Beach to draft a letter to ESC.

T-J Haworth-Culf commented that the PC should write again to ESC, as it is important for the parish to receive answers for the change to neutral.

Cllr Beach thanked the District Cllrs for contributions to the grass verges, the SGNS and the playing field.

7 Contributions by Members of the Public

Members of the public to comment on planning and the common land.

8 Planning Applications & Decision Notices.

DC/21/0893/FUL - Sycamore Cottage, Church Common, IP17 1QL

Alterations and additions to former stables and change of use to self-contained dwelling.

Cllr Farrant reported that he had expected this application as some of the changes have already been made to the property. Concern for the immediate neighbours and the village. District Cllr Tony Cooper had commented that the planning enforcement are looking at this application.

Cllr Beach commented that a proposed response to this application has been circulated to all Cllrs for comments.

A member of the public commented that this application can be seen from the Church, it is in a prominent position and could set a precedent for other plots. It is suggested that the application has only been submitted as the work has already started. It is important that SPC address the concerns of the residents.

A member of the public also commented that some of the key things have been overlooked, this is an infill, there has already been three other infills, so there is no need for more. There is already a chalet style building on the Church Common and Church road junction. The PC needs to be mindful of further developments.

Cllr Beach commented that this is outside the village envelope and the PC has tried to cover this in the proposed response to ESC.

Cllr Rainger said that District Cllr Tony Cooper was currently in a planning meeting, and the proposed porch and the application for the single storey extension has already been approved.

A member of the public also commented that the parking should be considered, at the moment the workers park on the common which will destroy it. Cllr Beach commented that although it is an offence to drive on common land without authority Church Common is not actually a registered common but privately owned.

Cllr Stuart proposed that a slightly amended response to the application should be circulated to all before the submission to ESC, this was seconded by Cllr Lock and agreed by all.

ACTION: A response to be circulated to all ahead of submission to ESC.

Cllr Farrant suggested that all members of the public submit their comments to ESC.

DC/20/4781/OUT – The Spinney, Farnham Road, Snape, IP17 1QW

Outline application (with all matters except access reserved) for between 2 and 3 new dwelling houses.

Cllr Farrant reported that this site is a field, having spoken with the neighbours, they are not too concerned by the proposal. This is outside the village envelope, and the local plan document states that no more houses are required in the village. The local plan is pointless if people are to build elsewhere.

Cllr Beach commented that the vehicle entrance would be on the Farnham Road, this is a very high-risk area for traffic and speeding and needs to be considered.

ACTION: Cllr Farrant to write a response for ESC, copy the District Cllrs into the reply.

A member of the public commented about the Hulver Cottage application, and asked the progress.

Cllr Rainger commented that this was being investigated, both the traffic on the lane and the public right of way.

DC/21/1094/FUL – 1 Drury Park, Snape, IP17 1TA

Replacement porch.

Cllr Farrant commented that this is not controversial, the planning department would identify any issues.

ACTION: It was agreed by all for Cllr Farrant to draft a response and circulate to all before submission to ESC.

DC/21/1135/FUL – The Red House, Sternfield Road, Snape, IP17 1QJ

Single storey extension to existing residential dwelling.

Cllr Farrant said that there is a lot of space between the properties, and this is not a new build.

ACTION: Cllr Farrant to draft a response and circulate to all before submission to ESC.

9 Finance

- a) Authorisation of payments up to 23 February 2021, approved and agreed.

ICO - £40, Paul Bush Tree surgeon - £1,200, G Whiting - £250, D E Keeble - £168, SALC - £54, Cooleraid - £309.50, Vertas - £316.01, Clerk - £389.08, HMRC - £123.40, KOMPAN - £4110.60 Total £6960.59.

Cllr Allfrey proposed that the payments be made, this was seconded by Cllr Richards and agreed by all.

- b) Asset Register – Cllr Beach commented that there needed to be a couple of amendments, one was the value of the paintings and the other was there is only 2 noticeboards, not 3.

- c) Review of accounts.

Cllr Farrant had been given the financial documents, and cheque books and bank statements to carry out a check of the accounts. Everything was fine, there was some confusion over payments that had been made last year, but cashed in this financial year. There was also a missing bank statement for an increase of 15p interest. The Clerk confirmed that the statement had been found.

10 Parish Council Business

- a) Sand Pit Cottage

Cllr Beach said that he and another Cllr had met with the owner again to look at the boundaries and the car parking. There is one detail that will be queried with SCC.

SCC are happy for SPC to conduct a working party to tidy the common. This will be in conjunction with Greensnape and the residents.

A member of the public commented that this was given some thought a couple of years ago, it could be possible to turn the site into a nature reserve, if a year is spent planning and then a grant could be sought from the Lottery to assist with it. This could be linked together to make a community area; the boundaries do need to be decided and clearly marked. The garages at the back of the Glebes are intrusive, the footpath has become a track.

Cllr Stuart commented that it is a bridleway not a footpath along the back of the Glebes.

Cllr Beach reported that Guildings Lane is down as a highway as he understood it from previous work, this tidying needs to be completed properly, not just a quick cut.

A member of the public commented that there are 4 badger sets on the common.

Cllr Beach commented that a proper working party is needed with proper advice taken, a volunteer from the Council is needed to take this forward.

Cllr Allfrey commented that she would be willing to take this on and lead.

Cllr Stuart said that consultation needs to take place with the neighbours.

ACTION: Cllr Beach to send a query to SCC over parking on the common. Cllr Allfrey to take the working party forward, with advice.

- b) Power projects.
Cllr Beach reported that this has already been discussed earlier, and any information that is received, he will circulate to all.
ACTION: Cllr Beach to circulate the Sizewell information to all Cllrs.
- c) SCC traffic calming
Cllr Beach reported that he will email Jason Crane, SCC. This was covered earlier, item 5.
- d) Housing
Cllr Beach commented that the housing needs assessment work has been completed. The ESC and CAS are working on this. There is to be a meeting with the housing association to see how to take this forward.
- e) Village Green
Cllr Allfrey commented that the trees have been planted, currently chasing the borehole man as he has moved the date for the work to next week. Flowers are to be planted in between the trees.
Cllr Beach reported that all this work has been covered by funding from Waitrose, Adnams and AONB.
- f) Quiet Lanes
Cllr Beach reported that the lanes have now been designated, more people are now using the lanes, walking, running, cycling etc.
Cllr Stuart said that Priory Road resurfacing had been raised with Andrew Reid some time ago. The potholes are really bad. It was reported to be on schedule, but there has been no update on progress of this.
Cllr Beach asked if the flooding along the road could also be mentioned in a follow up email, that is the Dip and the area of Rookery Farm.
ACTION: It was agreed that Cllr Stuart should send a follow up email.
Cllr Richards asked if there was anything that could be done with signage at Fox's Corner.
Cllr Beach reported that there are a couple of repeater signs to go there, but are awaiting a new post to be erected there.
- g) Village Verges Project
Cllr Beach commented that there is some funding from SCC to improve the verges. A resident is to send a plan of what is to be planted in the verges to SCC. This is ongoing. There will also be some 'keep off verges' signs from the ESC, put in place as they have been offered.
- h) Allotment
Cllr Stuart reported that notice has been given to the allotment holders that the fee will increase to £30 per allotment as from next April 2022. Cllr Farrant proposed the increase in allotment fees, this was seconded by Cllr Hough and agreed by all.
- i) Queens Coronation Jubilee June 2022
Cllr Beach commented that a resident has suggested it may be nice to put on a village event, but volunteers would be required to organise this. To be raised at APM and will need a volunteer lead.
- j) New waste bins
Cllr Beach asked if it could be possible to replace the bin at the bus stop opposite the garage, and on the common. This is purely an aesthetic, to make the area look tidy.
Cllr Richards proposed that there are 2 new bins for the bus stops, this was seconded by Cllr Stuart and agreed by all.
- k) Village Hall front car park resurfacing
Cllr Beach commented that the Village Hall committee are gathering quotes for the resurfacing of the front car park, they are looking at ways to fund it as well.
Cllr Lock proposed that the PC supports the principle of the resurfacing of the front car park area, this was seconded by Cllr Hough and agreed by all.

Guildings Lane and Priory Road.

Cllr Beach reported that some correspondence had been received regarding a Flagship Housing Association property that had a lot of rubbish to the back of the property, this includes, washing machines, cars, etc. Cllr Hough proposed that a letter is written to Flagship housing asking for the tenant of the property to clear the area; the was seconded by Cllr Richards and agreed by all.

ACTION: Email to Flagship Housing

Priory Road

Cllr Beach commented that this has been covered earlier.

A member of the public commented that there has been a lot of yellow markings placed on the road.

Cllr Rainger commented that the email regarding the potholes in Priory Road was sent in September last year and could be followed up by Cllr Stuart.

**12 Matters for consideration at the meeting on the 27th April 2021 – Annual Parish Meeting
25th May 2021 – Annual General Meeting**

Cllr Beach commented that reports have started to arrive for the APM.

13 Dates of the Next Meeting

27 April 2021 7pm (Urgent items only & APM)

25 May 2021 7pm Annual General Meeting)

29 June 2021 (Urgent items only)

Meeting Closed – 8.25pm.

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