

# Snape Parish Council

## Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 7.00pm.

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

**Attendance:** 3 members of the public.

### 1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Meffan sent her apologies. Cllr Norman proposed that we accept the apologies, this was seconded by Cllr Stuart 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 22 September 2020.

Cllr Norman proposed that the minutes of the 22 September be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Richards and agreed by all.

### 5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 22 September 2020.

Cllr Norman reported that the Good Neighbour Scheme (SGNS) have already paid for food vouchers and these have been handed out to families of children that would receive free school meals. GNS is considering giving out a welcome pack to people moving into the village. There is an update regarding the grass verges and the area around the bus shelter, but this will be kept until the next meeting.

Cllr Beach commented that SPR have a deadline for comments of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, he will re-draft previously submitted paperwork, and circulate to all Cllrs or approval ahead of submitting to SPR. There is a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, where Cllr Beach will talk on behalf of the Parish Council (PC).

Cllr Beach reported that EDF has amended the Development Consent Order (DCO), this requires a response, we will discuss this at the PC meeting in November.

Cllr Stuart suggested that the allotments are discussed at the next PC meeting,

### 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 commented about the Carol Singing this year. It was asked if Carol singing around the village would be permitted. Last year and for many years this event raised a lot of money for good causes.

Cllr Beach said that the rule of 6 would still apply, and we are not sure if you would be allowed to sing. Could a form of 'cassette player' be used to play Carols and a bucket for collection of donations?

The member of the public commented that an article could be placed in the Ebb & Flow, with a decision being made on nearer the planned start.

Cllr Norman suggested that this should go ahead as there are people self-isolating within the village and this may brighten the mood.

Cllr Lock said that you may be able to have 6 people singing at a social distance.

Cllr Rainger said advice should be sort from Government COVID website looking at advice for the Performing Arts or the Church Service organisers. At the Remembrance Service there is no singing allowed.

Cllr Lock suggested that an alternative could be for local musicians to play instruments.

Cllr Beach suggested that Snape Maltings is contacted for advice, the Carol Singing needs to be organised in a correct way and compliant with the relevant restrictions in place at that time.

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

DC/20/4056/FUL – Land off Bridge Road, Snape, IP17 1SN

Retrospective application – siting of 2 shepherd huts, a shed and associated fencing, paving, consolidation of existing access/driveway.

Cllr Rainger reported that there had been 2 shepherds huts on the site for some time.

Cllr Allfrey said that the owners have no intention of renting them out, these are for personal use, and the area is to be a wildlife area.

Cllr Rainger asked why a planning application was submitted? If it is now to become amenity land, this changes what is allowed on the land and allows for other things to be placed on that area.

District Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf commented that this is a change of use from agricultural to amenity. A similar thing happened in Aldeburgh and there were planning conditions added to it.

Cllr Lock proposed that Cllr Farrant send through the comments to the Clerk for submission to ESC, this was seconded by Cllr Allfrey and agreed by all.

DC/20/4160/FUL – Old Post Office House, The Street, Snape, IP17 1SJ

Erection of a log cabin which is part summer house/shed with side canopy.

Cllr Farrant reported that he has looked at the plans and he can see no problems.

Cllr Norman proposed that Cllr Farrant writes a comment and send to the Clerk to submit to ESC, this was seconded by Cllr Lock and agreed by all.

## **9 Parish council Business**

### **a) Quiet Lanes**

Cllr Beach shared a power point presentation relating to the Quiet Lanes Scheme. Funding for this has been approved from the 2020 Fund. Quiet Lanes that are considered are Priory Road, Wadd Lane, Gromford Lane/Hulver Lane. The lanes are currently shared by walkers, cyclists, riders and motor vehicles. The vehicle survey showed the lanes as being suitable for the Quiet Lane Scheme. The motto of Quiet Lanes is 'Expect and respect'. This will encourage walking and riding, and is in line with the Village Plan. It is not considered to a traffic calming measure by SCC. Phase 1 of the pilot project started in 2014. Snape is included in Phase 2. £235,000 of funding has been donated for the whole of the County. If we continue with the Quiet Lanes Scheme there will be a Planning Notice issued to the residents on the lanes/roads and others directly impacted. If there are any objections, we will need to record them and forward to SCC legal department as part of the process. There are 206 parish and town councils interested in the project. Funding for this will need to be spent within a year of receiving it.

Andrew Reid commented that he is pleased the Quiet Lanes Scheme has started well and thanked the QLS volunteer members for their work. In 2014 the project ran out of money, now the funding is available to extend the scheme and change the behaviour of the road users. It will encourage walking and cycling. It is good to see more interest from other areas of the County.

Cllr Marianne Munday from Bentley commented that the process is being made easier for others to apply, it took some time to explain the process to the public and that was part of the work. Bentley has received lots of positive comments but some of the Farmers are not so happy.

Cllr Beach reported that 2 letters had been received from residents relating to the Quiet Lanes Scheme. Both of the residents live in Priory Road. The issues raised concerns primarily about the state of Priory Road the large pot holes, there is a lot of mud and debris on the road itself, vegetation in the verges. Is this scheme a way of avoiding repairing the road? The second letter said that there is a lot of badly maintained hedges and soil erosion. This is a Health and Safety issue and makes the road narrower. There are also blocks and stakes on the side of the roads and their legality was queried.

Andrew Reid asked have the road conditions been reported? The SCC have budget restraints and roads are repaired in order of priority. These letters do highlight some of the issues with the hedges and verges. It is hoped that there can be a compromise between the residents and SCC in terms of maintenance of the road.

Cllr Beach commented that Mark Nicholls from SCC Highways who has involvement with the traffic calming proposals for Church Road could be asked to visit Priory Road to look at all the issues including a new drive reconstruction onto the highway. The residents were not objecting to the Quiet Lanes Scheme in itself, but regarded the issues as needing to be dealt with to increase the safety in the road an allowing as much width as possible.

Cllr Reid was happy to support that work and the attendance of Mark Nicholls from SCC Highways. Cllr Lock commented that slower driving creates less damage on the roads.

Cllr Richards said that there are several different concerns, the verges, pot holes etc should be properly maintained. Quiet Lanes is a good approach to make road users more aware.

Cllr Stuart commented that Priory Road has a lot of residents, and is used by many large vehicles, tractors and trailers. This creates a lot of mess especially when two large vehicles meet.

Cllr Hough said that Quiet Lanes is a good idea, but many other improvements are required as well, as is the traffic calming in Church Road.

Cllr Beach commented that Mark Nicholls has sent a commissioning report for feasibility and costing work regarding the traffic management in Church Road.

Andrew Reid left the meeting at 8pm.

It was agreed by all the Councillors to support the Quiet Lanes Scheme in each of the proposed lanes.

Cllr Beach suggested that Cllr Richards and any others can meet with Mark Nicholls.

Cllr Richards commented that the blocks on the verges were probably placed to mark the property boundaries.

Cllr Beach said that Highways looking at the property boundaries is a good and ultimately the maintenance issues in Priory Road are the responsibility of SCC Highways.

Cllr Stuart asked if there could be clearer signage for the Sailors Path on Priory Road.

Cllr Beach replied that SCC Highways could be asked to place better signage for the Sailors Path.

## **10 Correspondence**

Cllr Beach reported that an email had been received from someone who wished to trade from a Fish & Chip van on Church Common.

Cllr Rainger commented that this is not only the use of the land, but the approval of food serving. If the vehicle complies to food hygiene standards, that's is fine. The area of Church Common belongs to SCC Highways and has been used for aggregate storage, not a car park. This would need to be investigated properly.

Cllr Beach said that this is not a PC car park, SCC Highways own it.

Cllr Rainger said that there are signs on the area stating no overnight camping, if there were campers on the site, it would be SCC Highways responsibility to move them on.

Cllr Farrant reported that there was a Fish & Chip cart on Fridays, but that is different to 5 days a week. There will be more passing trade in the future.

Cllr Lock suggested that there should be consideration to ensure equal time for the Burger van and the Fish and Chip van.

Cllr Rainger said that this request should be passed to SCC Highways. A problem may occur when people park near the Church and try to cross the road. The whole area by the Church could become a car park.

District Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf said that conditions and times would need to be agreed.

Cllr Beach suggested that this is sent to SCC Highways for a decision, but SPC should comment their concerns about the 5 days a week, and ask that we are kept informed of any decisions.

Cllr Rainger said that he would continue to follow this request with ESC & SCC. If there was to be a complaint about the Fish & Chip cart, the PC would need to know who to pass the complaint to.

District Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf and Jocelyn Bond left the meeting at 8.15pm.

**11 For consideration at the Virtual Meeting on 24 November 2020 at 7pm.**

Traffic calming, Power projects, grass verges and the Bus shelter area, allotments, proposed Boundary Commission changes.

Cllr Richards commented that Suffolk 2020 had a fund for electric charging points, could Snape apply for this fund.

Cllr Rainger said that there is a time limit for this funding, the PC would need to submit a case, site etc.

Cllr Beach commented that the campers from Wadd Lane have gone. At the moment SPC are trying to follow this up with ESC.

Cllr Rainger thanked all the people who took part in the litter pick.

**13 Dates of the Next Meeting**

24 November 2020 7pm

26 January 2021 7pm

23 February 2021 7pm.

Meeting Closed – 8.25pm.

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