

# Snape Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr Paul Richards, Cllr Russ Rainger,  
Cllr Maria Norman, Cllr Graham Farrant, Cllr Margaret McKenna  
Cllr Tim Beach, Cllr Bill Hough, and Cllr Jackie Allfrey.

**Attendance:** 1 member of the public.

Cllr Richards welcomed the members of the public and Councillors to the urgent items only meeting.

### 1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Lock

### 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 27 July 2021.

Cllr Beach wished to make an amendment to the minutes, in section 10d a couple of lines regarding a map was not clear, could they be removed. This was approved by all the Councillors.

It was agreed by all the Councillors that the minutes of the meeting of the 27 July 2021, be accepted as a true record.

### 5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 27 July 2021.

#### 5.1 Power Projects

Cllr Beach reported that a meeting with other Councillors and representatives from Sizewell/EDF had taken place. This was fairly positive; traffic remains an issue and will be raised at further meetings. Another project being considered at the moment is the water pipeline through East Anglia from the North to supply SZC. A letter has been received from the Alliance group, an amended version to include the proposed temporary desalination plant will be circulated.

Cllr Richards said that all the local parishes will be asked to sign the amended letter. There will be additional vehicle movements if the de-salination plant goes ahead. The additional movements are within the contingency plan; apparently these additional vehicle numbers have been allocated for so will not make a difference to the initial plan.

Cllr McKenna asked if the traffic calming measures could be funded by the power projects. Can the PC do anything to tap into this funding?

Cllr Rainger said that the village needs to prepare for queues of traffic, and we should continue to raise the issue with the power companies and local authorities as to what they are going to do about it. They have traffic surveys from last year or so, but should update them to show the traffic data now.

The member of the public stated that he anticipates the traffic will go down Gromford Lane and Priory Road. Cllr Beach commented that there is another hearing in September, this is about community impacts not specifically about traffic and we have asked to attend. A deed of obligation which records the legal commitments of EDF and EDF need to address these issues constructively.

Cllr Norman asked if there is a weight limit on either Gromford Lane or Priory Road.

Cllr Farrant said that there is no weight limit, but the width of the lorries could be considered; an alternative solution would be to cut off Priory Road at the bend, and make Gromford Lane partially one way.

Cllr Rainger said these suggestions could be mentioned to SCC Highways.

Cllr Beach said a traffic assessment has been completed but there are possibly 4 different projects, EDF, Sizewell C, National Grid Ventures and the water pipeline and potentially others.

Cllr Rainger commented that he had spoken at a hearing this morning, and had mentioned the vehicles, traffic, and possible water issues. EDF has been let down by Northumberland water.

Cllr Beach said he had spoken to Cllr Rainger about getting the local parishes together. ESC previously refused to talk to the PC.

Cllr Rainger said that ESC is keen to support the local parishes. There is a push for a split decision by some groups but ESC are not sure how they change their position given the DCO examination has closed.

#### 5.2 Traffic Calming

Cllr Beach said he had received an email from Highways, there is a traffic survey taking place near the Saxonfields junction. This is due to finish in September and a report be available by October.

Cllr Richards commented that a resident of Pryor Close had been concerned about the number of heavy trucks moving stuff from Saxmundham through the village to Bentwaters. This is a concern, should be something considered at the planning application stage.

Cllr Beach said that the work with Bentwaters is ongoing, there is a monitor at Snape Maltings that covers a section of road.

ACTION: Cllr Beach to email the Campsea-Ashe Clerk to see what progress has been made on the traffic

#### 5.3 Housing Needs

Cllr Beach commented that he had spoken to Community Action Suffolk, and they are to arrange a site meeting with a housing provider, hopefully a date will be agreed at the next meeting, ESC has given some pre-application advice.

#### 5.4 Snape Common and Sand Pit Cottage

Cllr Richards said thanks should be sent to SCC for writing to the owner of Sand Pit Cottage, it is now a case of wait and see what happens. Mr Thompson's email to SCC seeks confirmation of a previous telephone call concerning the permission over the car parking and the boundary. The situation is now in the hands of SCC.

#### 5.5 Priory Road

Cllr Richards said that Highways had confirmed that the work in Priory Road would be completed. The flooding issue in that road has also been mentioned. There is a culvert near the house that needs to be cleared and reinstated.

ACTION: Chase the Highways team again as it states the work would be completed by the 11/08/21, and it hasn't been.

#### 5.6 Snape Warren

Cllr Richards commented that he and Cllr Beach had met with the owner of Snape Warren. The Sailor's Path cottages are to become the owner's new home. The whole Estate would be managed 'in house' in future. He also confirmed that the footpaths and the SSSI would be preserved

Cllr Beach said that the owner intends to use the land to encourage wildlife and bio-diversity under the DEFRA High Level Stewardship Scheme.

Cllr Farrant said that the proposed planning application had a very informative document from Natural England. The contract with RSPB has finished.

Cllr Beach said that the owner commented he would be able to use the land more efficiently with the assistance of Farmers wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG).

Cllr Farrant commented that there is a speed limit on the River Deben, could there be one on the Alde in this area, there are a lot of comments from Natural England that would need to be considered and abide by should this application for a boat shed and jetty be approved.

Cllr Richards said that the owner expressed a willingness to keep the Council informed, and to come to meet the PC when his plans are a bit closer to fruition.

It was agreed by all to resubmit the comments already made by the PC.

**A report had been circulated by the District Councillors.**

## **6 Contribution by Members of the Public.**

**None**

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

DC/21/3817/FUL – Pine Trees, Wadd Lane, Snape, IP17 1QY  
Extension and alterations (existing flat roof extension to be demolished)  
The Councillors had no objection to this application.

Cllr Farrant reported that Holly Lodge application had been accepted; the caravan on the farm, not able to see from the road; Cundle Green Lane has been accepted; the caravan in Gromford Lane which was placed there whilst the new build was being completed, but the caravan should have been removed in 2016, but once the new build was completed there was no permission needed for the caravan as it was ancillary to the house.

## 8 Finance

### a) Online Banking

Cllr Hough said that he proposes 3 stages to this change:

- 1) There are three accounts in the Ipswich Building Society, consolidate the Friday Club and the Traffic Calming accounts into the savings account, and the Priory Wood account move the money to Greensnape for them to manage.

This proposal was agreed by all.

ACTION: Cllr Hough to contact Greensnape to see if they are happy to hold the funds.

- 2) Cllr Hough and Cllr Norman received information from HSBC regarding electronic banking. Unity Trust Bank is much more user friendly and allows for one person to set up a payment, and two to authorise. Propose to shut the Business Money Manager account and move this money over to Unity Trust Bank. Recently a letter was received from HSBC stating that their charges would be increasing. The savings would remain with HSBC. Obtaining monthly statements will be easier.

This proposal was agreed by all.

- 3) Cllr Hough said that set procedures would be written up and agreed by all at the PC meeting. This could be used in the future for Councillors to refer to.

## 9 Parish Council Business

### a) Footpaths and rights of way maintenance.

Cllr Farrant reported that the footpath on Sailor's Path is blocked with vegetation and difficult to pass through. Two people have reported this to the Rights of Way Team, the response received stated that this area is not on the schedule to be cut. SCC have to prioritise their expenditure. Could the PC do this work again?

Cllr Rainger commented that SCC only cuts the ground growth, vegetation is the land owners' responsibility.

Cllr Richards confirmed that an email received from SCC stated that they are only responsible for upgrowth.

Cllr Beach commented that a meeting onsite should be arranged with representatives from the Rights of Way Team.

Cllr Richards said that would be a very large step for the PC to take on the responsibility of cutting the footpaths, this would not be advisable.

ACTION: Cllr Richards and Cllr Beach to organise a meeting with the Rights of way Team.

Cllr Farrant said that there is an encroachment of about a metre on one of the footpaths by a fence. What can the PC do about it?

Cllr Richards said that this could be raised with the Rights of Way team at the proposed meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Norman to photograph the new fence.

## 10 Correspondence

Cllr Beach proposed that the PC writes letters of thanks to the local paper lady Sue Edwards, the Post Office, Royal Mail and Norse, for their continuation to provide a service during the Covid pandemic.

ACTION: Clerk to write letters and find out where to send them.

CLlr Richards said that he had received a request from a resident to find out whether the PC would support a village event for the Queens Platinum Jubilee next June 2022. There is to be a meeting which several of the Councillors will be attending, Cllr Alfrey will be the PC representative.

Cllr Rainger said that he had been approached for funding from the District Councillors. SCC will be donating funds towards this.

ACTION: Place this item on the agenda in November for further discussion.

**11 Matters for consideration at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Old PC records.

**13 Dates of the Next Meeting**

28 September 2021

26 October 2021 (Urgent items only)

23 November 2021

Meeting Closed – 8.22pm.

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