

Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 7.00pm In Snape Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Paul Richards, Cllr Graham Farrant, Cllr Russ Rainger,
Cllr Margaret McKenna, Cllr William Hough
Cllr Maria Norman And Cllr Georgina Lock

Attendance: 1 member of the public.

1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Beach, Cllr Allfrey and Andrew Reid

Cllr Richards thanked Cllr Beach for sending and responding to emails, even though he is taking an agreed break from the PC meetings.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Member

None

3 Applications for Dispensation

None

4 Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 28 June 2022.

Cllr Lock proposed that the minutes are a true record of the meeting held on the 28 June 2022, this was seconded by Cllr Rainger and agreed by all who attended.

5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 28 June 2022.

5.1 Power Projects/National Grid consultation on Sea Link – Cllr Richards reported that Sizewell C has been given planning consent, although this does not mention how the funding is going to be achieved. The planners are sceptical about the water purifier – many questions have been raised. Theberton has written a letter of invitation to the Secretary of State so that he may visit the area. The Scottish Power Renewables – the reviews are still in hand.

Cllr Rainger commented that one of the sites has been approved, the main Friston site.

Cllr McKenna asked where the reasoning behind the planning approval may be found.

Cllr Richards said that the ESC used the planning conditions. Have they taken recognition of the cumulative conditions?

Cllr Rainger said that the impact on East Suffolk is huge.

Cllr Richards stated that the workshop to look at the Village Plan will take place in August. This can be linked to the 'Deed of obligation' from Sizewell C.

Cllr Rainger stated that the Nautilus, Eurolink etc has more consultation work at the end of the summer. There is also to be a public consultation to look at the proposed pylon route.

ACTION: Cllr Richards to arrange a meeting in August to look at the village plan, this is to review the plan, not make any formal decisions, any ideas to be brought back to the PC meeting.

5.2 Traffic Calming – Cllr Richards said that information has been received from SCC which involves the school area and the yellow lines etc. Consultation to start and the work is arranged to start before September, but this is doubtful.

Cllr Rainger said that Network Assurance has the work within their timescale of the summer.

Cllr Richards commented that the school have been spoken to, there has been no formal consultation from SCC with the school.

Cllr Lock asked why the people who bring their children to the school should be consulted, they do not live in the village.

Cllr Richards said that the parents of the school children do not need to be consulted, but it just gives them information. The parking in Pryor Close should ease as there are signs stating that the road is an unadopted road. Instructions are given to the parents to park at the village hall.

Cllr Hough suggested that the staff park at the village hall and the parents drop off in the school car park.

Cllr Richards said that different solutions to the parking issues need to be addressed.

Cllr Rainger said that the layby opposite the garage is in the plan to have some work completed on it.

Cllr Richards said that the PC has recently received an email concerning the local preferred HGV routes.

Cllr Lock asked if a 20mph limit could be considered through the village. This would alleviate some of the sound and make the area safer. Is this something that we could suggest to the SCC Highways engineer.

Cllr Richards said that the lorry letter links to some of the comments the PC made in relation to Sizewell C.

Cllr Farrant said that an area of Middleton has 20mph.

Cllr Richards suggested that a meeting takes place with Andrew Reid to discuss the way forward. The red lorry route follows the A12 but the blue route comes through the village.

Cllr McKenna commented that Tunstall has made some submissions, as they have evidence of walls being knocked over, what was their response, the same as the PC?

Cllr Rainger said that the PC should ask for a baseline air quality reading to be taken at the base of the hill.

The PC could ask for air quality monitors to be placed on the lamp posts. If the PC encourages the parents to turn off their engines when they attend the school drop off, this will show that the PC is making an effort of self-help.

Cllr Rainger stated that mitigation of the HGV's need to be considered, the que to join the B1094 is a concern, something needs to be done at that junction to make the movements flow better and stop the ques.

Cllr Hough commented that this has been ongoing for 8-9 years and there has been nothing completed.

Should the PC join forces with other PC's along the proposed lorry route and include Snape Maltings? The Church junction does need to be sorted.

Cllr Lock wondered if the village was 20mph whether this would distract the HGV's from taking this route as it would be considerably longer.

Cllr Richards said that Tunstall has organised a meeting already and Cllr Beach will be attending this.

Cllr Rainger said that lots of talking must take place to move this forward.

ACTION: Cllr Richards to talk with other villages including Tunstall.

5.3 Housing needs – No update, continue to place on the agenda.

5.4 Priory Road – Cllr Richards said that the road signs are in place for the drainage work and then the road will be re-surfaced.

5.5 Bio-diversity and climate change – Cllr Richards commented that he will attend a workshop at SALC to assist with this.

5.6 Village green projects – Cllr Richards said that the Talking Bench is to be delivered and installed on the 11th August. The jubilee fund is to pay for a plaque for the Platinum Jubilee Oak.

ACTION: Cllr Norman to investigate the cost of a plaque.

5.7 Common Management Plan – Cllr Richards said that the plan is in place and will be used in the medium-term plan.

5.8 Allotments – Cllr Richards commented that a letter has been sent to the resident of the house next to the allotments.

6 Consideration of Reports from the District Councillors and the County Councillors.

Cllr Rainger commented that the ESC Chief Executive is retiring and a replacement is being sought. £150 relief is being given to households in the A-D Council Tax Band. The Locality Budget is being used to assist poverty needs, food banks, dental packs for children in school, meals to assist children.

Dental provision – the University of Suffolk is opening a training school; dentists tend to stay in the area they train in. The NHS package is not very suitable, it needs to be re-balanced.

Cllr Lock reported that she was aware of a scheme that would assist homeowners with insulation.

Cllr Rainger said that there is assistance with insulation but this is means tested, there is help and support available to assist with the forms

Cllr McKenna asked if the PC should be aware of the situations of poverty within the village.

Cllr Rainger said that the Community Partnership has identified cases of fuel poverty, food crisis etc.

Self-help forms are available through Community Action Suffolk.

Cllr Norman said that the GNS could assist by using the noticeboards to advertise where people can go for help.

Cllr Richards said that the Citizens Advice Bureau encourage people to go to them for help and support.

Cllr Rainger suggested that useful information about the CAB could be placed on the website.

7 Contribution by Members of the Public.

A member of the public commented that when he was driving out of the village towards the church, there was a large tipper lorry coming from the car park on the common, this managed to flatten part of the area of the grass verge near to the bus stop. This area has plants and bulbs in which were planted by Grensnape and will soon be damaged.

Cllr Rainger commented that this area was mentioned in the consideration that was raised regarding Sizewell C. The PC may have to pay for the bollards, should we decide to place some on the grass verge to prevent damage.

The member of the public suggested that the HGV's should be channelled to a set area.

Cllr Rainger said that we may be able to obtain money from Sizewell C to help pay for the bollards.

ACTION: Write to SCC regarding the bollards, as the land belongs to them.

8 Planning Applications & Decision Notices.

DC/22/2273/FUL – Land to The East Of Lower Abbey Farm, Eastbridge Road, Leiston, Suffolk,

Creation of wetland habitat for wildlife on land in the vicinity of lower abbey farm within the EDF Sizewell Estate. The habitat will comprise reedbed, open water and ditches surrounded by tussocky grassland. Part of the reedbed will be managed to create wet woodland through natural succession.

Cllr Farrant commented that the temporary proposed Park and Ride at Bentwaters has been pushed back by Suffolk County Council so they may use the Park and Ride at Martlesham.

Cllr Rainger reported that the objectors to this application have stated that the creation of wetland can be completed but this should be done this winter, not over two winters. There has been a change in scale which has resulted in a loss in size.

9. Finance

(a) Review and Authorisation of payment

Cllr Rainger proposed that the authorisation of payment sheet be approved, this was seconded by Cllr McKenna and agreed by all the Councillors.

(b) Note and approve the quarterly accounts to the end June 2022

Cllr Richards commented that the PC has £30,000 in the traffic management pot to assist with safety improvements near the School. It is anticipated that there will be much disruption over the next 12 years should Sizewell C continue.

Snape did not qualify for an ANPR camera as the use of community Speedwatch is operating well.

(c) Internal Audit – note comments

The Clerk read out some points of concern in the audit report; the donation for the Churchyard should be considered as it may not be an approved expenditure for the PC; the Asset valuation should be carefully considered; the AGAR should be revisited as there is a discrepancy of £4; the internal audit report should be considered within a full PC meeting.

(d) HSBC savings account -lack of use, dormant account

Cllr Rainger proposed that the Clerk should contact HSBC to discuss the savings account and then circulate by email any information relating to the account and the way forward; this was seconded by Cllr Lock and agreed by all.

ACTION: Clerk to contact HSBC regarding a suitable savings account.

10. Parish Council Business

- a) Adoption of the GDPR – Privacy Notice, Data retention, Data breach, Subject access policy and template.
Cllr Rainger proposed that the PC adopts the policies mentioned above, this was seconded by Cllr Farrant and agreed by all.
Cllr McKenna asked if the PC follows all the information that is contained within the policies relating to the safety of documents.
Cllr Richards stated that the policies are to guide the Councillors and to support the Clerk/RFO.
- b) Volunteers for responsibilities – Alde & Ore, Village Plan, Playing Field, Emergency Planning, SNT, GDPR, Noticeboards, Sizewell, SALC, Finance, Planning, Footpaths, Paintings, Allotments, Snape CPS, Highways.
Cllr Richards commented that Cllr Beach would like someone to take on the responsibility of the noticeboards. Cllr Lock offered to liaise with Cllr Beach with a possibility of taking over and the updating of the documents in the three village noticeboards.
ACTION: to return the list to the meeting in the Autumn.
- c) Co-option of a Councillor – Cllr Richards commented that there had been an interest in a vacancy on the Council. It was agreed to advertise the vacancies on the website and encourage volunteers.
ACTION: Place co-option of a Councillor on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Correspondence

Draft East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy – consultation

Cllr Richards commented that if anyone wishes to make a comment about the above consultation, then they could circulate a response to the Councillors.

NALC – short term holiday let consultation,

Cllr Richards said that at the moment Snape is fine and there are not too many holiday lets, but some areas are not. Cllrs to look at this and respond at the end of the summer.

12. Matters for consideration at the meeting on the 26th July 202

SZA/B stakeholders' group

13 Dates of the Next Meeting

30 August 2022 (Urgent items only)

27 September 2022

25 October 2022 (Urgent items only).

Meeting Closed – 8.39pm.

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