

Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Joint Parish CouncilMinutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Shadingfield Village Hall on 16 February 2022 at 7.00 pmPresent:

Councillors Ellis (Chair), Blunn, Chipperfield, London, and Sheldrake.

In attendance:

Mr S C Blackburn (Clerk) Cllr Judy Cloke and two member of the public

22.019 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Potter and Cllr Parsons due to illness, Cllr Gartley (isolating) and Cllr Mather (work commitments).

RESOLVED: that the apologies be accepted.

22.020 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations: None.

22.021 To sign as an accurate record the minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr Blunn, Seconded by Cllr Chipperfield, and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 be signed as a correct record.

22.022 Public Participation: None.

22.023 Chair's Report

Firstly, well done and thank you to those of you who helped deliver the newsletters that we had printed last month – at the time of writing I regret I have not received any further approaches from prospective Councillors, but we live in hope. This matter may be addressed to some degree under item 7 on the Agenda, Correspondence. There has been some correspondence on the issue of speeding, specifically on the A145, as raised by residents at last month's meeting. On the 4th February I went to Snape Maltings to attend a meeting for East Suffolk Parish Councillors. The main speaker/listener was Declan Burke from the UK's Business Energy and Industrial Strategy unit [BEIS]. The meeting was a little over 2 hours and a number of Councillors who will be more directly affected in their Parishes spoke eloquently and with feeling. EDF, it would appear, have not covered themselves in glory – the consultation process has been deeply flawed and has proved unsatisfactory, to say the least. The business case is not solid, the planning of local infrastructure and transport is flawed, the impact on the environment and the cumulative impact for Suffolk have not been fully and fairly investigated and reported by the applicant and it has yet again fallen to the unpaid, mostly lay persons of the local communities to challenge and validate the data offered by the planning applicant. There was much that Mr. Burke told us he was thinking about, taking on board, under consideration and taking away with him, but sadly no commitment to challenge and validate the data or apply any sort of critical thinking to it. You could ask an 8 year old if they think it's a good idea to build a nuclear power station on soft marshy ground on an eroding coastline with an economy for which tourism and ecology are critical and get a sensible answer.

22.024 Reports:

(a) County Councillor and (b) District Councillor: Reports had been circulated as and when received.
(c) Police: No report.

RESOLVED: that the reports be noted.

22.025 Correspondence: The Clerk circulated correspondence as and when received. There were no comments.

East Suffolk Council are undertaking a Community Governance Review which could result in Parish boundaries, groupings and Councillor numbers being reviewed. A link to the consultation pages will be sent to all Councillors for review.

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(1) It was agreed that the Chair would draft a letter to the 13 residences in Redisham that currently fall within our parish boundaries to ask residents how they would view a change in the boundaries. Dependent on the outcome of this consultation, Redisham representatives would then be contacted for their agreement to accept this change in boundaries before ESC are advised of our preferences by the deadline of 1st April.

(2) that the boundaries of Ellough might be moved to the A145 to remove the industrial estate on the Worlingham side of the road, and

(3) that the number of Councillors for Sotterley could be reduced from 4 to 2. Discussion about the new developments on the north side of the Beccles by-pass may also be considered although it was noted that this might adversely affect potential CIL monies.

Cllr Cloke arrived at the meeting.

22.026 Planning Applications:

(a) New Applications

DC/22/0247/FUL: Proposed new dwelling between 4 Barnes Cottages and Crossbow Cottage, Woodfield Close
RESOLVED: To make no objection to the proposals.

DC/22/0256/FUL Revised access and driveway at 1 Barnes Cottages
RESOLVED: To make no objection to the proposals but to ask that the surfacing is of a material to prevent run-off.

(b) Updates on previous applications

DC/21/5061/FUL: Entrance gates at Shadingfield Hall: Permitted.
DC/21/5274/AME: Non material amendment to greenhouse: Withdrawn.

The Chair commented on an application (DC/21/5613/FUL) to create a nail clinic and hair salon at North Green House which had been advised to Brampton and Stoven Parish Council and not to ourselves. *(Later: the parish boundary runs through this site; the emporium and farm shop are in Shadingfield, the relevant buildings at the rear are in Brampton).*

22.027 Finance:

(a) To approve payment of outstanding invoices

Proposed by Cllr Blunn, Seconded by Cllr Chipperfield and RESOLVED: That the payments listed in Appendix 1 be authorised.

The annual payment for registration with the Information Commissioners Office is due at £40 but would be reduced to £35 if paid by direct debit. It was agreed that this would be set up if the bank account provided for it.

(b) To note the financial situation as at 31 January 2022

Proposed by Cllr Ellis and Seconded by Cllr Blunn and RESOLVED: That the situation be noted.

22.028 Cemetery and Chapel:

(a) Sotterley Chapel Preservation Trust:

No report but the Clerk had spoken to Mr Laws who had asked for two jubilee events to be noted, an event at the chapel possibly to include a display of models with a 1950's theme and a Platinum buffet tea at Shadingfield Village hall. possibly on 5 June.

(b) Annual renewal of the agreement between the Council and SCPT: This had been deferred following the

bereavement of Mr Horwood but would be arranged in the near future.

(c) Registration of the Property at H M Land Registry: The Clerk had obtained copies of documents relating to the transfer of the land from the Barne family and to the subsequent consecration. Copies of documents are believed to be held by Mrs Marion Lloyd and the originals are believed to be held by the Diocese of Norwich which covered Sotterley in past times. Relevant copies will be forwarded to the Land Registry to support the application for registration.

22.029 Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

(a) Picnic

It was reported that Rev Phil Miller was proposing a service on the playing field on the morning of the Picnic, now scheduled for Sunday June 5th. It was Proposed by Cllr Sheldrake, Seconded by Cllr Ellis and RESOLVED that the Picnic should be held on the afternoon of that date and that SCPT would be made welcome to join the afternoon event. In response to the earlier comment about the use of the Village Hall, the Clerk was asked to advise SCPT that the Village Hall Committee had in the past served teas during the Picnic.

Other suggestions made:

Fancy Dress – theme 'red white and blue' or crown making

Attendance of Police or Ambulance service

Pony Rides

Play by a theatrical group

Pizza sales – Cllr Sheldrake to enquire

Ice Cream – Cllr Ellis to enquire

Morrison's to be asked for food and prizes for fancy dress – Cllr Blunn

Public Address – Cllr London

Shadingfield Fox – Cllr London

Games – Cllr Gartley

Sheaf Magazine

Flyer to all households

Additional insurance

Signage to be amended by Tom Barne

(b) Tree Planting

Discussion took place on the type of tree and it was agreed that non toxic native species would be preferred and that the Council's preference was for 3 x Amelanchier or Prunus, for them to make the final decision but that they should be bought locally if price and guarantee were compatible.

A request submitted by Cllr Potter and Dr Bynum (tree warden) for a budget of £300 was proposed by Cllr Ellis, Seconded by Cllr Blunn and Approved.

A suggestion of a tree at Ellough Church had been made to the Churches Conservation Trust but no response had been received. Cllr Chipperfield had spoken to Jane Hatton who had not received emails but thought the Trust would be ok about tree planting as long as it didn't involve them in any expense.

22.030 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that this would be held on Friday 27th May. Clerk to book the hall. Suggestions for the format included a speaker, possibly Cllr Cloke or Rev Phil Miller, with refreshments to be served.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting (effectively the Council's AGM) would be held on the usual third Wednesday (18 May but starting at 6.30 pm.

22.031 Playing Fields

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The last meeting agreed in principle to explore the setting up of a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to obtain a long lease and manage the improvement of the playing field. Although Tom Barne has offered the services of his financial and legal advisers the Clerk had asked Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) for advice and their reply was strongly against creating a trust, mainly on the grounds of the Parish Council being able to reclaim VAT on purchased equipment.

It was AGREED that an urgent meeting be requested when Tom Barne returns from a business trip to Australia later in February.

The approach to Ringsfield Parish Council to establish how they had organised the creation of their playground was in hand with Cllr London.

22.032 Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chair hoped that all Councillors would respond by the deadline of 11 March and attend the presentations on Friday 4th March at Shadingfield Village hall.

The Parish Council as a consultee needed to formally respond to the plan and it was RESOLVED to support the plan as published, subject to any comments received on 4 March.

The Chair thanked the NDP team for their hard work.

22.033 Village Matters

- (a) Quiet Lanes: Our interest has been registered for the next tranche of funding.
- (b) Litter Pick: To be on Sunday 20 March at 10.00 am. Cllr Chipperfield to liaise with the Estate re equipment.
- (c) Production of a Circular to Residents: Done.
- (d) Connected Communities: Deferred.
- (e) Telephone Kiosk: Further cleaning will be undertaken in spring.
- (f) Sheaf Magazine: Cllr Chipperfield volunteered to write the next article.
- (g) Deterrence of Speeding: It was reported that, in the month of January, the Police had issued eight tickets for speeding on the A145. The number of volunteers has only just reached 6, the minimum required for Police support. Cllr London commented that she would prefer a flashing sign as a regular reminder, the use of a solar-powered sign had been investigated by Bungay Town Council but would cost about £2,000. Cllr Cloke has a small pot of funding which we could apply for.

22.034 Items for discussion at the next meeting

- Jubilee Event
- To consider defibrillator training or demonstration
- Co-option of new councillors

22.035 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Appendix 1 – Payments Authorised

Cq No	To	For	Net	VAT	Gross
177	S C Blackburn	Salary and expenses – January	290.46	-	290.46
177	SCB for Graphic Solutions		52.50	-	52.50
	Total		342.96	-	342.96
	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Licence (see minute)	40.00	-	40.00

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____