

Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Shadingfield Village Hall on 19 October 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr S C Blackburn (Clerk); Cllr Judy Cloke, Mr Wayne Saunders (Suffolk CC Highways), no members of the public.

22.151 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Cllrs Drane and R Ellis (business commitments), London and Potter (illness) and Mather (family reasons).

RESOLVED: that the apologies be accepted.

22.152 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations: None.

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

Proposed by Cllr Blunn, Seconded by Cllr C Ellis and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2022 be signed as a correct record.

22.154 Public Participation: None.

22.155 Deterrence of Speeding

The Chair welcomed Mr Wayne Saunders of Suffolk CC Highways Dept who had offered to attend to discuss a number of Highways issues. The Parish Council had identified a need for a warning sign for the play area for northbound traffic on the A145. This could be mounted with an existing junction sign for the Sotterley turn but a heavier pole would be required. The cost for this would be £500/600 to include traffic management work.

The sign on the southbound side was overgrown and he suggested using Community Self Help (CSH), a team of County Council-approved 'Rangers' able to work in 30 mph zones. Although the work would be paid for by the parish council, equipment, training (including basic tree assessment) and PPE could be paid from the CSH budget.

In a wider discussion he suggested that countdown markers and 'dragons teeth' could be used to alert drivers approaching the 30 mph limit and also advised that Suffolk CC have bought two vehicles equipped with ANPR and these could be booked for visits to suitable locations. They would act in the same way as Community Speedwatch in that a vehicle detected travelling over the limit would be identified and the owner/keeper sent a letter, with subsequent infringements attracting further Police action.

With regard to Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs), County Councillor Cloke advised that she had received our application for funding of £1,600 towards the replacement devices and was pleased to have agreed to provide this to us.

Mr Saunders recommended that SIDs be used for 2-3 weeks followed by a break to avoid complacency.

Other discussions on the state of the surface of Chartres Piece, raised by Cllr Blunn, will be taken forward separately.

22.156 Chair's Report

On 10th October there was a meeting of the East Suffolk Community Partnership group here in our Village Hall. This was Chaired by Cllr. Judy Cloke. The main points of discussion were to confirm the Partnership's priorities, namely: tackling social isolation and loneliness and Improving physical and mental health and well-being and encouraging physical activity.

Sam Kenward, who is also handling our three ACV applications, explained that there had been an event held for students transitioning from Junior to High School in the Summer. These were principally directed at those students who would be moving from smaller 'village' schools to either John Leman or the main high School in Bungay and may

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be the only student from their school making such a move. While there wasn't a huge level of participation, this was the first event of its kind and it was organised at short notice. Feedback indicated there was value to the students from this event and for organisers, lessons learned for next year if the exercise is repeated.

There are a number of initiatives being funded to help mitigate the worsening economic climate for many of our residents. There will be an event at Blythburgh Hall from 11 -2 on 27th October to share information on help available. There was considerable discussion on the Warm Rooms initiative, which was seen by some to be overly prescriptive and excludes from funding some businesses/entities who are already making efforts to contribute to the welfare of the their communities. I don't believe this was satisfactorily resolved.

After the meeting, I had an opportunity to speak to Cllr. Cloke and discuss the possibility of receiving some funding towards the SIDs we agreed to purchase last month. I followed this up with an e-mail and Steve has kindly put in a formal request with all the relevant figures so hopefully we will receive a positive response to this.

We continue to monitor the Planning Portal, and I continue to receive calls from residents asking for updates on the Intensive Poultry Units; until or unless this goes before committee, there is little more we can do. I believe we have stated our case objectively and fairly, and I don't believe there is any mileage in haranguing or lobbying either the Planning Officers or Committee members.

22.157 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.

22.158 Correspondence: The Clerk circulated correspondence as and when received.

22.159 Planning Applications

- (a) New Applications

DC/22/3787/AGO – Proposed reservoir at Jays Hill Road

The environmental impact assessment for this proposal had been considered and supported at the last meeting. It was RESOLVED to offer no comments on this proposal.

- (b) Updates on previously considered applications: None.

22.160 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.

- (b) To note the financial situation as at 30 September 2022: Proposed by Cllr Blunn, seconded by Cllr Sheldrake and RESOLVED: That the situation be noted.

22.161 Cemetery and Chapel

- (a) Annual tree inspections by the PC Tree Warden: The proposals outlined in Dr Bynum's offer of seasonal reviews were agreed in principle at the last meeting and that Mr Graham Fisher would be asked to become involved due to his expertise and long experience. Concern was expressed that Dr Bynum would receive a payment for her work and that something should be offered to Mr Fisher. It was pointed out that Mr Fisher had not taken up repeated offers of reimbursement for the expenses of mowing. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the 2+2 members clarifying this.

- (b) It has been confirmed that an elm near the shed was dead and that Mr Griffin would be asked to fell it in accordance with an agreement earlier in the year.

(c) The Clerk reported on a request from a relative of the Gayfer family who was concerned about the condition of the ground near their graves. In reply he had invited them to fill the crack in the ground but that the Council would need to see any plan to raise the overall level and that if any work was required to the headstones, a professional mason would be required to submit plans.

22.162 Playing Fields Management: The question of a new lease would be addressed by Mr Tom Barne on his return from Australia in November.

22.163 Village Matters

(a) Arrangements for the next litter pick. Sunday 20 November at 10.00 am. The Clerk to produce a poster and to contact Norse for the loan of pickers, rings and high visibility jackets

(b) Village History Recorder. Cllr C Ellis to approach a resident.

(c) Ellough Village Sign. Discussions are continuing.

(d) Notice boards. Work was complete on the Ellough and Sotterley boards. It was RESOLVED to remove the board a Chartres Piece and to advise the Highway Authority in case a licence had been obtained in the past.

(e) Jubilee Tree Planting at Ellough. Waiting for suitable ground conditions.

(f) Neighbourhood Development Plan. Work is progressing with the examiner.

(g) Sheaf. Cllr Chipperfield agreed to write a further article, mentioning the speed indicator devices and their part funding by Suffolk County Council and seeking a History Recorder.

(h) Former Telephone Kiosk. Deferred.

(i) Planters: Cllr Potter is researching drought tolerant plants or shrubs. A local business might be approached to sponsor this.

22.164 Items for discussion at the next meeting

- Budget and precept for 2023/24
- Proposed additional 'play area' road sign
- Use of Suffolk CC ANPR vehicles
- Christmas Social

22.165 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Appendix 1 – Payments Authorised

	To	For	Net	VAT	Gross
201	Community Action	Website hosting	50.00	10.00	60.00
202	G Male Services	Repairs to notice boards	480.00	35.00	588.00
203	Smart Group Ltd	SID signs	4,360.00	872.00	5,232.00
204	SALC	Payroll Services 6 months	45.00	9.00	54.00
205	Vertas Group Ltd	Grounds Maintenance 3 months	246.56	49.31	295.87
206	Waveney Norse Ltd	Bin emptying 3 months to Sept	9.99	2.00	11.99
207	S C Blackburn	October salary and expenses	295.10	-	295.10

_____ Chairman

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