

SHADINGFIELD SOTTERLEY WILLINGHAM AND
ELLOUGH JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

held at Shadingfield Village Hall
on Wednesday 17th October 2012
at 7.00pm

83/12 Present

Cllrs T Forrest (vice-chairman), S Thompson (chairman), D Rich, L Osmon, J Sheldrake, Mrs A Chipperfield
J Armstrong (clerk), Cllr D Ritchie SCC, 2 members of the public (Mr J Collen, Ms J Rankin.)

84/12 Apologies

Cllrs Ms S Wilson, P Scuffill, P Read, Ms L Riley. Cllr K Springhall

85/12 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Chipperfield and Cllr S Thompson declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 planning application DC/12/1113/FUL Construction of a solar farm at Ellough

86/12 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2012.

It was proposed by Cllr Osmon and seconded by Cllr Forrest that the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 19th September 2012 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by the council. The Chairman signed the minutes

87/12 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

Minute 74/12 The clerk had contacted highways about the points raised at the last meeting.

Minute 80/12 The clerk has not yet arranged for someone from Highways to attend a meeting.

Minute 80/12/4 The clerk is waiting for a quotes for the fencing at the entrance to the playing field.

88/12 Meeting opened to the public.

There were no questions or matters raised from the public

89/12 Reports

89/12/1 SCC Cllr Ritchie reported that he had been successful in getting a length of pavement installed on London Road. He had also received a request for pavement to be installed further down London Road but there were no funds available at this time. Cllr Ritchie invited questions from members which he answered. The Chairman thanked Cllr Ritchie for his report.

89/12/2 WDC There was no WDC report

89/12/3 Police PCSO Etherington sent a report which was read by the clerk. There were no recorded crimes in the parish since the last meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting for public contribution.

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90/12 On a proposal by the Chairman it was agreed to move item 9 on the agenda to this point in the meeting

Cllrs Mrs Chipperfield and Thompson left the meeting having declared an interest in the next item.

Cllr Forrest (vice chairman) took the chair.

90/12/1 Planning application DC/12/1113/FUL the installation of a solar farm at land adjacent to Ellough Airfield for Lark Energy.

Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Sheldrake, seconded by Cllr Rich that council should oppose the application on the following grounds:

1. That the proposed plan to site panels on the north side of the B1127 in close proximity to the airfield runway posed significant serious safety hazards to the users of the airfield. Further concerns were expressed about the possibility of skydivers landing inside the perimeter security fence on the south side of the B1127 and the ability of emergency services if required being able to reach persons involved.
2. That the proposed plan, particularly the element to the north of the B1127 may have significant impact on the economics of the businesses operating at the airfield leading to loss of current jobs and a reduction in the income from this activity to the surrounding area, particularly food outlets and accommodation. Further impact on reducing charitable fund raising was also a potential factor.
3. That the proposal would, in the longer term, impact on the potential development of the Industrial and business park thus lowering future employment and income generation opportunities for the area over the next twenty five years (the working life of the solar farm).
4. The proposal would have significant visual impact on the south side of the B1127 until the hedge screening was sufficient to hide the panels and would cause possible distraction for drivers using the road.

This was agreed by Council. The clerk was instructed to reply to WDC on the appropriate form.

Cllrs Mrs Chipperfield and Thompson returned to the meeting at this point. Cllr Thompson resumed the Chair.

90/12/2 Planning application DC/12/1124/FUL construction of a conservatory at Lodge Farm Shadingfield for Mr Bardsley.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Forrest and seconded by Cllr Osmon that the council were not opposed to this application.

This was agreed by Council. The clerk was instructed to reply to WDC on the appropriate form

91/12 Correspondence

For Action

1. Register of Interest details on web site WDC
2. Suffolk Acre volunteer request
3. Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership event

For Reference

1. Suffolk Acre Care share scheme
2. SALC information on police and crime commissioner election information

For information

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92/12 Finances

92/12/1 Authorisation of cheques for payment

On a proposition by Cllr Osmon seconded by Cllr Forrest members agreed the following payments:

Andrew Sutton Grass cutting £120 cheque number 100605

92/12/2 Current Balances.

The clerk reported that the current balances were at the 5th October current account £21,131.33 and the deposit account £933.70

92/12/3 Budget forecast 2013/2014

The clerk presented the budget forecast for 2013/2014. Following discussion **it was proposed by Cllr Sheldrake and seconded by Cllr Forrest that the precept request for 2013/2014 should be £7,200. This was agreed by council**

93/12 Sotterley Cemetery

93/12/1 Activity. The clerk reported that there had been 1 burial since the last meeting and a there will be a further burial next week. 1 plot reservations have been made.

93/12/2 Cemetery committee. The cemetery committee met at the cemetery on the 22nd September Members of the preservation trust were also present. A proposed programme of maintenance was discussed. The committee approved the recommendations arising from the site visit.

94/12 Any other business

It was agreed that the item on the community orchard and allotments be deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Scuffil was not present. It was also agreed that the item on traffic calming be deferred to a future date dependent on the attendance of a member of the highways dept SCC.

The item concerning the rubbish bins was not discussed as Cllr Riley was absent from the meeting.

94/12/1 Replacement of the bus shelter. The clerk reported that a quote for the replacement of the bus shelter on London Road had been obtained. Daveys Sheds of Ellough had quotes £2100 to remove the old shelter and install a new shelter on site. **Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Osmon and seconded by Cllr Forrest to accept the quotation from Daveys Shed. This was agreed by Council.** The clerk was asked to place the order on behalf of the council

95/12 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

There were no further requests for items to placed on the next agenda other than those deferred from 94/12

96/12 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wed 21st November 2012 at 7.00pm at Shadingfield Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman: _____ Clerk _____ Date _____