

SHADINGFIELD SOTTERLEY WILLINGHAM AND ELLOUGH
JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

held at Shadingfield Village Hall
on Wednesday 20th January 2016
at 7.00pm

103/15 Present

Cllrs, S Thompson (Chairman), J. Sheldrake, E Potter, L Osmon , M Davidson, Ms J Mills
J Armstrong (Clerk). 5 members of the public

104/15 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs, Mrs A Chipperfield, Ms S Wilson, Mrs J Davidson, T
Forrest. M Smith, P. Scuffil, WDC Cllr K Springall, SCC Cllr D Ritchie, PCSO Watson

105/15 Declarations of Interest

None

106/15 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr Potter and seconded by Cllr Sheldrake that the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 18th November 2015 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by the Council. The Chairman signed the minutes

107/15 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

There were no matters arising

108/15 Meeting opened to the public.

A resident raised an issue of flooding of their garden caused by surface water draining from the playing field which is causing damage to the fence between their property and the playing field. It was felt that it was not the parish council's responsibility but probably the landowners. The chairman said he would discuss possible solutions with the Estate. Questions were asked about the redevelopment of the caravan site at the rear of the Fox public House. There was concern about the conditions applied to the planning outcome as to the renting of the caravans. It was reported that caravans are being offered for sale on a property website. Following discussion the clerk was asked to investigate. The changes to the bus service in the village have been very positive and residents that use the service are pleased with the improvements. The clerk reported that he had been in touch with the transport department at SCC and the provision of a bus stop on the playing field side of the road is being instigated. The chairman thanked the residents for their contributions

108/15 Reports

108/15/1 SCC Report

Cllr Ritchie apologised for not being able to attend due to a WDC Meeting. Cllr Ritchie indicated that he would consider a contribution from his locality budget towards the refurbishment of the playing field when more detailed information was available

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108/15/2 WDC Report

Cllr Springall had apologised for not being able to attend but had sent a written report containing updates on the discussions about devolution.

108/15/3 Police Report

PCSO Watson was not able to attend the meeting but had sent a report which stated that there had been 2 recorded crimes in the parish since the last meeting. A case of common assault and a breach of restraining order.

109/15 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and considered by the Council:

1. Shaping the future of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service - public meetings planned for 2016. Clerk to report on a meeting of Wrentham Parish Council and views from other Councils concerning the proposals to reduce the number of fire engines in the North Suffolk area. The proposal indicates the possible closure of Wrentham Fire Station and removing one fire engine from Pakefield. The clerk gave details of the public consultation survey that can be completed.
2. Letter from Suffolk Constabulary about matched funding for PCSO. Circulated together with a letter from Clare Town Council. Following discussion it was agreed that the council could not make any contribution to the cost of a PCSO from the precept and that the clerk be asked to write to the Chief Constable and the PCC stating the council's concern about the proposed cuts and their effect on policing in rural areas.
3. Letter from Highways about closure of Waterloo Road Sotterley for 5 days from 25th January. This was noted by the council.
4. Letter from WDC re new Marina Centre customer service point.

110/15 Finances**110/15/1 Authorisation of cheques for payment**

On a proposition by Cllr Potter seconded by Cllr Osmon the following payments were agreed by Council:

Grass cutting at the playing field 2nd Quarter £217.13 payee Vertas cheque number 100709

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110/15/2 Account balances. The clerk reported that the current account stood at £18403.22 and the saver account stood at £935.38 as at 7th January 2016

110/15/3 Precept for 2016/17. The clerk as the responsible financial officer recommended that a precept of £7400 be requested for the coming year. This figure reflects a slight increase in the band D figures for the parish and give a 0% rise in the precept. **On a proposition by Cllr Osmon seconded by Cllr Potter the precept for 2016/17 be set At £7400. This was agreed by Council:**

110/15/4 Mandate form. The clerk reported that the mandate change team had requested some more information relating to the mandate change request. The necessary information was provided and the clerk was asked to forward it to the bank.

111/15 Planning

111/15/1 Planning Applications DC/15/5056/FUL Construction of a two storey dwelling with detached garage, including demolition of existing dwelling for

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Mrs Sherwood. **Following discussion it was agreed to recommend approval of the application.**

111/15/2 DC/15/4420/COU Partial retrospective application – change of use – use as a mixed property to incorporate the Bed and Breakfast element conversion and extension of gym to form additional bedroom/guest accommodation and construction of rear conservatory/breakfast room. The Byre Hulver Road Ellough for Mr S Blake **WDC Approved**

DC/15/2823/FUL construction of 46 bio-diesel generators and associated infrastructure for Lark Energy. **WDC Approved**

DC/15/4531/FUL Installation of an underground cable to connect a solar farm to the national grid. Ellough Solar Farm for Lark Energy **WDC Approved**

111/15/3 DC/15/2823/FUL construction of 46 bio-diesel generators. The clerk reported that 5 neighbouring parish councils have expressed serious concerns about the decision in respect of the application and in the conditions relating to the approval. This was noted by the council.

112/15 Sotterley Cemetery Report

The clerk reported that there had been no activity at the cemetery since the last meeting.

113/15 Chapel Preservation Trust Report.

There was no Chapel Preservation Trust report.

114/15 Replacement of equipment at the Playground

There was no further information at this time. Cllr Ms Mills will contact Elphick Builders and will also seek views from residents about what they would like for the playground.

115/15 VAS Signs.

Cllr Potter presented a report and analysis of the data from the speed signs. These show clearly that the majority of drivers exceed the speed limit through Shadingfield. The clerk will pass on the figures to SCC and the Police. Further figures which also support the speed sign data were received from SCC following a covert survey undertaken since the last meeting. Cllr Osmon said that the battery problem is still being resolved and the clerk was asked to contact Radarlux. It was agreed that 2 batteries and two brackets be purchased to assist in maintaining the signs.

116/15 Any other business

116/15/1 Neighbourhood Plan Partnership

Cllr Thompson said there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

116/15/2 30MPH stickers. Cllr Osmon asked if there was any information about the 30mph stickers for wheelie bins that was discussed at a past meeting. It was agreed to seek a supplier of stickers and ascertain if permission was required from WDC to place the stickers on wheelie bins.

117/15 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

None

118/15 Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting is Wed 17th February at 7.00pm at Shadingfield Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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