

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 November 2013
at 7.00pm

97/13 Present

Cllrs. S Thompson (Chairman), J. Sheldrake, T Forrest (vice chairman), Mrs A. Chipperfield, Mrs J Davidson, M Davidson, Ms S Wilson, P. Read
J Armstrong (Clerk), PCSO D Watson
Cllr C Punt SCC, WDC , R Saville (V C Cooke Ltd)

98/13 Apologies

Cllrs. P. Scuffil , D Rich, Cllr D Ritchie SCC, Cllr K Springall WDC,

99/13 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Davidson and Cllr Mrs J Davidson declared a non pecuniary interest in item 10b Planning Application for the Southern Relief Road.

100/13 The Council agreed to the Chairman's request to bring Items 10b and 10c forward to this part of the meeting.

101/13 Presentations

101/13/1 Mr R Saville of V C Cooke Ltd explained to the council the planning application for the erection of a large building for the recycling of trade and industrial waste at the company's Ellough Depot . There will be significant investment in the site and there is a likelihood of increased employment opportunities as a result. Mr Saville answered questions raised by the members of the council.

The Chairman thanked Mr Saville for his presentation.

100/13/2 Cllr Chris Punt SCC member for Beccles, North Cove and Barnby gave a presentation on the planning application for the southern relief road and answered question from the members of the council. The project is on schedule and completion is likely in 2015

The Chairman thanked Cllr Punt for his presentation.

Decisions and debate on the applications were left till later in the meeting

102/13 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th October 2013.

It was proposed by Cllr Davidson and seconded by Cllr Sheldrake that the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 16th October be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by the Council. The Chairman signed the minutes

103/13 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

There were no matters arising not included in other items on the agenda.

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104/13 Resignation

The clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr David Rich. The Chairman said that it was with regret that the Council accepted Cllr Rich's resignation. The clerk was asked to write to Cllr Rich thanking him for his valued contribution to the Parish Council and the Council's best wishes.

The clerk reported that he will notify WDC of the resignation and request notices for a vacancy.

105/13 Meeting opened to the public.

There were no comments from the public.

106/13 Reports**106/13/1 SCC Report**

There was no SCC report

106/13/2 WDC Report

There was no WDC report.

106/13/3 Police Report

PCSO Watson gave the crime report for the Parishes since the last meeting. There were 4 recorded crimes, a burglary from a shed in Shadingfield, an offence of common assault together with a drink drive offence. A burglary for which a person was detected.

PCSO Watson said that the SNT priorities remain burglaries and traffic speeding. The next SNT open forum will be at Bungay to which all are invited. In answer to a question PCSO Watson said that if residents had any concerns they should dial 101 and report it.

The Chairman closed the meeting for public contribution.

107/13 Correspondence

The clerk read a letter from the British Red Cross outlining the work they undertake and requesting a donation. The Council agreed not to support the request.

The clerk reported that the Waveney Area Meeting organised by SALC would now be held on the 12th December at Bungay.

An invitation from the Sir John Leman High School to their Celebration of Christmas Event on the 19th December had been received. Members to contact the clerk if they wish to attend.

108/13 Finances**108/13/1 Authorisation of cheques for payment**

On a proposition from Cllr Read seconded by Cllr Sheldrake , Council agreed the following payments

Clerk's pay Oct/Dec £380.87 payee J Armstrong cheque number 100640

PAYE on clerk's pay Oct/Dec £95.20 payee HMRC Cheque number 100641

Mole clearance of the playing field £36.00 payee Bond Pest Control Ltd. cheque number 100642

108/13/2 The clerk reported that the current balances were current account £18,334.75 and deposit account £934.29.

108/13/3 The clerk reported that there are strict requirements laid down by the DCLG on investments that can be made by Parish Council. Council funds must always be secure and able to be retrieved when necessary. Funds should not be tied up for

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a period exceeding 12 months. Advice from a financial advisor is that there is little opportunity to better the deposit account the council already has at this time.

108/13/3 The clerk reported that the estimates for election costs from WDC had been forwarded to members for their information.

108/13/4 The clerk presented the budget forecast for the precept for 2014/15 and recommended to the council that the premium should stay at this year’s level £7200. No decision was made and the item deferred to the next meeting in January.

109/13 Planning

109/13/1 Planning Applications

The Council confirmed the interim decision to approve the Application DC/13/3011/DRC Discharge of conditions 10,12 and 13 of Solar Farm at Ellough DC/13/0239/FUL

Application for the building of the Southern Relief Road was discussed. It **was proposed by Cllr Mrs Chipperfield seconded by Cllr Read to approve the application, with the added statement about the concern of the Council over the potential increase in heavy goods vehicles using the A145 and the need for measures to reduce traffic speed , this was carried by Council**

Application to construct a large shed for the purpose of recycling trade and industrial waste at V C Cooke Ltd Ellough Depot. It **was proposed by Cllr Mrs Chipperfield seconded by Cllr Read to approve the application, this was carried by Council**

109/13/2 Outcome of Planning Applications

DC/13/3011/DRC discharge of conditions Lark Energy **WDC Approved**

The Appeal by Lark Energy on the refusal by WDC of the 30MW Solar Farm Ellough was refused by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

109/13/3 Information on the Community Infrastructure Levy from WDC was received by the council. It was agreed to include the item on the agenda of the next meeting for discussion

110/13 Sotterley Cemetery

The compost areas at the cemetery have been completed. Several events have been held at the Chapel and more are scheduled before Christmas.

111/13 Any other business

111/13/1 The Caravan Site The clerk read a response from WDC following a site visit which indicated that there were no major problems and that 3 caravans were allowed to be used for residential purposes, The clerk was asked to seek copies of the planning documents relating to the caravan site from WDC for the next meeting.

111/13/2 The clerk reported that he had obtained some examples of the costs associated with the VAS signs which range from £1800 to £3,800 per unit. The clerk is meeting with the Highways department to discuss the issue of sites and running costs etc. and will report back at the next meeting.

111/13/3 New Standing Orders. The new model standing orders previously circulated were discussed. It was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting in January.

111/13/4 Provision of Street Lighting. The clerk reported that he had obtained information on the provision of street lighting. SCC do not provide any new street lighting to parishes. WDC have provided some lighting in the past but may not do so in the current economic climate. The Parish are likely to have to fund such provision.

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Cost are likely to be in the region of £1500 per lamp standard and there would be additional costs for power supply, maintenance and running costs.

111/13/5 Annual Inspection of the Playground equipment. The clerk reported that the annual playground inspection was now due. It was agreed that Wicksteed Ltd should be engaged to carry out the inspection. The clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

111/13/6 Cllr Read reported that he had been in contact with the firm of stone masons about the repairs to the war memorial. A representative of the company is to visit the war memorial and assess the work required. Cllr Read will report back to the next meeting.

112/13 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

Budget forecast for 2014/15

Standing orders

Caravan Site

War Memorial

113/13 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 15th January 2014** at 7.00pm at Shadingfield Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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