

SHADINGFIELD SOTTERLEY WILLINGHAM AND ELLOUGH
JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
held at Shadingfield Village Hall
on Wednesday 18st November 2015
at 7.00pm

85/15 Present

Cllrs, Mrs A Chipperfield S Thompson (Chairman), Ms S Wilson, Mrs J Davidson, J. Sheldrake, E Potter, L Osmon ,P. Scuffil, T Forrest. M Smith, M Davidson
J Armstrong (Clerk).

86/15 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ms J Mills, WDC Cllr K Springall, SCC Cllr D Ritchie, PCSO Watson

87/15 Declarations of Interest

None

88/15 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st October 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr Chipperfield and seconded by Cllr Davidson that the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 21st October 2015 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by the Council. The Chairman signed the minutes

89/15 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

58/15 Issues with the 60S bus service. The clerk said that the Operations manager of Anglian Bus had sent an email with details of timetable changes to the service 60S which he was confident that the quality of service for residents of Shadingfield would improve. The clerk was asked to contact the residents concerned to monitor the effect of these changes. (post minute note The clerk has spoken to Ms L Riley and although the number of buses on the route has decreased there have not been any issues with lateness of non arrival)

90/15 Meeting opened to the public.

There were no members of the public in attendance

91/15 Reports

91/15/1 SCC Report

Cllr Ritchie apologised for not being able to attend due to a WDC Meeting. Cllr Ritchie referred to the possibility of assistance with the VAS signs recently purchased. Council agreed to follow up this offer to talk about the refurbishment of the playground

91/15/2 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 and the Syrian refugee programme. The clerk was asked to email the report to members.

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91/15/3 Police Report

PCSO Watson was not able to attend the meeting but had sent a report which stated that there had been 1 recorded crime in the parish since the last meeting.

92/15 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and considered by the Council:

1. Letter inviting the council to join the East Suffolk Line Community Rail Partnership. Cllr Ms Wilson expressed an interest in representing the Council and the clerk was asked to forward the details to Cllr Wilson.
2. Email from Helen Bynum re accident on London Road pointing out that the white lines at the side of the A145 outside her property are obscured by grass and soil from the verge. The clerk was asked to pass on the information to the highways department.
3. Email from John Trew containing details of issues relating to the bridleway from Hulver Road to Benacre Road Ellough. Cllr Mrs Chipperfield said that she had been to the bridleway and had also made contact with the contractors who are working in that area which may help to improve the situation.
4. An information evening is being held on Thursday 10th December 2015 at 1900 hrs, at the Visitors Centre conference room , Landmark House Ipswich. IP1 5PF. This was noted by the council.
5. Letter from SALC with information that a campaign to allow town and parish councils the right to appeal District Council planning decisions is underway with NALC. This was noted by the Council.
6. Emails from Hugh Evans re issues related to the construction of 46 generators at Beccles Heliport. The emails had been forwarded to members prior to the meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the clerk to Worlingham Parish Council asking if the Council would reconsider its response to the original planning application in light of the information received from Mr Evans and Mr Kay. The Chairman said that he was not sure if the council could change its response. The clerk said that WDC Planning committee had deferred a decision on the application pending more details surrounding the issues raised by attendees at the planning committee meeting, Council could, if it wished, make comments on the information contained in the emails from Mr Evans and Mr Kay to WDC. Two other neighbouring Parish Councils had expressed serious concerns about the issues raised when compared to the information within the application. The Chairman said that he personally did not feel that council should review its response as he felt the experts at WDC were better qualified than members to assess the issues raised. The Chairman asked if members wished to discuss the application. Cllr Osmon said that the Council should consider the matter. The Chairman asked for a vote on Cllr Osmon’s proposition. This was carried by the Council. An offer by Mr Evans and Mr Kay to attend a meeting of the Council to explain their concerns was noted from the Worlingham PC request email. Cllr Thompson suggested that Council should take up that offer and also invite a representative from Lark Energy (the applicant) to attend the next meeting. It was pointed out that the next meeting will not be until January 2016. It was agreed that Mr Evans and Mr Kay would be invited to the next meeting and the clerk would contact Lark Energy to invite a representative to attend.

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7. Email with details of the proposed closure of the WDC Halesworth and Bungay offices. This was noted by the council.
8. Letter from Headway Suffolk asking for a donation. **It was agreed** that the Council would not make a donation at this time.
9. Email from SALC reference the review of fire and rescue services consultation. The consultation will last 14 weeks. It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting. The clerk to include this on the agenda for January.
10. Notes from Waveney budget review meeting 12th Nov. The clerk reported that he had received the information at 4pm. The clerk was asked to forward the information to members.

93/15 Finances

93/15/1 Authorisation of cheques for payment

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

Walks at Sotterley leaflet £291.00 payee Richardson Ltd cheque number 100705

Clerks pay Oct/Dec £412.00 payee J Armstrong cheque number 100706

PAYE on clerks pay Oct/Dec £103.00 payee HMRC cheque number 100707

Bin emptying £12 payee Waveney Norse cheque number 100708

93/15/2 Account balances. The clerk reported that the current account stood at £17,390.55 and the saver account stood at £935.26 as at 7th October 2015

93/15/3 VAT Reclaim. The clerk reported that he had had a reply from HMRC that there was an administrative issue which had now been resolved and the reclaim would be processed as soon as possible.

93/15/4 Mandate form. The clerk asked if the remaining forms for the mandate change could be returned as soon as possible.

94/15 Planning

94/15/1 Planning Applications

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.

Following discussion **it was agreed** to approve this application

DC/15/4531/FUL Installation of an underground cable to connect a solar farm to the national grid. Ellough Solar Farm for Lark Energy. Following discussion **it was agreed** to approve this application.

94/15/2 DC/15/3860/P14 Prior notification of installation of solar PV panels to roof of existing poultry units for Bernard Matthews Ellough, tabled at the last meeting is allowed under permitted development. This was noted by the Council

94/15/2 Outcomes of planning applications from WDC

There were no outcomes of planning applications

95/15 Email from Ian Hinton Chair of Barnby Parish Council

Barnby Parish Council is concerned about the number of applications linked to 'equine tourism' which in the opinion of Barnby PC is a 'back door' route to residential development. Barnby PC wishes to discuss this issue with other local Parish Councils with a view to discussions with WDC. Following discussion Council decided that it would support any action Barnby PC wish to take. It was further agreed that if necessary Cllr M Davidson would attend a meeting.

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96/15 Sotterley Cemetery Report

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

97/15 Chapel Preservation Trust Report.

Cllr Scuffil reported that two services had been held at the Chapel. Future activities include a produce market on 28th Nov., a Carol Service on December 16th and Seasonal Songs on December 20th.

98/15 Replacement of equipment at the Playground

Following a short discussion during which Cllr Forrest said that there are a number of companies advertising equipment at much lower prices than those contained in the quotes the Council already has. Cllr M Davidson will investigate and report to the January meeting.

99/15 VAS Signs.

Cllr Osmon reported that there had been some problems with the battery life with power lasting a short time. Cllr Osmon said that this was now partly resolved and batteries are lasting between a week and ten days, further contact with the manufacturer will be made. Cllr Osmon said that it would be helpful if further brackets could be purchased and the possibility of solar panels may help the batteries to last longer. Cllr Osmon said that there were some problems with tree branches close to the pole at the Brampton end of the village. The clerk will report this to Highways.

100/15 Any other business

100/15/1 Neighbourhood Plan Partnership

Cllr Thompson reported that the partnership will start consultations in the new year. These will centre on Beccles and then move to the parishes with some of the results from the Beccles consultation.

100/15/2 Bus Stop. Cllr Mrs Davidson said that with the dark nights there were some problems with the bus stop on the playground side of the road. Passengers alighting from the bus have to step onto the grass verge which is potentially dangerous. Cllr Davidson asked if the bus stop could be moved and a dropped kerb and hard standing installed to reduce the dangers. The clerk was asked to bring the matter to the attention of the Highways and Transport Departments.

100/15/3 The footpath on Sotterley Road between Woodside Close and the A145 is covered with leaves causing a slippery surface for residents using the path. The clerk was asked to take action on the clearing of the path.

101/15 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

Playground refurbishment

102/15 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wed 20th January 2016 at 7.00pm at Shadingfield Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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