

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 September 2014
at 7.00pm

65/14 Present

Cllrs, Mrs J Davidson, S Thompson (chairman), M Davidson, Mrs A Chipperfield, L Osmon, Ms S Wilson, P Scuffil, T Forrest
J Armstrong (Clerk), 3 members of the public

66/14 Apologies

Cllrs P Read, E Potter, Mrs L Marq, J Sheldrake, SCC Cllr D Ritchie, WDC Cllr K Springall, PCSO Watson

67/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllr T Forrest for item 9 a1 planning application

68/14 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th July 2014.

It was proposed by Cllr Osmon and seconded by Cllr Davidson that the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 16th July 2014 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by the Council. The Chairman signed the minutes

69/14 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

62/14/1 The clerk reported that he had still not managed to make contact with Waveney Norse about replacing the equipment at the playground but would continue to try.
62/14/2 Village signs. The clerk reported that there had been no response to the note in the Sheaf Magazine about ideas for a village sign.

70/14 Meeting opened to the public.

A member of the public reported that the grass in the playground area of the field had not been cut. The clerk was asked to contact SCC and resolve the issue.
A request for the development of a community garden/allotment was made by a resident. Following a discussion the chairman asked for the item to be included on the next agenda and that members should identify landowners that the council could contact to try and find a suitable site. Cllr Scuffil undertook to place an article in the Sheaf magazine.
The Chairman thanked the residents for their contributions.

71/14 Reports

71/14/1 SCC Report

There was no SCC report.

71/14/2 WDC Report

There was no WDC report

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71/14/3 Police Report

The clerk reported that PCSO Watson had sent a written report for July and August and that it indicated there was no reported crime in the parishes since the last meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting for public contribution.

72/14 Correspondence

The clerk reported that a proposed consultation on short stay gypsy/traveller sites had been postponed to a date yet to be fixed.

SALC have sent details of a briefing on pension auto-enrolment information and the effect on councils. Further details will follow

73/14 Finances

73/14/1 Authorisation of cheques for payment

On a proposition by Cllr Osmon seconded by Cllr Mrs Chipperfield the following payments were agreed by Council

Clerks pay for July/September J Armstrong £412 cheque number 100663

PAYE on clerk's pay HMRC £103 cheque number 100664

PAYE Admin fee for 14/15 Ladywell Accountancy Services £28 cheque number 100665

External Audit Fee for 2013/14 BDO LLP £120 cheque number 100666

73/14/2 The clerk reported the account balances as current account £19729.49 and the business saver account £934.65

73/14/3 External Audit. The clerk reported that the external audit for 2013/14 had been completed and no issues were forthcoming.

74/14 Planning

74/14/1 Planning applications

DC/14/1917/FUL Change of use of land to allow siting of holiday lodges Mr T Forrest, Glebe Farm Ellough. Cllr Forrest left the meeting for this item. Following discussion a vote was taken with 3 members in support of the application, 3 members objecting and 1 abstention. The Chairman used his casting vote to object to the application.

The grounds for the objection were that the access to the proposed site was unsuitable and posed traffic safety issues at its junction with the highway, and that there are insufficient horse riding facilities in the area such as bridleways and tracks. Cllr Forrest rejoined the meeting at this point.

DC/14/2427/FUL Change of use to site for holiday lodges and associated infrastructure, M&L Tegerdine land at Ellough Following discussion a vote was taken with 2 members in support of the application, 5 members opposed and 1 abstention. The grounds for objecting to the application were as follows. The site is considered unsuitable because of its close proximity to the Ellough Industrial Estate, and that there are insufficient horse riding facilities in the area such as bridleways and tracks.

DC/14/2829/COU change of use to self storage site Mr C Arlow, land off Benacre Road Ellough Following discussion it was agreed to approve the application with two conditions. That the storage containers should be of a green colour and that the tree screening of the site be kept and properly maintained.

DC/14/2634/FUL Engineering operation to construct a digestate storage lagoon, plus operational development of access road and boundary fencing Coplnad Way for Biocore AD2 Ltd. Following discussion it was agreed to approve this application.

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DC/14/2317/PNH Prior Notification construction of a single storey rear extension, London Road Shadingfield for Miss Widdison. The council noted the approval 74/14/2 Outcomes of planning applications.

DC/14/1314/FUL Construction of a new crematorium, associated car park, access road and gardens of remembrance, Land at Warren Lane, Ellough for Memoria Ltd.

WDC Approved

DC/14/1169/FUL Installation of a solar farm at Playters New Farm Ellough for EEW Eco Energy World Ltd **WDC Approved**

75/14 Sotterley Cemetery Report

The clerk reported that he had received a request from Mr Bezant to erect a headstone in memory of his late wife at Sotterley Chapel Cemetery. The headstone would be in heather granite and be heart shaped with a convex back and be within the sizes specified in the regulations. A further request was made for a vase in granite to be placed at the foot of the grave. Following discussion it was agreed not to approve the request on the grounds that the proposed headstone is not in keeping with others in the cemetery. The request for the vase at the foot of the grave was also refused.

76/14 Chapel Preservation Trust

Cllr Scuffil reported that the photographic exhibition at the Chapel had been very well attended and raised funds for the East Coast Hospice. The Annual Cream Tea event held in August was also very successful and raised funds for the trust. A concert is planned in the near future and a Remembrance service is being held near to the 11th November. Cllr Scuffil asked about the provision of leaflets that had been discussed at the last meeting. The clerk said that Cllr Sheldrake had volunteered to investigate. Cllr Scuffil said he would contact him and ascertain the current position.

77/14 Any other business

77/14/1 Councillor Training.

Following discussion it was agreed that a training session for all councillors would be held on the 15th October in place of the next scheduled Council meeting. The session would be held in the function room at the Fox public house in Shadingfield. The clerk was asked to organise the session with SALC.

77/14/2 VAS signs. The clerk reported that risk assessment requirements for the signs had still not been received by the highways department so there is no progress. The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Ritchie and if he could assist in this matter.

77/14/3 Football pitch. A request to use the football pitch on the playing was agreed by the Chairman. A donation of £25 was received. The Chairman asked if the club would consider holding a training session for children in the villages. The club are hoping to arrange something during the October half term holiday.

77/14/3 Election recruitment. A request from SALC had been received to include the recruitment of councillors on the agenda of a future meeting. The object of the item is to encourage people to consider becoming a councillor in the future.

77/14/4 Neighbourhood Planning. The next meeting of the planning group organised by Beccles Town Council will be held on Thursday 9th October 10.30.

Beccles Town Council has asked if the Council wishes to be a partner in the development of a neighbourhood plan. The Chairman reported on the last session

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he attended on behalf of the council. Following discussion it was agreed in principle that the council would be a partner subject to the cost to the council for the development work.

778/14/5 War memorial repair update. The clerk reported that he is still in contact with the stonemasons to establish when the repairs are to be carried out.

78/14 Items for the agenda of the next meeting

Community garden/allotment

79/14 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wed 19th November 2014 (Wednesday 15th October has been designated as a training session, should this date not be confirmed as a training session an ordinary meeting of the council will be re-instated).

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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