



BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 11th November 2013

Present: Cllr D Tytler (Chair), Cllr A DeThabrew, Cllr D Gifkins Cllr A Mackley, J Boggis (Clerk).

Open Forum (9 Parishioners plus Cllr Gower present)

A Parishioner spoke about the proposed development at Amberley, Dunwich Road. When he moved into the Village the landlord said there was no building planned behind his property. This development would spoil their view across the conservation area, with a study of the plans showing that they would be looking into the bedrooms of the proposed houses. The parishioner considered the access to the development would be very dangerous and that when he had moved in there had been problems finding a space at the local schools. Finally the planning notice had not been displayed.

A second parishioner agreed that the access would be very dangerous as they lived opposite the proposed development and had experienced the issue of getting onto and off Dunwich Road. The parishioner also stated that the developers had missed the opportunity to build housing of architectural merit and in keeping with the village.

A third parishioner spoke about the White Cottage plans. The parishioner expressed concerns that the building would be right to the boundary and included a window overlooking the neighbours property. There were errors in the application as the triangle opposite is not a public space, there is only parking for one car when there should be parking for at least two and that there was no mention of archaeological supervision.

A fourth parishioner raised further concerns with the impact during the building process. Recent experience had shown both The Street and Priory Road had been blocked during building works. The parishioner then went on to raise concern over the increase in traffic flow and off road parking in this area. They also felt that the building should be in keeping with the area, considering there are a number of listed buildings in this area.

Proposal – Clerk to forward comments to Cllr Gower and Cllr Mackley

Agreed

A question was asked about the situation with the Pine Lodge planning applications. The Chair responded that this had been unanimously rejected by SCDC Councillors based on the Local Plan and national planning policy framework. He also pointed out the letter sent from the local Parish Council Chair had help raise the concerns.

A question was then raised about the planning enforcement team at SCDC and why no action was taken. Cllr Gower responded that there were approximately 130 enforcement notices, some with legal action pending, but this is an area that needs to improve.

Cllr Gower then presented his County Councillor report:

Budget - Suffolk County Council needs to save £156m over the next 4 years. Mori will help us by carrying out a public survey to find out what services people want to protect and where savings could be made.

Suffolk Broadband - Unfortunately Blythburgh and other local villages are not in the fibre optic programme. I will be working to get more clarification about what can be done to improve matters.

Proposal – Clerk to contact Suffolk Broadband project manager; why Blythburgh is not in the 90%.

Agreed

Schools - Suffolk has improved its position relative to other Counties on pupils achieving 5 GCSE at grade A to C. We have moved up 28 places. We are still below the national average but the gap has closed. Congratulations to schools, teachers and pupils.

Police Report from PCSO Jamie Newson:

“I have looked at the recorded crime for Blythburgh from the 1st April 2013 up until 31st October 2013 there have been 11 recorded crimes; 6 thefts which included theft from gardens and thefts from a road side stall; 3 crimes involving indecent/threatening messages; 1 burglary dwelling and 1 criminal damage to a motor vehicle. A total of 10 recorded crimes for the village. There were also a number of recorded crimes linked to the latitude festival which included thefts and drug offences.”

Parish Council Meeting

13/85. Agree the Agenda

Chair added Broadband

Agreed

13/86. To receive Members’ declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

None Raised

13/87. To note and agree apologies for absence

Cllr Waller; Working Abroad Agreed

Cllr Orr-Ewing Away in London Agreed

Cllr Blakesley Away on Holiday Agreed

13/88. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013

Proposal – Accept minutes for 9th September 2013 as presented

Agreed

13/89. Minutes of Special Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2013

Proposal – Accept minutes for 1st October 2013 as presented

Agreed

13/90. To receive the Clerk’s Report

Proposal – Accept Clerks Report as presented

Agreed

No questions raised. Report can be found at the end of these minutes.

13/91. To receive the report from the planning advisory group

Cllr Mackley expressed disappointment that people had left before hearing the Parish Council views on the planning applications. Cllr DeThabrew responded that one of the Parishioners had to be at work.

- To receive any planning decisions

Application No.	Location	Proposal	SCDC Decision
DC/13/2535/EXT	Bulcamp Cottage, Bulcamp Drift, Blythburgh	Replacement for C10/1878. One and a half storey extension	GRANTED
DC/13/2491/FUL	Riverside Cottage, Station Road, Blythburgh	First floor extension to form en-suite	GRANTED

- To consider any planning applications received by 11th November 2013 and determine the Councils attitude to them.

Application No.	Date Appl received	Location	Proposal
DC/13/3010/FUL	28/10/13	Amberley, Dunwich Road, Blythburgh	Demolition of Amberley and erection of 9 houses plus access

Cllr Mackley reported on behalf of the planning advisory group. He started by explaining what the development involved and that in principle there was no objection to development of the site. He then went on to raise the concerns highlighted by the group; Access would increase risk of accidents; Only 2 affordable houses when there should be three; House design not in keeping and not designed to be energy efficient; The removal of hedges and what would replace them; the distance of the access road from the existing residence; Impacts on

local amenities, power, water, sewerage; broadband and schools; Limited provision for wheelie bins; Overlooking Highfield properties.

The Parish Councillors discussed these concerns and those raised by the parishioners
 Proposal – Clerk to express Parish Council view to SCDC of objection to this application

Agreed

Application No.	Date Appl received	Location	Proposal
DC/13/2338/FUL	21/10/13	White Cottage, The Street, Blythburgh	Extension to garage to form 2 bedroom single storey residential property.
DC/13/2339/LBC	21/10/13	White Cottage, The Street, Blythburgh	Extension to garage to form 2 bedroom single storey residential property.

Cllr Mackley again spoke on behalf of the planning advisory group. He started by explaining what the development involved. He then explained the concerns the group had with the application; poor location; parking arrangement; visual impact; building involved window overlooking neighbour; Use as holiday let, no sensitivity to area; flaws in the application.

The Parish Councillors discussed these concerns and those raised by the parishioners
 Proposal – Clerk to express Parish Council view to SCDC of objection to this application

Agreed

Application No.	Date Appl received	Location	Proposal
DC/13/3131/FUL	24/10/13	Creek Cabin, Reydon Road, Blythburgh	New driveway and access to property

Cllr Mackley again spoke on behalf of the planning advisory group. He started by explaining what the development involved. He then reported that the group did not feel they had the expertise to express a view on the safety of the proposal but felt it was dependant on the Highways department to ensure the changes did not increased the risk of accidents.

The Parish Councillors then discussed the application

Proposal – Clerk to express Parish Council view to SCDC of no objection to this application, but to express view that the Highways department should ensure no impact on safety.

Agreed

Application No.	Date Appl received	Location	Proposal
DC/13/3216/TCA	7/11/2013	The Green, Priory Road, Blythburgh	Extensive work to 9 trees

Cllr Mackley reported that in the absence of the Village Tree Warden this could be left to the SCDC experts. The Parish Councillors then discussed the application

Proposal – Clerk to express Parish Council view to SCDC of no objection to this application.

Agreed

Proposal – Clerk to copy Cllr Mackley and Cllr Gower into the responses

Agreed

13/92. To receive the report from the financial advisory group.

The RFO reported;

- Second instalment of precept was received on 30th September, £3321.75.
- VAT reclaim request made. BACS remittance advice from HMRC shows £841.15 paid on 25th October. No bank statement received to date confirming this.
- Bank interest of £0.91 received for period 3 June to 1 September.
- Draft budget for 2014-15 discussed by Finance Advisory Group and forwarded to Councillors for discussion at this meeting.

Current Financial Position

11th November	Clerk PAYE	Subscriptions	Insurance & Audits	Maintenance	Cllr Expenses	Training	Misc.	Donations (section 137)	Outgoing
Budget - Current*	£1,189.00	£210.00	£2,100.00	£3,750.00	£200.00	£400.00	£1,500.00	£150.00	£9,499.00
Budget - Initial	£1,020.00								
Spend to date	£832.60	£147.00	£744.22	£3,981.00	£120.16	£117.60	£1,582.86	£0.00	£7,525.44
Remainder	£356.40	£63.00	£1,355.78	-£231.00	£79.84	£282.40	-£82.86	£150.00	£1,973.56

Note* - Clerk PAYE increased to £10.19 per Hour from 1 June 2013

Bank Statements at 25th October 2013

Community Account £4054.36

Speedwatch £30.18

Proposal – Payments required of the Council approved

Agreed

13/93. Parish Plan. Feedback from working parties.

- Speedwatch – Binny Lewis

Date	Hours	Vehicles Speeding		
		Number	Highest on A12	Highest on Dunwich road
Sept 2013	20	28	53mph	39mph

- Blythburgh m@tters – Ro Williams
Next Community Café – Friday 29th November in Holy Trinity @ 10.30am
Question raised about next ‘Flicks in the Sticks’
- Environmental Working Party – Cliff Waller. No report
- Traffic Management Working Party – Alan Mackley
Comment from Bob Clench, SCC

1. Traffic Management in Blythburgh. I can report that I have commissioned Consultants to consider your report and to report back by the end of December 2013. This report should include comment on: a. What is possible & the associated estimated costs; b. What is not possible & why; c. Make other comments as consider appropriate.

2. Request for a Temp. VAS Sign. I have arranged for speed surveys to be undertaken along both the A12 & B1125 to give up to date statistics & undertaken a site inspection to consider possible locations.

However, Bob Clench thinks it would be appropriate to combine this request with the above report, knowing that it should be available by end December, thus giving a single response to the traffic concerns raised by the Blythburgh PC.

Proposal – Wait for joint report

Agreed

- Church Working Party – Tom Lond-Caulk. No report
- Village Hall Committee
Cllr Gifkins reported that she had raised the issue of Safe Guarding for Children, young people and vulnerable adults at the last meeting. The Village Hall Committee had agreed that they should have something in place and Cllr Gifkins has agreed to do this.

Proposal – Discuss proposed guidelines at next Parish Council meeting

Agreed

Cllr Tytler reported that there has been a fresh bid for funding for projection equipment for the Village Hall and that the floor had had a further repair.

13/94. To receive an update on the Playsite.

RoSPA report feedback. The Clerk reported that the issues raised, chain link fence and missing gate, were of low risk and that other issues raised were in relation to the current specification and the specification when the equipment was built.

Proposal – No action to be taken as a result of the report

Agreed

13/95. Co-op ‘Every Minute Counts’ campaign

Feedback from Cllr A DeThabrew (minute number 13/16). Cllr DeThabrew reported he had not be able to make contact but was aware that defibrillators were not being issued to first responder groups.

13/96. Survey of status of hedges in Blythburgh

Feedback from Cllr J Blakesley, Tree warden (minute number 13/75) – Carried forward

13/97. Change of day for the Parish Council meeting

Feedback from Clerk on Councillor opinions for changing to Thursday evening

Fours Cllrs had no issues, One preferred not to change, One had a clash of meetings and one did not respond

Proposal – Clerk to contact Cllr Gower for other options

Agreed

13/98. Village Hall

Feedback on outside lighting – Cllr Tytler. The damaged light has been replaced in position where it should not get damaged and a faulty bulb has been replaced. No invoice received.

Feedback on erecting car park boundary marking fence – Clerk. The Clerk obtained a quotation for £140 to erect fencing

Proposal – Accept proposed quotation to erect the fence

Agreed

13/99. Correspondence

SCDC Scrutiny Committee – Prevention of Vandalism. The Parish Council discussed the request for information and agreed there was little issue with vandalism in Blythburgh so no useful response could be given to the request for information.

13/100. To discuss any other matter the Chair will allow

The Chair raised the issue of Broadband in Blythburgh

Proposal - Clerk to arrange for the Project Manager to attend the March Meeting

Agreed

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Clerks report to Parish Council Meeting - Monday 11th November 2013

Parish Council meeting 9th September 2013

- Pine Lodge, Thorington. Sent the Parish Council comments about Planners submission to the NADS-C, focussed on the AONB impacts, to Cllr Gower.

- Neighbourhood Plans. Contacted Yoxford Parish Council to book a place for Cllrs Blakesley and Mackley for the Neighbourhood planning meeting.

- Planning Applications. Contacted SCDC planning to express Parish Council view;

C12/0195 Lavender House, Wenhasdon, Installation of wind turbine, no objection

DC/13/2535/EXT Bulcamp Cottage, Blythburgh One and a half storey extension, no objection

- Made payments agreed by the Parish Council. Payments to; PAYE (HMRC and Clerk) £305.70; Community Action Suffolk (PC Insurance) £689.22; Speedwatch (June and July) £39.08; SCC (Information boards) £1000.

- Vehicle Activated Signs. Contacted Shadingfield PC to enquire about their sign. This is part of a SCC scheme where they are loaned for a period of 4 to 6 weeks as they lose effectiveness with time.

- Traffic Management. Sent traffic management strategy document to D Chenery. See agenda item.

- Electoral review of Suffolk Coastal. I have to apologise as I missed the closing date for submitting the Parish Councils views.

- SALC Document Management Briefing. Briefing was cancelled.

- Clerk to canvas opinion for holding meetings on Thursday evenings. I had six responses; Four who had no problems with a change; One unflavoured day; One possible clash with existing meeting attended on this day.

Special Parish Council meeting 1st October 2013

- Planning Applications. Contacted SCDC planning to express Parish Council view;

DC/13/2491/FUL, Riverside Cottage, Station Road, First floor extension for en-suite, No objection

DC/13/2583/FUL, Bay Cottage, Church Road, Erection of single storey extension, No objection but conditions raised.

DC/13/2542/FUL, Land East of Red House Farm, Hazel Lane, Retention of and new poly tunnels. No objection.

- Village Hall Car park Fencing. Arranged for a quotation from P Cook - £140.00

- Made payments agreed by the Parish Council. Payments to; Clerk (new PC) £396.58; Clerk (Village Hall Signs) £36.00; P Cook (Grass cutting) £225.00; P Cook (Bus shelter cleaning) £192.00.