



BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th January 2014

Present: Cllr D Tytler (Chair), Cllr J Blakesley, Cllr A DeThabrew, Cllr A Mackley, Cllr R Orr-Ewing, J Boggis (Clerk).

Open Forum (1 Parishioner plus Cllr Gower present)

The Chair asked for the report from District and County Cllr Gower before the presentation from EDF.

The District Councillor Report; District Cllrs currently hold a 'Locality' like budget of £4000 which will be available until the end of the financial year. There are some strict rules that apply but if there is a project that needs some funds then it may be worth applying.

There was a planning meeting on Wednesday 8th January where developments in Darsham were discussed.

The County Councillor Report; This has been relatively quiet but the A47 and the 3rd river crossing in Lowestoft are beginning to receive attention.

Better Broadband in Suffolk. Have had a response from project manager saying that Blythburgh will not be part of the 90% but they are looking at how to cover the remaining 10%.

Proposal - Clerk to follow up the e-mail Cllr Gower received.

All Agreed

Cllr Gower reported there is to be a new care home in EYE

On Sizewell C Cllr Gower reported the road from Saxmundham to Sizewell is being raised again.

Cllr Gower thought this was an interesting idea and would leave a legacy for Leiston.

Latest Update on Sizewell C; Tom McGarry opened by asking will Sizewell C get built? He answered this question by pointing out the key issues; the 'Strike Price', the amount paid for generating power, this has to be attractive to investors and consumers alike; there is no certainty with the planning process; Final investment decision.

Tom McGarry then worked through the data collection exercise currently happening; Stage 1 Consultation responses and their impact; Sizewell B Outage and the collection of social economic information from a temporary workforce; Ground water monitoring; Ecology Surveys currently monitoring birds and bats; Coastal Process, using Radar to monitor wave action; Design Engineering; Off Shore survey. All of the above is being used to aid development of the consultation documentation of the next stage, stage 2, of consultation.

Transport and Accommodation. Tom McGarry put up a slide showing the linkages and thinking for the three transport options; Sea, Rail and Road. The Work force; Where will they come from? How will they be housed? The Lead site for the campus is the Development site.

Park & Ride. For the North Darsham is the lead site, for the South it is Wickham Market.

Tom McGarry concluded by saying they are continuing with Community Engagement, Consultation, workshops and formal consultations. Technically there are Environmental studies, ongoing engineer studies and traffic modelling. He understands that people may not agree with what they are doing but encouraged those attending to get involved.

There followed a Q&A session.

The Chair Thanked Tom McGarry for a fascinating presentation.

A Parishioner raised 'Flick in the Sticks'. It was pointed out that these were unlikely to happen in the near future as the equipment borrowed is unreliable.

There was a suggestion to apply to Cllr Gowers' District locality budget. Cllr Tytler reported that a bid for equipment had been sent to the Big Lottery and part of the agreement was that the applicant would not apply for other grants until the Big Lottery has given a decision.

The Parishioner then asked about the budget agreed at the last meeting. She opened by saying it was laudable to not raise the precept but noted that the Council agreed a 13% reduction in the overall budget and still the precept did not cover the general running costs of the Parish Council. She raised concern about the future funding of the Parish Council.

The Chair responded that this was a contentious decision and he understood her concerns, but felt that at this time it was the correct decision.

Police Report from PCSO Jamie Newson:

Recorded crimes for Blythburgh Parish from 1st October 2013 up until 31st December 2013 stands at 4 crimes these are as follows; A message/email/letter indecent threatening; A criminal damage to vehicle; A cause death/serious injury by dangerous driving; A theft.

The Saxmundham & Framlingham Safer Neighbourhood Team tasking/public meeting took place on Wednesday 8th January 2014. Priorities including speed checks at Easton and parking in the High St in Saxmundham were set. The next meeting will be held in approximately 3 months in Saxmundham, date to be set.

Parish Council Meeting

13/101. Agree the Agenda

Add Speedwatch expenses for Dec 2013 and Light Pollution in the Village.

All Agreed

13/102. To receive Members' declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

None Raised

13/103. To note and agree apologies for absence

Cllr Waller; Noted

Cllr Gifkins Sick Agreed

13/104. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2013

Proposal – Accept minutes for 11th November 2013 as presented

All Agreed

13/105. Discuss / Agree / Adopt changes to Standing Orders

Clerk asked for this to be postponed until next meeting as he wished to attend a briefing on this matter before making the changes suggested by NALC

All Agreed

13/106. To receive the Clerk's Report

Proposal – Accept Clerks Report as presented

All Agreed

The Report can be found at the end of these minutes.

Better Broadband. Cllr Gower had an e-mail that had been passed to the Chair who stated it said little of use

Proposal - Clerk to invite the project manager to Parish Council meeting in March

All Agreed

13/107. To receive the report from the planning advisory group

- To receive any planning decisions

Application No.	Location	Proposal	SCDC Decision
DC/13/3216/TCA	The Green, Priory Road, Blythburgh	Extensive work to 9 trees	GRANTED

DC/13/2338/FUL	White Cottage, The Street, Blythburgh	Extension to garage to form 2 bedroom single storey residential property.	REFUSED
DC/13/3131/FUL	Creek Cabin, Reydon Road, Blythburgh	New driveway and access to property	GRANTED

- To consider any planning applications received by 13th January 2014 and determine the Councils attitude to them.

Application No.	Date rec'd	Location	Proposal
DC/13/3596/FUL	16/12/13	Red House Cottage, Angel Lane, Blythburgh	Re-siting of side entrance gate and erection of shed.

The Chair of the Planning advisory group explained that this application was about making the entrance to the house safer by moving it back from the road. The secondary part of the application was the erection of a shed near the vehicular access to the garden. The Councillors discussed the application and agreed they had no objection to this application. Proposal – Clerk to express Parish Council view to SCDC of no objection to this application

All Agreed

Application No.	Date rec'd	Location	Proposal
DC/13/3708/FUL	19/12/13	Pine lodge Caravans, Hazel Lane, Thorington	Temporary consent for change of use to gypsy/traveller use, bore hole, retention of unauthorised developments. Revised C13/1210

The Chair of the planning advisory group explained this was the re application of one of the two applications that had earlier been rejected. This application had minor differences, this application was for a temporary Gypsy / Traveller site for 5 years, along with the request for a bore hole and storage of caravans all year round. Otherwise there was very little difference to the previous application and again this was trying to override the AONB rules, which was considered dangerous as it could set a precedent. The Councillors discussed the application and agreed to object using the previous reasons as the basis of their objection stressing the impact on the AONB.

Proposal – Clerk to express Parish Council view to SCDC of objection to this application

All Agreed

13/108. To receive the report from the financial advisory group.

A Grant of £100 was received from Blythburgh Latitude Trust towards the Information Boards. Bank interest of £0.91 received for period 2 September to 1 December.

Current Financial Position

13th Jan. 2014	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	£822.22	£4,335.80	£120.16	£117.60	£1,613.04	£0.00	£7,988.42
Remainder	£356.40	£63.00	£1,277.78	£-585.80	£79.84	£282.40	£-113.04	£150.00	£1,510.58

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

Bank Statements at 27 th December 2013	Community Account	£4496.53
Bank Statements at 27 th December 2013	Saver Account	£7266.03
	Total	£11762.56
Unpresented Cheques at 27 th Dec 2013	Total Value	£0.00
Invoices for payment at this meeting	Total Value	£344.34 (To be agreed)
	BALANCE	£11418.22

Outstanding Invoices for work carried out.

- Playsite - fixed price contract £1893.60
- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council.
 - PAYE; HMRC £122.40 Clerk £183.30
 - Speedwatch; £38.64

Proposal – Payments required of the Council approved

All Agreed

13/109. Parish Plan. Feedback from working parties.

- Speedwatch – Binny Lewis

Date	Hours	Number	Vehicles Speeding	
			Highest on A12	Highest on Dunwich road
Dec 2013	14	7		39mph

- Blythburgh m@tters – Ro Williams

Community Cafe will take place in Blythburgh White Hart on last Friday of January and February and then return to the Church in March.

- Environmental Working Party – Cliff Waller

- Traffic Management Working Party – Alan Mackley

The Clerk reported it is possible to purchase a mobile, battery powered, Vehicle Activated Speed Sign for £2625 + vat. A fixed VAS, solar powered, would cost approximately £3000 + vat. The company who provided the information was Westcotec

Proposal – Clerk to investigate a post to mount VAS on and any associated rules

All Agreed

- Church Working Party – Tom Lond-Caulk

- Village Hall Committee

Application to Big Lottery for funding for projection equipment has been submitted.

13/110. Survey of status of hedges in Blythburgh

Cllr Blakesley provided a very detailed report, with photographs, on the state of the hedges and trees in Blythburgh and their impact on roads and footpaths. He highlighted a number of locations where hedges were overgrowing the footpath, Dunwich Road near the Chapel and north side of A12 between The Street and Priory Lane; where trees had fallen onto footpaths, Blind Lane and behind Church Lane; and where hedges were encroaching onto the highway, Priory Lane and north side of the Street.

Proposal - Clerk to ask Editor of Blythburgh Focus to add an item encouraging residents to maintain their hedges.

All Agreed

Cllr Orr Ewing reported he had contacted the Highways to report fallen tree along Blind Lane.

13/111. Change of day for the Parish Council meeting

The Clerk reported Cllr Gower has the third Tuesday of the month free

Proposal – Clerk to canvas Cllrs to get their opinions.

All Agreed

13/112. Village Hall

The Clerk raised the issue of Car park insurance, third party liability. Both the Parish Council and Village Hall insurance would cover this but it need defining which is was.

Proposal – Additional Car park covered by Village Hall Insurance

All Agreed

13/113. Training

Clerk requested permission to attend a Standing Orders Workshop and an Annual meeting of the Council briefing. Both cost £25+vat.

All Agreed

13/114. Correspondence

None discussed

13/115. To discuss any other matter the Chair will allow

A parishioner had raised the issue of light pollution in Blythburgh, a dark village. After some discussion the Cllrs agreed that, at the moment, this is not a general village issue.

Proposal – Clerk to pass details to SCDC Environment Officer to Parishioner

All Agreed

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

Parish Council meeting 11th November 2013

- Planning Applications. A copy of the information sent to SCDC planning department was copied to Cllrs Gower and Mackley.
- Suffolk Broadband. Sent e-mail to Suffolk Broadband project manager asking why Blythburgh is not in the 90%. No response has been received.
- Planning Applications. Contacted SCDC planning to express Parish Council view;
DC/13/3010/FUL; Amberley, Dunwich Road; Erection of 9 houses; Objection
DC/13/2338+2339/FUL; White Cottage, The Street; Conversion of garage to dwelling; Objection
DC/13/3131/FUL; Creek Cabin, Reydon Road; New driveway; No Objection
DC/13/3216/TCA; The Green, Priory Road; Extensive work to 9 trees; No Objection.
- Made payments agreed by the Parish Council. Payments to; RoSPA £78.00; Unipar Services £214.80; Speedwatch £30.18
- Traffic Management & Vehicle Activated Signs. The promised report for January has not yet arrived.
- Contacted Cllr Gower for alternate day. He is proposing Tuesday but I have not received which Tuesday of the Month would suit him best.
- Village Hall Car Park. Arranged with P Cook to erect car park boundary marking fence. Fixed sign about parking rules on to one of the posts.
- Village Hall Drive. Put up sign stating no access to Church at end of Village Hall driveway.
- Suffolk Broadband. An invitation has been sent to the Project Manager to attend the March Meeting but I have had no response to date.