

Minutes of Kettleburgh Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 May 2010

Present: Cllrs J Bater, T Chase, R Durbin, P Garland, D Germain, D Harris (chair), T Jessop, V Neilson.

The Parish Clerk was in attendance. Six members of the public were present.

The Meeting began at 7:15pm in Open Session. There being no comments or questions, Open Session was closed and the meeting began.

ACTION

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Harris was unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Jessop as Vice Chairman.
2. The **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** was completed and signed by the Chairman. With the agreement of Councillors, a discussion concerning Anglia Water's appeal against the Environment Agency was added as item 7 on the agenda.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.
4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Bellfield (SCC), Cllr Bob Snell (SCDC)
5. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 24 March were approved and signed.
6. **PLANNING DECISIONS from SCDC:**
C10/0117: 1 & 2 Stone Cottages – Replacement & Repair of windows REFUSED
C10/0752: Aleenta - Erection of single storey front extension APPROVED

PLANNING APPLICATION:

C10/1066: Kettleburgh Hall – Removal of stud & plasterboard wall and reinstatement of ornamental beams. The applicant, Ms Amanda Purves, explained that planning permission was required as Kettleburgh Hall is listed. The work does not affect the intrinsic character of the building and allows for a more suitable living arrangement. Councillors unanimously supported this application. The Clerk will inform SCDC.

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7. ANGLIA WATER APPEAL – KETTLEBURGH PUMPING STATION

Longstanding problems with increasing outflow from Anglia Water's (AW) sewers have resulted in sewage discharge to the River Deben. The Environment Agency (EA) refused AW's retrospective request for discharge consent at the beginning of 2009. AW has appealed against this decision and a hearing will take place at Seckford Hall on 20 May 2010, which will include a site meeting. A decision is expected within 6 – 8 weeks. The Chairman opened the meeting to allow comments from members of the public. During a full discussion the following points were made:

- Those present at Kettleburgh Annual Parish Meeting were strongly against any discharge into the River Deben, on grounds of pollution and destroying the quality of the river.
- The Parish Council had not been informed or consulted on this matter.
- A press statement, produced by Cllr Durbin, was published in the East Anglian Daily Times and on their website.
- The Chairman will be interviewed on Radio Suffolk on 20 May.
- There has been no response to emails from our new MP Daniel Poulter, or from SCC and SCDC.
- AW already has planning consent for storm surface water discharge.
- There are no set levels of effluent concentration allowed, as levels are dependent on the location and the size of the watercourse.
- The system is unreliable, with only one working pump, which has to pump effluent from Cretingham, Brandeston and Kettleburgh uphill to Framlingham. This situation has been exacerbated by contracted out maintenance.
- On numerous occasions there has been sewage discharge flowing into gardens which are close to the ditch.
- AW has not replied to repeated queries from Kettleburgh Parish Council about sewerage capacity.
- If the appeal succeeds, there will be no incentive to improve the inadequate system.
- Several Kettleburgh residents will attend the hearing and may be given the opportunity to speak.
- A meeting with the EA should be arranged once the appeal is over.

8. TRAFFIC CALMING:

The SCC proposals for traffic calming presented at the Parish Council meeting in January have been adapted with a new design for more visible gateways. Once agreed, work should begin soon. It will be possible to use our own funding for an additional gateway on the Framlingham Road. This will need to be approved and signed off by SCC Highways.

9. VILLAGE GREEN:

a) Transfer of licence – 7 Church Road: There has been no further progress on this matter.

b) Vehicular access to 11 Church Road: Marshall Hatchick (solicitors) queried whether the Parish Council wished to make a charge for access. It was agreed that there was no precedent for making a charge. The Chairman will convey this information to Marshall Hatchick.

DH

c) Provision of lease to KGT: the lack of progress has been caused by issues raised by lawyers for Natural England. Marshall Hatchick is confident that these issues can be resolved. The Chairman will circulate correspondence on this matter.

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10. COMMUNITY EVENTS

A reminder - Coffee mornings held on the first Friday of the month, in the Village Hall from 10:00a.m–12 noon

27 May: Trevor Jessop unplugged – The Chequers Inn

2 June: Quiz Night – The Chequers

12 June: - Kettleburgh Village Fete – Chequers Gardens (IAO Village Hall & St Andrew’s Church)

16 June: Quiz Night – The Chequers

27 June: Strawberry Tea – Village Hall (IAO St Andrew’s Church)

2 July: Murder Mystery Evening – The Chequers

6 July: Coffee Morning - Manly (IAO Cats’ Protection League)

25 July: Autojumble – Church Farm

12 November: Quiz night – Village Hall (IOA St Andrew’s Church)

11. FINANCE:

a) The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 were received and approved. The revaluation of the Village Green will be recorded once the necessary paperwork is completed. The Clerk will convey the Council’s thanks to our internal examiner, Mrs Persephone Booth.

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b) The Financial Statement was received and approved

c) Invoices for payment were approved and signed.

c) The Annual Return Statements of Assurance were completed and signed.

13. CLERKS REPORT:

a) Meeting dates for 2010 – 2011:

21 July

8 September

10 November

12 January 2011

16 March

11 May – Annual Parish Meeting

18 May – Annual Parish Council Meeting

b) Information from ‘Suffolk Emergency Planning Unit’ was passed to Cllr Bater for consideration. He will report back to the meeting in July.

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c) Outdoor Playspace Application: an application for funds of £3107 has been requested by Framlingham Sports Club for reseeding their Sports Field on Badingham Road, Framlingham. Councillors supported this application. The Clerk will write to SCDC to inform them of our support.

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14. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was circulated amongst Councillors.

15. REVIEW OF ACTIONS REGISTER:

The Actions Register was reviewed to bring it up to date:

- Cllr Chase has contacted Flagship Housing with regard to the planting of trees on their grass by the bus shelter. Flagship Housing agreed to this project, with the Parish Council being responsible for work and maintenance.
- Traffic Calming: Cllr Chase will await revised drawings before getting a quote for the Framlingham Road gateway.

16. A.O.B.

- Cllr Durbin suggested that villagers could be made more aware of Parish Council Meetings if they are advertised outside the Village Hall. Cllr Germain will produce two A3 laminated posters for display outside the hall on the weekend before each meeting: "Parish Council Meeting this Wednesday. Refreshments from 7:00p.m. All welcome."
- Cllr Jessop distributed Kettleburgh Annual Reports to Councillors for delivery. As last week's Annual Parish Meeting was largely devoted to the Parish Questionnaire, reports from village organisations were not read out, but were produced in printed form for every household. They are also available on the village website. Magnox South sponsored the production. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Jessop for his work organising the printing and collating.
- Cllr Chase reported that he had received a comment about the horse manure which was spilling down the bank on Easton Road from the field at the back of Corner House. The Clerk will write to Mr & Mrs Thomas, reminding them that their planning consent for stables included the undertaking to use an area at the opposite side of the field for depositing waste from their horses.

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17. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Wednesday 21 July (*Agenda items by 1 July please*)

18. The meeting closed at 8:35p.m.