

**Minutes of Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Present: Cllrs J Bater, D Bell, T Chase, R Durbin, D Germain, D Harris (chair), T Jessop, A Wheeler-Rowe. Minute numbers and Actions  
Invitee's present: SCC Cllr Bellfield, PCSO Hassler  
The Parish Clerk was in attendance. Two members of the public were present. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 7:30pm in Open Session. No items were raised so Open Session was closed and the meeting began. K2013001

**1. DPI declarations:** There were none. K2013002  
The Council resolved to grant all members dispensation to discuss the budget leading to the precept decision on the basis that the council would be inquorate without this dispensation (Localism Act 2012, S33, ground (a))

**2. Apologies for Absence:** SCDC Cllr Snell K2013003

**3. Minutes** of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were approved and signed. K2013004

**4. Reports from the County and District Councillors and Suffolk Police** K2013005

**SCC Councillor Peter Bellfield:**

Cllr Bellfield suggested that the Clerk check the need for the dispensation granted in item 1 as no such dispensation was granted at district and country meetings where precepts were discussed.

He reported that SCC have been shortlisted for an award for most improved council in the country and suggested that the success with our libraries may have contributed.

He reported that Suffolk has a low level of attainment at both GCSE and Key Stage 2, with results being 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom at KS2, but that clear action was being taken to improve that situation.

Cllr Wheeler-Rowe asked if SCC concentrated on exam results when deciding upon the needs of our education system and after discussion finished with a plea that Cllr Bellfield ensure that both exam results and Ofsted appraisals were considered.

Cllr Bell stated that High Schools in the county are running exams earlier, sometimes in earlier school years, which is bad for those who suffer stress on these occasions. Cllr Germain suggested this was to allow more chances for pupils to re-sit exams. Cllr Bell concurred and continued stating that re-sits are not offered to those who have achieved Grade C, which implies that the schools are focussing purely on exam results.

Cllr Harris asked for comparative expenditure per pupil against other counties which Cllr Bellfield did not have but stated that Suffolk does get less funding than others because spending in deprived areas is prioritised.

Cllr Bell raised the withdrawal of free school bus travel for 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils which has left a situation in which public transport is cheaper than school transport but does not arrive at suitable times. She stated that A level results are likely to suffer and that two families she is aware of will not be sending children to 6<sup>th</sup> form purely because they can not afford the school transport fees. She asked that these views be raised with appropriate colleagues.

Cllr Durbin thanked Cllr Bell for his financial contribution and other involvement with the third gateway project.

Cllr Harris commented on a report that town centre parking charges are being used to raise revenue rather than assist traffic flow. He suggested this may be the case in Ipswich where parking charges are known to be high and shoppers use out of town shops rather than pay to park, which may lead to town centre shops closing. Cllr Bellfield said that in Woodbridge it is known that without the charges many spaces would be filled by cars left there all day.

Cllr Bellfield then asked if the Council were clear on the recent changes regarding claiming the precept and after discussion it was discovered that he and the Clerk did not concur. Cllr Bellfield said he would clarify and report to the Clerk the following day.

**SCDC Councillor Bob Snell:** Cllr Snell sent a report which is attached below.

**Suffolk Police:** PCSO Hassler presented the report attached below. He also apologised to Council for his previous non-attendances.

Regarding questions about the theft of catalytic converters, PCSO Hassler answered that many vehicles will still drive without one but that the driver would be aware because the vehicle would be very loud and wouldn't drive smoothly.

Cllr Bater asked what he could do about suspicious vehicles entering his land to which PCSO Hassler said the best thing is to take the registration and report that, preferably with a description of the vehicle and, if possible, occupants.

### **5. Third Gateway for Kettleburgh:**

K2013006

Cllr Durbin stated that the project was finally completed (and received applause) and the whole village gateways project had taken a very long time. He reiterated the thanks to Cllr Bellfield and also thanked the previous Clerk, Jackie Clark, for her assistance.

Cllr Harris gave Cllr Durbin the Council's thanks for his work and persistence in achieving this project completion.

Cllr Bater stated that he voluntarily keeps the area around the gateway on the Brandeston road tidy. Cllr Germain said she did the same for the gateway on Easton Road. Cllr Chase took on the same for the new gateway on School Hill.

**6. General Power of Competence:**

K2013007

The Clerk gave a summary of the purpose of the power and asked Council if any member knew of a need for it. None was forthcoming so Council resolved that the power is not required.

**7. Finance:**

K2013008

- a) The Financial Statement was approved and initialled.
- b) The Payments Required list was approved and initialled.
- c) In view of the unclear nature of precept setting as mentioned at the end of Cllr Bellfield's report Council resolved that the Clerk should take the figure decided upon for the precept as the target income figure and once the grant availability and workings have been clarified set the actual precept appropriately in order to receive this income.

Clerk

The Clerk and the public were asked to leave the room whilst Councillors considered the Clerk's salary and conditions for the remainder of the current year and the budget period.

The budget was discussed item by item with the following outcomes: -

The Clerk is henceforth to check that the bus shelter is cleaned regularly.

Clerk

The Clerk is to contact the Village Hall Caretaker to request that the hall is opened by 7pm on the evenings of Council meetings.

Clerk

The Clerk will be paid for 5 hours each week and the budget will include scope for a single salary scale point increase (subject to performance review) in April and another single salary scale point increase after a minimum of 6 months to recognise the Clerk's gaining of the CiLCA (Clerk's professional) qualification.

Clerk

The precept was then set at £3,200 meaning an increase of £300 on last year mainly due to the need to restore the reserves used for the third gateway. The Clerk will inform SCDC.

Clerk

**8. Clerk's Matters:**

K2013009

- a) The Clerk reported that the Kettleburgh Bridge Works represented good value as construction is a high cost activity and that the budget for the work was £30,000.

**9. Correspondence:**

K2013010

It was resolved that the Clerk should minimise the amount of correspondence circulated to Councillors.

Clerk

**10. AOB:**

K2013011

The Clerk stated that he had received a complaint about the article on Dog Waste in the October 2012 newsletter saying that it is not right to encourage neighbours to spy on each other.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 13th March 2013 at 7:30pm

**12. Close Meeting:** The meeting closed at 9:14pm

**KETTLEBURGH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Police Report**  
**9th January 2013**

***CRIMES OF INTEREST TO KETTLEBURGH PARISH COUNCIL***

**FROM 14 / 11 / 2012 TO 09 / 01 / 2013**

**There has been 1 recorded crime for the parish of KETTLEBURGH**

**1 x Burglary - Other building**

***CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE***

Catalytic Converter Thefts – there have been five incidents of thefts of catalytic converters within Suffolk Coastal in the past week.

Suffolk Police recommend catalytic converter marking for all 4x4 and commercial type vehicles as well as the following steps to keep your vehicle safe –

- Private vehicles should be kept in a well-secured garage where possible, and if no garage is available, in a well-lit, public area.
- Vehicles can be parked in such a way as to make access to the catalytic converter difficult, or parallel with another vehicle if you own one.
- Commercial vehicles should be kept in a locked building or compound.
- Use appropriate alarms, lighting and CCTV to deter thieves.
- Remove items of value from your vehicle whilst unattended and keep it secure at all times

For **non** emergencies dial **101** or for **emergencies** as before dial **999**

Kindest Regards

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# **Suffolk Coastal District Council**

## **Councillor Bob Snell's report to Parish Councils in the Earl Soham ward, Jan 2013**

### **1. Local Development Framework**

Following last October's public examination of our Core Strategy (CS), an unexpected Government announcement means that a further urgent consultation is now underway (ends 21 January).

The examining Inspector advised on 7 December that the Council could proceed with the formal consultation into its proposed Main Modifications which, in the Inspector's view, would make the Core Strategy completely sound, and which came about as a result of the examination process. A significant element of these changes is a review of the CS in 2015, which will take account of the latest information then available, including the 2011 Census.

The Inspector also advised that, as the Council has confirmed that the objectively assessed need for housing in the district up to 2027 is 11,000 homes (based on the survey by Oxford Economics), in order to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council should undertake an additional Sustainability Appraisal to support the Main Modifications consultation. That Appraisal should consider 11,000 homes in the district, as part of that process, even though the CS itself is not proposing that level of growth at the moment.

There will be a special meeting of the Full Council at 2pm on 17 January at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, to consider these issues. Full details of the LDF Examination are available on the Council's website`

### **2. Planning applications**

Separate applications for three solar parks are expected to be put to a meeting of the full Development Control Committee on 23 January:

- Hacheston 25MW
- Parham Airfield, Great Glemham 15MW
- Croft Lane, Stratton Hall, Nacton 12MW

### **3. Sizewell C consultation**

The District Council's response will be decided at Cabinet on 5 Feb, just one day before the last day. I have expressed concern at a Task Group meeting with EDF at the absence of any mention of traffic issues on the A1120 (in particular in relation to the potential impact of some of the proposed sites for car parks and distribution centres) and urge parish councils and individuals who may be concerned about this to participate in the consultation process. I have already asked EDF to include a categorical statement that official Sizewell traffic (cars and HGVs) will not be allowed to use the A1120 or the B1116 and their connecting local roads.