

Minutes of Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 12th November 2014

Present: Cllrs J Bater, T Chase, H Finbow, D Germain, and T Jessop (chairman). Minute numbers and Actions
Attending: 6 members of the public, PCSO Jamie Newson and the Clerk.
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 7:30pm. The meeting was opened in Open Session and no points were raised. The meeting then continued in Closed Session.

1. Members' declarations of interests: none. K2014056

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs D Bell, D Harris, PCSO C Hassler, SCDC Cllr B Snell and SCC Cllr Bellfield. K2014057

3. Environment Agency's (EA) maintenance of the Deben in Kettleburgh K2014058
Chris Finbow (CF), of the EA, had been invited to talk to the council and, after saying that he would explain how the Deben is managed and the issues and constraints around that work, asked if there was anything specific the council wished to know. The only point was how the water level is controlled, especially in flood conditions.

CF explained that the majority of funding for EA work comes from central government, with some from local levy and other small sources but that there are many restrictions on what that funding can be spent on. The biggest restriction is that the EA must demonstrate significant levels of flood risk reduction in return for the money spent on any particular item.

In response to a question as to when the EA would next maintain the river through the parish, he explained that there used to be lots of funding and a large workforce doing regular obvious maintenance work but that now the maintenance carried out was less obvious partly due to the ecological impact of wholesale clearance work that used to be carried out and a better understanding of the effects of the habitat destruction that entailed. He pointed out that dredging and cutting does not stop flooding.

The river, from the EA perspective, includes that whole flood plain. CF showed a map of the Deben as it flows through the parish with modelled flood levels with 1% and 0.1% chance of happening in any year, then sketched a cross section through the flood plain and showed how little cross section dredging adds to the flow when compared with the flow of the full flood plain.

Kettleburgh is part of an EA area stretching along the Deben from Brandeston to Wickham Market in which there are only 7 residential properties at risk of flooding and the area is therefore classified as a medium risk. This means there are minimal benefits to be had from maintenance work and therefore this does not get funding.

The EA do get funding to maintain level control equipment, most of which is now automated. If low dissolved oxygen levels are detected, which will kill fish and other wildlife within the river, the EA have the only top-up bore hole in the country available at Earl Soham, from which they can pump fresh water to maintain oxygen levels.

Those living near the water should consider registering with the EA's free automated flood warning system, for notifications of predicted levels as well as current data of abnormal situations, sent via your chosen communications method. Anyone can register for Flood Warnings Direct on fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk or by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

Those wishing to understand the rights and obligations of living next to a river or waterway should read the EA's excellent leaflet "Living on the Edge" available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities>.

Lastly, CF explained that although the EA are unlikely to get funding to perform waterways maintenance that local owners request, if owners wish to fund their own work, the EA can help with the required bureaucracy (consents, etc.).

The Chairman thanked Chris for his useful and insightful talk.

4. Minutes of the scheduled meeting held on 13th August 2014 and the planning meeting held on the 9th September 2014 were approved and signed. K2014059

5. Co-option of a new Councillor K2014060
The vote to co-opt Nick Hulme on to the council was unanimous. Cllr Hulme signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office (which was witnessed by the Clerk) and joined the meeting at this point.

6. Reports from the County and District Councillors and Suffolk Police

PCSO Jamie Newson K2014061
The PCSO raised two points from the report provided by PCSO Christian Hassler: that there had been no reported crimes in the parish during August, September or October; and that Police Direct is being replaced by Police Connect but users will not be transferred so will need to register with the new system to continue getting alerts from the Police. On the former point, he noted that there were also no recorded crimes, which is even better. Lastly he noted that the local Safer Neighbourhood Team have a new supervisor, Justin Siggins, who is based in Halesworth.

After being asked about the majority of crimes being unsolved and the council being updated on those that are, PCSO Newson said he would suggest to PCSO Hassler that he do so. It was also mentioned by Cllr Germaine that those involved in break-ins at The Chequers had been prosecuted.

SCDC Councillor Bob Snell: K2014062
Cllr Snell had provided a report. The Chairman highlighted some items at the meeting and asked the Clerk to include the full report in the meeting minutes (attached below). The Chairman also asked Cllr Finbow to highlight item 7 of Cllr Snell's report (community grants) to the Kettleburgh Green Trust. HF

SCC Councillor Peter Bellfield:

K2014063

Cllr Bellfield had provided a verbal report to the Clerk, the written up results of which (as follows) were read to the meeting:

Suffolk County Council have had some positive results in education: -

- 59% of Early Years have gained requisite levels compared to 49% last year.
- In reading 81% of 5-7 year olds have gained the required level compared with 78% last year, which makes Suffolk 1% above the national average. In writing Suffolk is also 1% above the national average and in maths Suffolk is at the national average.
- For students gaining 5 or more GCSEs of A* to C Suffolk’s percentage has dropped but due to a change in the marking regime the national average has dropped by 6.8% so Suffolk is now 124th of 151, compared to 135th last year and 149th the year before.

Suffolk County Council has added £10m to the broadband programme and so should, in 2017, be the first county to reach 95% coverage.

Suffolk is the 1st county in the country to have a Youth Employment Centre focussing on 16-24 year olds. This is a joint venture led by the County Council.

Having noticed a recent increase in road accidents Cllr Bellfield is thinking of proposing a 40mph area between the A140 and A 12, from Ipswich up to the A1120. Dartmoor is already such an area and there are others. He is interested to know what the Parish Council thinks of the idea.

Despite being unable to attend Cllr Bellfield is happy to help so if Cllrs want anything please do contact him directly, at home.

7. Planning:

K2014064

The previous planning application regarding the currently redundant agricultural buildings to the east of Kettleburgh Hall had been withdrawn after adverse comments by SCDC and by English heritage. The current application has been developed from the previous application to take account of the comments. The council still support the use of otherwise redundant buildings and have no objections to this application. The Clerk will report this to SCDC.

Clerk

8. Defibrillator:

K2014065

The First Responders representative had been unable to attend this meeting and had apologised profusely. The item will be moved to the next meeting.

Clerk

9. Kettleburgh Village Green Storage Facility:

K2014066

Cllr Finbow summarised the proposal, which will be filed with these minutes. She then explained that a metal shed had been chosen to reduce maintenance requirements, that nothing of great value would be stored there and that the Scouts, who use the Green, will have access.

The Chairman asked that the KGT take advantage of the free planning advisory service offered by SCDC and send the response to Cllr Harris, as the council wish to be assured that there is no planning permission required.

10. Sewer pipeline upgrade:

K2014067

Cllrs Jessop and Chase met with Sam Baker, as arranged by the Clerk (further to K2014047), and gained an understanding of the project. Three phases of the project must be completed by the end of March 2015:

- Replacing the pumping (rising) main between Brandeston Pumping Station and Kettleburgh Pumping Station and a short run of gravity sewer from Brandeston village down to Brandeston Pumping Station.
- Replacing the pumping (rising) main from Kettleburgh Pumping Station to the top of the hill near to Rookery Farm.
- Replacing the pumping (rising) main the rest of the way to Framlingham Pumping Station.

It is intended that the new pumping (rising) main shall increase the rate of pumping effluent to the Framlingham Treatment Works from both Brandeston and Kettleburgh thus mitigating the risk of flooding (and the use of tankers). The existing rising main shall be kept in place and thus could be used in case of future need.

It is intended to use directional drilling, where by holes are dug every 100m or so and then plastic pipe is pushed or pulled through from one pit to another obviating trenching in the road. The roads under which the new main shall be installed shall still have to be closed but access for residents will be maintained.

Anglian Water also intend to bring funds forward from the 2015/16 financial year to finance improvements to the Framlingham treatment works.

All residents will be receiving cards notifying them of the works start and useful details.

The Clerk was asked to write to Anglian to request final details of the scheme and the programme of works at the earliest opportunity.

Clerk

11. Notices of Landowner Deposits:

K2014068

The Clerk explained that these are notices, some of which have recently been posted around the parish, that detail maps deposited with SCDC that define what public rights of way exist in the area of land owned by the depositor. The only ascertained purpose is to define rights of way that do exist to defend against claims for those that don't.

12. Local Plan Early Engagement question:

K2014069

The Chairman explained the historic "proposals map" and the double protection that the areas apparently defined on that map give when combined with the classification of Kettleburgh as an "Other Village" in the new Local Plan.

Following a discussion the council agreed to reply to the question that yes, the double protection should be maintained (although it had been generally understood [incorrectly] that AP28 had already been superseded by the LDF).

13. Road Safety:

K2014070

The Chairman read the letter from the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner to the meeting. PCSO Newson agreed with the content of the letter and said that parishioners should report any individual incident or any individual car regularly seen speeding to the Safer Neighbourhood Team or PC Jeff Burt, our local Policeman, who will investigate if duty allows.

In response to a question asking if there is still a regulation width for road using vehicles, specifically tractors and other agricultural vehicles, PCSO Newson said he would refer the question to PCSO Hassler.

In response to a comment that there are more heavy vehicles using The Street than there were 2 or 3 years ago and a question about how "Not Suitable for Heavy Vehicles" signs may be applied, PCSO Newson replied that both were matters for SCC Highways.

14. Finance:

K2014071

- a) The Financial Statement was approved.
- b) The payments required were approved and initialled.
- c) The Annual Return was approved and accepted by the council, having been returned with no issues arising report necessary.
- d) The proposed budget and unchanged precept were agreed.

15. AOB

K2014072

Cllr Germain asked that Emergency Planning be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Clerk

A brief discussion on Welcome Packs resulted in one address for the Clerk to deliver to and a request that it is discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Clerk

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It was agreed that as the next meeting date would clash with the Panto dress rehearsal it would be held at The Chequers.

16. Date of Next Meetings: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 7:30pm in the Dining Room at The Chequers

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17. Close Meeting: The meeting closed at 9:15pm

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Chairman's signature to indicate Council approval: _____

Dated: _____

Suffolk Coastal District Council

Cllr Bob Snell's report to Kettleburgh Parish Council 12 November 2014

1. Planning – Site specific allocations

On 3 November 2014 SCDC published its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), an evidence-based document providing important information to help the preparation of the Local Plan documents that will allocate housing land for future development in line with our Core Strategy, which was adopted in 2013. The SHLAA is required by Government to inform the preparation of Local Plan documents and the Suffolk Coastal's annually updated 5-year housing land supply position.

Along with sites identified by the Council, developers, landowners and others have submitted around 700 sites for assessment, a process that looks at the suitability, availability and the likely economic viability of land to help meet the identified need for housing. It does not mean that planning permission will automatically be granted, even if a site is identified in the assessment as having potential for development. It is for the Local Plan making process to determine the most appropriate sites to be taken forward for development, which would then require planning permission in the normal way.

More than 40 meetings have already taken place with individual town and parish councils, prior to the wider, more formal 'Issues and Options Consultation' due to take place between 15 December and 28 February 2015.

3. SCDC HQ office

In a special meeting on Monday 15 September, full Council approved in principle the cabinet's recommendation on our proposed office move to a location in the Woodbridge area. A press release was issued immediately (see council's web site) but the matter remains confidential, as commercially sensitive negotiations are progressing. The leader has reported that the move is not financially dependent on the sale of the Melton Hill site and will save £200,000 a year. The investment is expected to be recouped in eight years.

4. SCDC 40 years old!

Suffolk Coastal District Council celebrated its ruby anniversary this year at my special Chairman's Reception in October at Easton Grange. Guests included past chairman and employees from Suffolk Coastal District Council, some current members and employees as well as civic, business and educational dignitaries from throughout Suffolk.

5. Business & Community awards 2015

As part of SCDC's 40 years anniversary, I have added a "Chairman's Award" to the programme for the 2015 Suffolk Coastal Business & Community Awards. This special award will honour a business that has made a significant contribution to Suffolk Coastal during the last 40 years and will continue in future years. This award is the only award that is solely open to businesses. It is also the only award that will not result from public nomination, as the winner will be chosen from nominations made by councillors for businesses within their ward. The Chairman's Award will recognise a business which has made a substantial difference to its local community or to the Suffolk Coastal district over the last four decades through job creation, skills development, training, charitable work or through other such initiatives.

6. Recycling update

From Monday 3 November residents have been able to put food and drink cartons, aerosol cans, books and metal pots, pans and trays into their recycling bin, along with the usual paper, card, cans, foil and plastic bottles, tubs and trays, as textiles in their specially supplied bags. The people of Suffolk are amongst the top performers in the

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country with 53% of our waste already being recycled, though more can be done to recycle the estimated 18,000 tonnes of material that gets thrown away each year, costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of pounds in land fill fees and other costs.

7. Community Grants

Local community groups are being urged to apply for a cash grant through the Suffolk Coastal Community Grants programme. The second round of the Revenue and Capital Grants programme is now open, with over £100,000 to be awarded to communities throughout the district, £50,000 for capital type projects and £64,500 to support revenue based projects. Under the Capital Grant Programme you can apply for 30 per cent of the overall project up to £10,000. This funding can be used towards the purchase of equipment, or for example the refurbishment of a building. Under the Revenue Grant Programme you can apply for a grant from £500 to £5,000. Revenue grants can be used to fund project costs.

8. Yet more benefit fraud

A woman from Melton pleaded guilty at Ipswich Magistrates Court on Tuesday 30 September. to dishonestly failing to disclose all of her income to the Council, including money she had made from trading on eBay, the second recent case of this nature, which is an offence under section 111A(1)(a) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992. She also acknowledged that she had failed to promptly report that her husband had moved back in with her in September 2013. In addition to having to repay all the money she was overpaid (£8,283.26), she was given a 12 month conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £150.

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