

## Minutes of Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 July 2011

Present: Cllrs. J Bater, D Bell, T Chase, R Durbin, D Germain, D Harris (chair), T Jessop, A Wheeler-Rowe.  
The Parish Clerk was in attendance. Two members of the public and our County Councillor were present. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 7:15p.m in Open Session. There were no matters raised. Open Session was closed and the meeting began.

ACTION

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** There were none.
3. **MINUTES** of the meetings held on 18 May and 9 June were approved and signed.

### 4. **REPORT FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **SCC Cllr Peter Bellfield:**

The new political leader of SCC is Mark Bee, chosen by over 50% of those voting. He was previously leader of Waveney District Council and oversaw their recovery from 'special measures'. He is keen to work with the people of Suffolk to achieve the savings still needed, rather than implementing the dictatorial New Strategic Direction. It has been announced that although there will still be public transport cutbacks, no libraries will close and that crossing patrols will be maintained where they are thought essential. Plans for outsourcing for cleaning, catering and grass cutting will continue, hoping to increase the profit from these measures from £600,000 to £1.2million. Contentious area for outsourcing, e.g., nursing homes, will be reconsidered.

Following the recent resignation of the Executive Leader, Andrea Hill, it may take up to six months to find a replacement, less time if the appointment is internal. Lucy Robinson and a team of senior executives are presently undertaking this work. Ms Hill's successor will not get the same level of salary.

It is hoped that the £10million offered by SCC as support for the faster broadband cable initiative will help achieve the latest funding proposal. Suffolk ACRE is also working on a £250,000 scheme for radio broadband.

**SCDC Cllr Bob Snell:** report attached.

**PCSO Christian Hassler:** report attached.

### 5. **PLANNING:**

**Proposal for Planning Applications from Leiston Town Council:** A letter received from Leiston TC seeks support for the following proposal on planning procedure with regard to major developments. Major developers should:

- (i) Attend our meeting to answer questions about their planning application if we so wish
- (ii) Provide resources (if we so wish) to enable us to assess their applications – which may be over 1000 pages long – based on a professional independent critique of their evidence.

TJ

After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Jessop would frame a response in support of this request and circulate it before replying via email.

#### **PLANNING DECISIONS FROM SCDC:**

**C11/1179: Corner House: Extension with single storey glazed link - NO DECISION YET**

### 6. **BROADBAND PROVISION IN KETTLEBURGH:**

Cllr Wheeler-Rowe reported that his request from Councillors for information about the broadband speeds they experience showed a vast range from 0.4 to 4.5Mbit/s, with an average speed of 2Mbit/s. The next stage is to establish the needs of Kettleburgh residents. Cllr Wheeler-Rowe will compose an article for the next PC newsletter, asking for details of residents' broadband speeds and requirements, so that a map of the overall village speeds and requirements can be determined. It will then become clear whether more action should be undertaken. Present speeds attained vary depending on the type of broadband contract: unlike the residential contract, Business BB is not dynamically line managed, so Residential BB delivers a higher speed. Cllr Bell suggested using bonded broadband, which is achieved by using two routers. From 2012 it is possible that the infrastructure provided by BT Openreach will be used by other broadband providers, aiming to serve 5 million homes in the following 3-5 years. Kettleburgh is served by exchanges where there are no current public plans to enhance broadband delivery to the next-generation of services. However market forces and government initiatives may force plans to change in the long term.

AWR

### 7. **SALC**

a) Cllr Durbin reported the following points from the last area meeting:

- Luke Bennett from the Local Strategic Partnership gave details of a range of local support for

business, social and health concerns.

- The Parish Plan scheme was highlighted as a means of reinforcing village aspirations.
- A series of workshops explaining the Localism Bill is planned.
- A reduction from four to two or three SALC area meetings a year was proposed.
- Large scale planning applications should be given funding by the applicant for independent assessments.
- Housing Associations should consider selling their properties rather than leaving them empty.
- It is possible that PCs will be required to register under the Data Protection Act.
- Trace iodine 131 had been detected around Sizewell Power Station. It was of a low level, equal to that recorded in other places after the Fukushima incident, and was not considered to be hazardous.

b) Cllr Durbin was happy to remain as SALC representative. It was agreed that if Cllr Durbin were unable to attend a meeting, other Councillors would be asked.

## 8. MEET YOUR MP EVENT

Dr Dan Poulter, our local MP, visited Kettleburgh on Friday 8 July. First he met Scouts on the Village Green where he presented Chief Scout Gold Awards to six of the troop. He watched tent pitching and catapult construction before his meeting in the Village Hall. Refreshments, kindly provided by the Chairman, provided an opportunity for informal discussion before the meeting began. After a welcome and introduction by Cllr Harris, Dan spoke about his first year at Westminster. Questions ranged from those of local to national importance and included: the proposed abolition of cheques; the Human Rights Act; rowdiness at Prime Ministers' Question Time; the overseas aid budget, inadequate roads & attracting new enterprise to the area. It was disappointing that attendance was not greater. It was agreed that any future meetings should be combined with other local parishes.

## 9. TRAFFIC CALMING

In his quest to complete the Traffic Calming measures for Kettleburgh, Cllr Durbin reported on:

- Completing the gateway by The Chequers: this will not be practical as the hedge grows too close to the edge of the road.
- A third gateway on the Framlingham Road: although SCC Highways is agreeable to us using a local contractor, the statutory requirements involved make this approach impracticable. Cllr Durbin will make a further request to Cllr Bellfield for funding from his annual locality budget for this project.

RD

There was another request from PCSO Hassler for Kettleburgh to join the Community Speedwatch Scheme. As previously stated, Councillors feel uneasy about promoting a scheme that may target those living in the vicinity. Cllr Durbin will reply to Christian Hassler and also ask him to include a lookout for drivers using mobile phones when next conducting a speed check.

RD

## 10. VILLAGE GREEN

a) **Vehicular Access to 11 Church Road:** The Clerk will check with Land Registry that the Deed of Easement has been registered.

JC

b) **Provision of lease to KGT:** This matter has taken more than three years to resolve, largely due to delays caused by Natural England's solicitors. The Chairman now has a copy of the lease. With minor alterations to be made, it is almost ready for circulating amongst Councillors for their comments.

DH

## 11. COMMUNITY EVENTS

First Friday of each month - Coffee morning  
Mondays at 10:00a.m - Keep Fit sessions  
31 July - Autojumble at Church Farm  
28 August - Fun Day on the Village Green  
3 September - Village Produce Show  
September - Race Night (date to be confirmed)  
9 October - Harvest Festival & Supper  
29 October - Harvest Hop with Jon & Mario  
31 October - Hallowe'en Lights on the Village Green

## 12. FINANCE

a) **The Financial Statement was received and approved.**

b) **Invoices for payment were approved and signed.**

## 13. CLERKS REPORT

a) A leaflet holder will be purchased and fixed to the wall in the lobby of the Village Hall.

b) A response has been made in support of the Framlingham TC application for Sports Funding from the

Playspace Scheme.

c) Schedules for the Village Produce Show will be distributed by Councillors with the Parish Council newsletter.

d) Dr Dan Poulter has invited the Parish Council to join his online communications panel, which is designed to enable him to keep in touch with people in his constituency. The clerk will enrol for the Parish Council, on the understanding that it will not be used for party political or campaigning purposes.

JC

#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

*All correspondence to be circulated amongst Councillors*

#### 15. A.O.B:

- Cllr Bater requested that a newsletter item be written to request that villagers have clearly visible names at the roadside of their properties. Cllr Germain agreed that this was a recurring issue, with many queries made at The Chequers from drivers of delivery vehicles unable to locate properties.
- Cllr Wheeler-Rowe noted that no response had been made to the parishioner who commented on the new tree planted at the end of Church Road. There were differing opinions about its suitability. Cllr Chase assured the meeting that its growth would be monitored and pruning undertaken if necessary. The Clerk will respond to the comment.

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TC  
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#### 18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 14 September at 7:15p.m (*agenda items by 1 September please*)

19. The meeting closed at 8:45p.m.

### District Councillor Bob Snell's report to Kettleburgh Parish Council, 13 July 2011

#### Local Development Framework

After recent delays caused by the need to assess new information about visitors to The Sandlings, the LDF is back on the agenda and meetings of Cabinet and Full Council (to consider the Reviewed Core Strategy) have been arranged as follows (Council agenda to be published in due course):

- Cabinet - Friday 8 July 2011 at 9.30 am - Trinity Park Conference Centre (*Completed*)
- Council - Wednesday 27 July 2011 at 9.30 am - Trinity park Conference Centre

The Council has updated the LDF Evidence Base list and the documents below (among others) are now available on the Council's Website at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/evidence/studies/default.htm>

- Sustainability Appraisal of Core Strategy & Development Management Policies (June 2011)
- Appropriate Assessment for Suffolk Coastal District Council Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (June 2011)
- Green Infrastructure Strategy for Suffolk Coastal District Council (May 2011)

Provided the Core Strategy is approved by Council on 27 July, it will replace the Interim Core Strategy. The responses from a six-week period of consultation on its "soundness" (expected to be held in Oct/Nov 2011) will be reported to Cabinet and Council in January 2012, after which the Core Strategy will be formally submitted for consideration by an independent Inspector. Indicative timetable would be for a Pre-Hearing in April 2012 and the formal Hearing in May, with the Inspector's report following in September, after which the Core Strategy will be adopted and the process of Site Specific Allocations can begin – for completion sometime in 2013.

#### ABGI Grant Funding

The district's local economy is set to benefit from this year's Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) Grant with funding supporting four local heritage and countryside projects, including The Longshop Museum in Leiston, The Tide Mill in Woodbridge, The Landguard Peninsula Education Centre and The Balance Project to improve accessibility and visitor information for those visiting the Suffolk Coastal AONB.

LABGI rewards local councils with grants for increasing business growth in excess of a base rate set by the Government. Over the past six years Suffolk Coastal has received just over £2m which it has distributed across different projects, together with match funding from other sources.

### **Key appointments following the election**

At the Council's Annual Meeting on 26 May, a number of key decisions were made that will shape the next four years:

- Chairman of the Council: Joan Sennington
- Vice Chairman: Richard Kerry
- Leader: Ray Herring, making him the longest serving L A leader in the East of England (12 years)
- Deputy Leader: Andy Smith

Your own District Councillor was appointed Chairman of the Development Control Committee and, at their meetings on 8 and 9 June, Chairman of its two sub-committees.

### **Village of the Year 2011**

Boyton has won the Suffolk Coastal Village of the Year Competition. Five villages entered the competition and the results were 1st – Boyton, 2nd - Easton , 3rd – Westleton, 4th - Brandeston and 5th – Friston.

Boyton will now go forward as the District Council's representative in the County-wide competition organised by Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

### **“New bus service for young people takes to the road”**

You may have read the announcement that from Friday 1 July 1 young people living in Framlingham, Saxmundham, Leiston and Aldeburgh, *and all the surrounding villages*, will now have their own special bus service on every Friday and Saturday night. Enquiries to the organisers have revealed that “all the surrounding villages” does not include any south of Framlingham, so Earl Soham ward excluded.

### **Report from PCSO Christian Hassler**

#### **Crime report**

From 11<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 there were three reported crimes in the Kettleburgh area.

1. Criminal damage
2. Fraud by false representation
3. Burglary dwelling

#### **Speeding and Parking concerns**

Speed enforcement checks in and around the village will continue, so please be mindful to watch your speed. Also I have approx 5 other villages interested in splitting the cost of the Community Speed Watch Scheme equipment so would Kettleburgh be interested in joining. I would like to progress this as soon as possible and the more villages that join the lower the cost to each parish.

#### **Crime Reduction Advice**

##### **Digital Switchover**

Wednesday 6 July 2011 is Digital Switchover day for parts of Suffolk, with the final phase of the switch over in this area on 9 Nov 11, (on the Tacolneston transmitter) for North Suffolk and Norfolk.

If you have any queries or concerns about the switch over you can contact, the Digital Help Scheme set up for those who need the most assistance to switch to digital. Help is also available for those aged 75 or over, registered blind or partial sighted or in receipt of certain benefits.

Call 0800 408 5900 or visit [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk) for more information.

Please note that installers registered with the government help scheme will not call without an appointment and will carry a Help Scheme ID.

If you have any caller claiming to be from the Help Scheme or offering assistance to set up your TV without an appointment then refuse entry to your property and dial 999 and ask for police assistance immediately.

Suffolk Police are asking residents to look out for their vulnerable or elderly neighbours and to notify the police immediately of any suspicious callers.