

Minutes of Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th July 2012

Present: Cllrs J Bater, D Bell, R Durbin, D Harris (chair), T Jessop, A Wheeler-Rowe
The Parish Clerk was in attendance. Eight members of the public were present. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 7:30pm in Open Session. There were no issues raised, Open Session was closed and the meeting began. The Chairman formally welcomed the new Parish Clerk and thanked Mrs Harris for providing the refreshments. Actions

1. Declaration of Interest: There were none.

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr D Germain

Cllr Harris suggested that the Council send our best wishes to Cllr Germain and her husband. This was agreed. MS

3. Minutes of the meetings held on 16th May 2012 and 20th June 2012 were approved and signed.

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

Suffolk Police: PCSO Christian Hassler sent his apologies and reported that as of 5th July only 1 crime in our Parish had been reported, a "Burglary - other building" on 9th May. Cllr Wheeler-Rowe pointed out the 2 further crimes reported in the village since the PCSO's report and suggested this may be a good time to re-invigorate our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Cllr Bell was asked to recount her recent experiences and reported finding 2 cars with knifed tyres after previously having vehicles badly scratched. Cllrs Bell and Wheeler-Rowe were asked to meet with Derrick Neilson in advance of further discussion at the next Full Council Meeting. DB
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SCDC Councillor Bob Snell: Cllr Snell sent his apologies and reported "the unanimous approval of the SCDC North area development control Sub-committee to the planning application on the land north of the Old Kennels in Framlingham Road (the "sycamore seed house") - possibly another Suffolk Coastal candidate for "Grand Designs". This application was, of course, supported by the parish council."

SCC Councillor Peter Bellfield: Cllr Bellfield sent his apologies and a report (attached to these minutes).

5. Planning Applications:

C12/1349/ - Proposed one-and-a-half storey dwelling with garage (Revised scheme to C10/3168), Part of rear garden of Maple House, The Street

The applicant, Mr Mark de Roeper, was asked to explain the changes between the existing permission and the revised application, which he did. After 2 Parishioners stated their objections and further discussion ensued, Cllr Harris summed up and asked for objections. No Cllrs had any so the council will return no objections to the application. MS

C12/0919/: Erection of wind turbine at D’Urbans Farm, High Road, Framlingham - awaiting result

C12/1055/: Erection of extension at Brambleside, The Street - awaiting result

6. Kettleburgh Bridge Works:

Cllr Harris stated the position of the Highways Authority and requested comments. Cllr Wheeler-Rowe suggested that although they have regulations to satisfy by reinforcing by bridge it was his understanding that it is their own rules that dictate removal of the current 13 ton limit signage. Cllr Harris proposed a letter requesting they do not remove the signage which he will draft. This was agreed and Cllr Harris asked all Cllrs to email any comments they would like included. DH

7. Third Gateway for Kettleburgh:

Cllr Durbin stated that an invoice for the Council’s contribution (£1141.02) had not yet arrived and requested that the council agree it could be paid by cheque when it did arrive rather than wait for the next meeting. This was agreed.

8. Code of Conduct:

The Council agreed to adopt and abide by the Suffolk Code. Each councillor must fill in the new declaration of interests, online, when requested to do so by SCDC. All Cllrs

9. Review of Planning Services:

Cllr Jessop was asked to lead and noted two points worthy of mention: that requests for comments are such that councils are given as close to 21 days as possible; and that relevant planning policies be attached to applications sent to councils for comment.

10. Suffolk Local Flood Risk Management Strategy:

Cllr Harris suggested that the most important point raised in the strategy is that existing drainage systems are well maintained. Cllr Jessop reported that in a past meeting with the Environment Agency (EA) and Anglian Water (AW), when the Kettleburgh Pumping Station was being discussed, EA and AW had stated that land owners should maintain their own ditches and drains and AW had agreed to do a survey of the local area, which has not been seen. The Clerk will attempt to trace this survey. Cllr Bater pointed out that some ditches are useful in holding water back rather than flooding the valley floor and that the ditch along The Street should be maintained well. Cllr Jessop said that the strategy was of interest to all Parishioners and should be published electronically and on the noticeboard. MS MS

11. Bird Scarers:

Reports of very early and late use were given and after discussion of regulations it was agreed that there was probably no wrongdoing to report. Cllr Durbin had a copy of the NFU Guidelines on the subject and will circulate them. RD

12. Finance:

Cllr Bell pointed out that the VAT refund for the legal charges involved in passing

the lease for the Kettleburgh Green to the Kettleburgh Green Trust should be paid to the KGT. Cllr Harris pointed out that the Lord of the Manor Fund donation toward the Diamond Jubilee celebrations was probably incorrectly represented and agreed to meet with the previous and current Clerks to revise the financial statement.

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Invoices for payment were approved and signed.

13. Review of Council Documents:

The Standing Orders were approved without alteration.

14. Clerk's Report:

War Memorial: The Clerk reported that the previous Clerk is still awaiting grant approval from the War Memorials Trust after providing the requested greater detail of the quotes.

15. Correspondence: There was no physical correspondence to circulate.

16. AOB:

Cllr Wheeler-Rowe has matters to discuss about the Village Pound which were carried forward to the next meeting.

Cllr Wheeler-Rowe reported that he had been asked to cut the SCC maintained grass at the end of Church Road and that he had not done so before Mr Clibbins had taken the job upon himself. Cllr Harris suggested that Mr Clibbins deserved thanks for his public spirited works and the meeting agreed to send an email.

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Cllr Bell reported that she was still in possession of 2 Jubilee Mugs and 2 Jubilee Coins after being sure to distribute to all village children but that if any parishioners were heard to state their children's lack of such she would appreciate being informed. Cllr Harris suggested they could be used for other fundraising activities, after a suitable time had elapsed for them to be claimed, and the meeting agreed.

Cllr Jessop questioned the later meeting start time and after questioning the new Clerk about his evening availability, and general discussion of the merits or otherwise, a vote was held. The Council agreed to start future meetings at 7:30pm with refreshments served from 7:15pm.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 7:30pm

18. Close Meeting: The meeting closed at 8:40pm

County Council Report from Peter Bellfield.

In my report to you for the last year I said that we had exceeded our savings target of £42.5m., now that the accounts have been drawn up the total amount saved comes to an additional £13.5m. at £56m. However we are still looking to save a further £26m. in each of the next two years.

You may have seen from the local press that we have short-listed two providers for high speed Broadband in the County and expect to announce the successful applicant before the end of September. The hope is that most, if not all, of the County will be able to receive the new service by March 2015. We are one of the first four counties in the country to be in this position thanks, in part, to the County putting £10m. towards the project.

There has recently been some publicity in the media about a manifesto for the future of the railway services in East Anglia. This has been produced so that pressure can be put on the Government to ensure that the terms of the new fifteen year franchise for our services brings them into the 21st century. The local Members of Parliament have gained most of the credit for this work, but it has, in fact, been Suffolk County Council who has commissioned and largely paid for the study. Guy McGregor, the portfolio holder for Transport, has been the driving force behind this project. We hope that this will result in the Norwich to London line no longer being the under invested second class service which it has been for many years.