

Minutes of Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 29th January 2014

Present: Cllrs J Bater, D Bell, T Chase, H Finbow, D Harris (chairman), and T Jessop. Minute
Attending: SCC Cllr Bellfield, 8 members of the public and the Clerk. numbers
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which began at 7:30pm. and Actions

The meeting commenced in open session.

The excessive amount of dog waste on Kettleburgh Green was raised. Cllr Finbow, as K2014001
a member of the Kettleburgh Green Trust (KGT) committee, reported that the KGT
are aware of the problem and investigating solution, promising to report this
complaint at the upcoming KGT meeting.

The apparent lack of care being taken of the wildflower meadow on Kettleburgh K2014002
Green was raised. It was reported that the meadow was to be cut only once each year
but that it had not been cut last year. Cllr Bater said that in previous years he had been
asked to cut the meadow but had not received the request last year.

The work on The Street near the bottom of Church Road was discussed in relation to K2014003
the rollout of fibre broadband. It was reported that fibre broadband will probably
reach Kettleburgh a couple of weeks after an exchange upgrade in Framlingham is
completed, which is due in March.

1. Members' declarations of interests: none. K2014004

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs P Bishopp, D Germain and SCDC Cllr B Snell. K2014005

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2013 were approved and signed. K2014006

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

SCC Councillor Peter Bellfield: K2014007

Cllr Bellfield reported:

- Budget savings. SCC have to save £156m from their ~£600m budget and have found savings of £38.6m to balance the accounts for next year. No front line services will be lost and no cuts will be made to the Highways budget. 2 particular savings are of note, the waste incinerator at Great Blakenham, and the CSD contract. The former is projected to save £9m on landfill tax, to generate electricity to sell back to the national grid and to produce heat for very large greenhouses expected to grow 10% of the UK tomato crop. The CSD partnership with BT providing HR, IT and Finance services to SCC, is coming to an end and SCC will bring those services in house expecting to save £9m.
- Free school meal campaign. SCC have campaigned for those entitled to claim to do so, which has resulted in 2,500 more claims, for each of which the schools will get £900 additional funding. There are still 1,800 entitled children for whom no claim is made. SCC encourage anyone entitled to claim.

- Care homes. SCC sold all of its care homes to Care UK on condition that they build 10 new ones. The 9th has received planning permission and the 1st has topped out.
- Youth support. SCC have received a grant of £300,000 to support 80 apprenticeships throughout Suffolk and are also running twenty twelve week internships inside district authorities.
- Cross-border partnership. Districts have demonstrated savings by sharing services and SCC are talking to Norfolk CC regarding doing the same at county level. Cllr Bellfield is chair of the SCC pension fund and reports that the administration team are already talking to NCC to ascertain saving possibilities. SCC are also talking to Essex, Cambridgeshire and Leicestershire CCs.

SCDC Councillor Bob Snell:

K2014008

Cllr Snell had sent a report which is attached below.

The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Snell and thank him for the report he had sent mentioning that the Parish Council would be pleased to have the opportunity to ask questions.

Clerk

PCSO Christian Hassler:

K2014009

No report had been sent. The Clerk was asked to write to PCSO Hassler requesting a report and that in his absence someone else could prepare and send a report to Kettleburgh Parish Council meetings.

Clerk

5. Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan:

K2014010

A consultation document had been sent to the Council, from which the Chairman reported that there were plans for 450 houses to be built in Framlingham. There is a Public Meeting on the 18th March, 2:30pm to 7:30pm, at the United Free Church Hall. The Parish Council will be represented but anyone with an interest is encouraged to attend. The overall feeling about the expansion was that there is not enough of many aspects of infrastructure to sustain it. The Chairman will draft a Parish Council response to and circulate it to Cllrs.

DH

6. Finance

K2014011

- The Financial Statement was approved.
- The payments required were approved and initialled.
- The Clerk and public left the room while the budget and precept were discussed. The Council resolved not to budget for newsletter printing, with two Cllrs volunteering to do the printing for a distribution. There is provision for a single salary scale increase for the Clerk. The Precept will increase by £100, to £3,300.
- It was resolved that the Chairman will discuss this with other Parish Councils and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

DH

7. Clerk's Matters

K2014012

- The Clerk's suggested changes to the Financial Regulations, of a minor typographical error and a budget scheduling adjustment to cater for the changed meeting schedule, were approved.
- The established system of internal and external auditing was approved.
- The Annual Parish Council Meeting was set for the 21st May.

Clerk

8. AOB

K2014013

In response to a question about what infrastructure was being implemented for the uprated broadband it was explained that a fibre backbone was being installed as well as a routing change to increase efficiency and that despite the generally overhead copper cabling going to residences not being upgraded the increased capacity of the backbone would decrease contention providing improved access times to users.

9. Date of Next Meetings: The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 7:30pm

K2014014

10. Close Meeting: The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Chairman's signature to indicate Council approval: _____

Dated: _____

Suffolk Coastal District Council

Councillor Bob Snell's report to Earl Soham Parish Councils, January 2014

1. Community Enabling Budgets

A new Community Enabling fund has been set up by Suffolk Coastal to help support communities in the District. The fund will provide each elected member of Suffolk Coastal with up to £4,000 to help develop projects in their community that are consistent with the Council's Business Plan and Localism Strategy. It cannot be used to support existing services but is aimed at stimulating new community activity. See www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/enablingcommunities/communitybudgets/

2. Core Strategy

A legal challenge to certain aspects of the Core Strategy from NANT took place in the High Court last week and we await the judgement.

3. New office for SCDC?

Recommendation of best choice for new location, offering greatly improved efficiency, will be put to Cabinet by the working group very soon.

4. Boundary Committee review

Reaction to SCDC's proposals expected from the Boundary Committee imminently

5. The Weather

Your district council with its regional counterparts responded well to the recent flooding emergencies and the system coped very well with only a few minor breaches, In the light of that experience, full Council heard a report at its meeting on 23 Jan.

6. Annual District Council Meeting

Because of a conflict the date with European elections, the Annual Council meeting has been changed to Thursday 29 May 2014.