

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL BY ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL 27 January 2021 at 7.00 pm

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Lesley Brown, Ed Howe, Amy Negus

Also in attendance: Three members of the public

Also present: F Eagle

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Allen and District Cllr Cowen.

2. To approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 25 November 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 25 November 2020 could be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. All voted in favour.

3. To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members

None.

4. Guest speakers: None.

5. Planning – Applications

The Chairman closed the meeting to enable the Applicant of item 5e to address the Council.

- e. **3PL/2020/1349/F** – Land rear of Shropham House, Watton Road, NR17 1DY – One self build dwelling with carport and garage. The Applicant explained that he wishes to downsize and build an energy efficient dwelling whilst minimising the impact on the neighbours and remaining in Shropham. The Applicant explained that the response from Breckland Council had been confusing as it differs from the pre-application response. The Applicant has requested that this matter go to the Planning Committee for consideration and confirmed that should his application not be successful, he will make an Appeal. The Applicant is seeking the support of the Parish Council. D Napier advised that the Parish Council is a consultee in these matters and not decision making and stressed that it is unfortunate that the Council had not been approached before the application was made.

A Thornton advised that he had looked at the planning application with a planning eye and there are guidelines that we have to observe. D Napier read the Council's response to the planning application submitted on 29 December 2020. The Applicant explained that he was open to discussions on the look of the proposed dwelling and any other matters regarding it.

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DATED:

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Discussions took place as regards the look, location, access etc of the application. The Council agreed that whilst they would like to support the Applicant's wish to remain in the village, any decisions have to be based entirely on the facts. With this in mind, the Council will discuss the matter further before deciding whether to submit any further comments. D Napier thanked the Applicant for attending the meeting and in turn the Applicant thanked the Council for their time. The Applicant left the meeting.

- a. **3PN/2020/0052/UC** – Low Road NR17 1EH - Prior approval for conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling -General Permitted Development England Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q. ***This application has been withdrawn.***
- b. **3PL/2020/1054/VAR** - Land Off Hargham Road Shropham NR17 1DT - Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2018/1071/F -Revised design. ***Undecided.***
- c. **3PL/2020/1056/F** - Plots 5 & 6 Land of Hargham Road Shropham NR17 1DT - Erection of two detached single garage and open carports. ***Undecided.***
- d. **3PL/2020/1025/O** - Land adj Bradcar Farm South, Bradcar Road NR17 1EQ - Proposed agricultural dwelling. ***Permission has been granted.***
- e. **3PL/2020/1349/F** – Land rear of Shropham House, Watton Road, NR17 1DY – One self build dwelling with carport and garage. ***See above.***
- f. **3PL/2020/1320/F** - Plot 2 Hargham Road NR17 1DT - Proposed Two Storey Detached Dwelling With Garage / Car Port. ***Undecided. No objections.***
- g. **3PL/2020/1284/F** - Plot 3, Land Off Hargham Road NR17 1DT - Erection of Detached Single Garage & Open Car Lodge. ***Permission has been granted.***
- h. **3PL/2020/1340/VAR** – Settle, Harling Road, NR17 1EA – Variation of Condition No. 2 on 3PL/2016/0857/F – to provide bedroom accommodation at first floor for holiday Lodge 3. ***Permission has been granted.***
- i. **3PL/2020/1364/HOU** – 2 The Meadows, NR17 1BF – Ground and First Floor extension to side of dwelling house. ***Permission has been granted.***
- j. **3PL/2020/0233/DOC** – Plots 1 & 3, Land off Hargham Road, NR16 1DT – Discharge of Condition No 9, 13, 17, 21 on 3PL/2018/1071/F. ***Undecided.***
- k. **3PL/2020/0780/F** – Land at Chalk Lane, NR16 2JZ – The construction of an agricultural feed mill (Use Class B2) with ancillary offices and welfare facilities, creation of a new vehicular access and associated infrastructure including silos; engineering; landscaping; and ground works – this is an Environmental Impact Assessment Development. ***Undecided (Snetterton).*** D Napier advised that we had, to date, supported Snetterton in their objections to this application and a decision is required as to whether we should continue our support. Proposed by D Napier, seconded by A Thornton, all voted in favour to continue to support Snetterton in their objections to this application.

F Eagle left the meeting at 7.31pm

The following planning matter was received post Agenda.

- i. **3PL/2021/0079/F** - Lingar Hill Farm Harling Road NR17 1EE - Erection of one clear span, steel framed poultry house on existing poultry farm and relocation of two existing feed bins. This application was discussed and it was agreed that the site is quite isolated, sits in a low and is well screened. The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

6. Finance

The following expenditure was proposed by D Napier and seconded by L Brown. All voted in favour.

- a. To ratify salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the months of December (from 18 December) and January (to 13 January 2021) in the sum of £310.41.

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7. To discuss, propose and vote on the following subjects:-

a. To adopt Freedom of Information Act Policy

The Clerk had prepared a draft Policy prior to the meeting. All Councillors had an opportunity to consider the contents thereof. D Napier proposed that the Freedom of Information Act Policy be adopted by the Council, seconded by A Thornton, all voted in favour. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Freedom of Information Act Policy be adopted forthwith.

8. Matters to Report

a. Financial Balances

The Clerk advised that the current account balance is £16,346.12.

b. Trees on Playing Field

E Howe reported that there was nothing to report at this stage and should be considered again next year. A Thornton advised that he was not sure whether there was room for trees to be planted as suggested and maybe a small orchard would be appropriate. It was suggested that this is a community project which should be led by the Village Hall but the Council would support the project.

c. Open letter from the Chairman, NALC

The Council members were provided with a copy of the letter prior to the meeting. Nothing further to add.

d. Hargham Road – Speeding/Traffic volume

A member of the public had contacted the Clerk prior to the meeting with concerns over the level and speed of traffic on the Hargham Road. There appeared to be a vast increase in traffic, especially HGV vehicles. There is also a large volume of agricultural vehicles in the early hours of a Sunday/Monday morning. It was felt the volume of traffic had increased during lockdown. D Napier advised that this is a known problem and one that is shared by many villages in Norfolk. We have an active Speedwatch presence when Covid restrictions allow, a SAM2 sign, 7.5tonne weight limit and support from the Police, when available. Traffic calming has been discussed at length in the past but no solution is acceptable to Norfolk County Council as Shropham is an agricultural village. It is also a sad fact that there have been no fatalities in the area in question. Norfolk County Council have always refused our previous requests. E Howe suggested that more properties have been built in the village and the road has become busier in recent times. The Council accepts that this does not solve the problem but thanked the member of the public for taking the time to express her concerns and the Council will continue to raise matters with our County Councillor.

9. Any items to be noted for the next Agenda.

None.

10. Correspondence

None.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow public participation.

11. Public participation – none.

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The Chairman reopened the Council Meeting.

12. **To agree date for next meeting:** Wednesday 31 March 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

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