

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL on 29 September 2021 at 7.00pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Lesley Brown, Ed Howe, Cliff Allen

Also present: District Cllr Phil Cowen and District Cllr Sarah Suggitt, Peter Bush and
11 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from A Thornton.

2. To approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021 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

A Negus – 7A and D.

4. Co-option of Peter Bush

Peter Bush was nominated for co-option to the Parish Council, nominated by D Napier and seconded by C Allen, all voted in favour. Peter Bush joined the meeting.

5. Guest Speakers

None.

6. Traffic on the Hargham/Watton Road

D Napier met with Jack Griffiths (Highways Engineer) and County Cllr Fabian Eagle to look at possible measures to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. Highways have previously turned down chicanes, pinch points etc. There is a Road Safety Community Fund but Breckland will not benefit from this until years 2 and 3. In the meantime, the only available option open to the Council is a second SAM2 sign but this one with a flashing deer, which would still record speeds. A further two locations have been highlighted for the positioning of the SAM2 signs. F Eagle has offered to make a £1,000 contribution from his personal budget towards the purchase of the sign. It is possible that a further contribution could be made by way of application to the Parish Partnership Fund.

A member of the public enquired whether it was possible to have a camera which photographed the speeding vehicles. P Cowen advised that it is illegal to do so, only the Police or another authorised body are permitted to do this. It was also suggested that registration of lorries could be recorded as there is a weight restriction through the village and the route cannot be used as a short cut. D Napier advised that on about six occasions he had notified the Transport Manager when this was suspected. On a few of the occasions this had been confirmed.

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P Cowen also advised that small towns/villages have campaigned for proper cameras but costs can be in the region of £20K or can easily double if there are problems with an electricity connection. The flashing deer signs are becoming quite popular and seem to have a good effect.

D Napier proposed that we pursue this matter further, P Bush seconded, all voted in favour. Clerk to progress.

A discussion took place in relation to the pedestrian footpath from the new development on the Hargham Road. Open Reach have to lower cables at the location and on variation, this has to be completed within six months of the first occupation of property. Number 1 is now occupied and BT have confirmed that by 10 October they will confirm where the cables have to be sunk to. The footpath can then be installed. The footpath will go down as far as The Gables and a question was raised as to how this would connect to the Village Hall grounds. L Brown suggested that it may be possible to make a hole in the hedge to provide access. It was agreed that this required further consideration and discussion and will be included on the next Agenda.

7. Planning Applications

- a. **3PN/2021/0045/UC** – Home Farm Bradcar Road NR17 1EQ – Prior approval for conversion of two agricultural buildings to two dwellings and change of use of agricultural land to domestic. General Permitted Development England Order 2015 as amended by Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q. **No objection. Undecided.**
- b. **3PL/2021/0949/HOU** – Fourwinds Hargham Road NR17 1DS – Single Storey Rear Extension. **Permission.**
- c. **3PL/2021/0910/F - Land South-East of Shropham House (adjacent) Watton Road NR17 1DY - Proposed self-build dwelling & garage. Permission.**
- d. **3PL/2021/0817/VAR - Land Off Hargham Road NR17 1DT - Variation of Condition No 17,& 21 on 3PL/2018/1071/F - amend wording to omit plot 1 to allow occupation of dwelling. Permission.**
- e. **3PL/2021/0843/F - Stephen's Field Shropham NR17 1DZ - The erection of a permanent agricultural workers dwelling, to include landscaping and parking. Undecided**
- f. **3PL/2021/0911/F** – Rose Cottage Low Road NR17 1EH – Proposed change of use of agricultural land to residential for enlarged curtilage to Plots 1 & 2 (former approval ref 3PL/2020/0931//D). **Permission.**
- g. **3PL/2021/0409/F** – East Cottage Watton Road NR17 1DY – Proposed Mobile Home/Temp ancillary accommodation for family members use only to the main dwelling. **Permission.**
- h. **3PL/2021/0446/VAR** – Traditional Norfolk Poultry Hargham Road NR17 1DS – Variation of Condition No 5 on 3PL/2018/0061/F. **Refused.**
- i. **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 (Snetterton). **Permission.**
- j. **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 feeds bins. **Undecided.**
- k. **Planning Regulations**
P Cowen explained that Shropham had supported elements of growth to avoid geriatric and dormitory villages. We need to bring more life into the villages.

The Local Plan was approved in 2019 with the caveat that some points needed to be revisited. There is currently a White Paper awaited from Government which is likely to propose changes but it is unknown to what extent.

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6. Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure:-

- a. To ratify salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, from 13 August 2021 to 22 September 2021 (incl holiday pay) in the sum of £342.07.
- b. To approve payment to Shropham Village Hall for hall hire for May, June and September in the sum of £30.00.
- c. To ratify salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, from 24 June to 12 August 2021 in the sum of £430.86.

The above payments were proposed by D Napier and seconded by L Brown. All voted in favour.

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

The Clerk explained that discussions regarding the purchase of a defibrillator to be placed in the telephone kiosk had been ongoing for some time but came to a halt due to the pandemic. The Clerk further explained that the Council were in a position to fund the purchase of a defibrillator for installation at the Village Hall which seemed a more sensible location. The Clerk is in communications with a recommended supplier and has sought up-to-date quotes. The Village Hall Committee have also made enquiries of the Heart2Heart Norfolk charity and contact details will be passed to the Clerk.

It was proposed that the Parish Council would purchase a defibrillator and cabinet and would gift the same to the Village Hall. The Parish Council will also fund the installation of the same. Proposed by D Napier and seconded by E Howe, all voted in favour. Clerk to progress.

It was also considered appropriate for training to be offered to residents.

b. Telephone kiosk

A quotation has been received for refurbishment of the telephone kiosk in the sum of £920. The Clerk advised that funds were available however, it is imperative that the kiosk then has a purpose. L Brown advised that the glass also needed replacing which was not included in the original quote. With this in mind, it was proposed that an upper budget of £1,200 be agreed, in principle, so the project can progress provided any updated quote comes in line with this budget. All voted in favour.

8. Matters to Report**a. Financial Balances**

The Clerk advised the current balance is £14,393.54.

b. Parish Land

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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

As above.

10. Correspondence

None.

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11. Public participation

P Cowen reported that Breckland will be preparing Grant money to all parishes to fund the purchase of a Beacon which will be lit at 9.09pm on 21 June 2022 to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. A checklist will be provided to Parishes to ensure what to do legally.

Bin collections are struggling a little at the moment largely due to the strain on the team and the impact of the fuel issues.

12. To agree date for next meeting: Wednesday 24 November 2021 (subsequently changed to Tuesday 30 November 2021 due to venue availability).

Meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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