

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL on 25 January 2022 at 7.00pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Ed Howe, Cliff Allen, Peter Bush

Also present: District Cllr Phil Cowen and Members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence**
A Negus and L Brown.
2. **To approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2021**
It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 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**
None.
4. **Guest Speakers**
None.
5. **Planning Applications**
 - a. **3PL/2021/1435/F** - White Horse Rocklands Road NR17 1DU - Change of use of our annex from domestic family use to Air B&B accommodation for some of the year. **Permission.**
 - b. **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. **Undecided.**
 - c. **3PL/2021/1547/F** - Land to South side of Swangey Lane NR17 1XJ - 8no. poultry houses with associated admin blocks, feed bins and ancillary development. **Undecided.** It was noted that there are still no comments from Highways and it is believed that the Officer is seeking further advice in relation to the ford. P Cowen advised that it is really important that the Planning Committee have a site visit and S Suggitt has requested this. It was noted that there are lots of objections to this application and whilst there is a level of replication, there are some very strong and good comments that have been made. Rocklands, Shropham and Great Ellingham Parish Councils are working together on this application. Which is to be called in to Planning Committee. P Cowen stated that comments from Highways are essential. Seven passing places are required and there are currently only two which are not maintained and the ford is of great concern. P Cowen advised that George Freeman MP has also raised very strong objections and acknowledges that whilst the application supports business growth and employment in the area, it is the right application in the wrong place. It is disappointing that the Environmental Agency has no objections, given the situation with the River Wye, which has been poisoned because of the phosphates from chicken manure leaching into the watercourse. The ford

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is totally unsuitable for the size and volume of traffic and there is no doubt these vehicles will ground out at the ford.

- d. **3PL/2022/0011/HOU** – Home Farm Bradcar Road NR17 1EQ – Raising Roof to create two-storey dwelling. **No objections. Undecided.**
- e. **3PL/2022/0009/VAR** – Land East of Rocklands Road NR17 1DU – Removal of conditions 15 and 16 on 3PL/2021/0211/F. P Cowen explained that these are standard conditions which appear on most planning applications. Condition 16 relates to controlling what may happen in the future in terms of extensions etc under permitted development without the Council's permission. This particular condition also includes outbuildings which are incidental to enjoyment of the property. Condition 15 relates to no dig construction. This is frequently required by Highways so as not to damage tree roots etc during construction. A Thornton expressed concerns over the removal of Condition 16 as it may give carte blanche for residents to do what they wish. P Bush agreed. P Cowen advised that leaving this in place does not penalise the current application but they have been imposed for a reason. After discussion it was agreed to raise no objections to the removal of condition 15 but objections should be registered against the removal of Condition 16.
- f. **3PL/2022/0003/DOC** – Land East of Rockland Road NR17 1DU – Discharge of Conditions Nos 3,4,8,10,11 & 12 on 3PL/2021/0211/F. These conditions are part of the statutory process and are a formality which are of no concern.

F Eagle joined the meeting at 7.35pm

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

- a. To approve payment to Shropham Village Hall for hire charges 25 January 2022 in the sum of £10.00.
- b. To ratify salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, from 1 December to 31 December 2021 (incl holiday pay) in the sum of £336.01.

The above payments were proposed by D Napier and seconded by P Bush. All voted in favour.

7. Matters to Report

a. Financial Balances

The Clerk advised the current balance is £10,076.59

b. Parish Land

A Thornton advised that he had approached Spire Solicitors to establish ownership of land in the village to which no response had been received. Leathes Prior Solicitors have now been instructed to act for the Parish Council to seek to register the land.

c. Defibrillator

D Napier opened the meeting to allow B Slinn, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, to update the Council. B Slinn advised that on the basis of new information, he had taken the proposal of the gift of the defibrillator to the Village Hall Committee, and was pleased to advise:

- the defibrillator is already covered under the current Village Hall insurance
- training will be provided via You Tube
- the Parish Council will fund replacement pads on a bi-annual basis
- the Village Hall will fund replacement pads when required after use
- accepted as a gift from the Parish Council

d. Highways

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D Napier advised that it is important that any Highways matters are reported through the Clerk so these can be followed up when required. The reinstatement of the 30mph signs following the installation of the new footpath has been reported to Highways. It is hopeful that the Rangers will be due to the village soon.

e. **Access to Village Hall from Hargham Road**

The Clerk advised that planning have confirmed that no application will be required and H Coggles has advised that permission is not required to cut a hole in the hedge. Highways have yet to respond.

f. **Platinum Jubilee**

A Thornton is looking into the Queen's Green Canopy. The County Council have a 1 million trees project but the Queen's Green Canopy is to register single trees to be registered. The Woodland Trust may have some trees available. A Thornton to investigate and report back.

g. **Litter**

D Napier advised it should be noted how appreciative the Parish Council are to a resident who litter picks around the village on a regular basis. It was suggested that the Clerk write a letter of thanks.

The Chairman of Breckland Council this year has not nominated a charitable organisation but is instead recognising individuals/groups who benefit their community. Clerk to approach the Chairman of Breckland Council.

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

As above.

9. Correspondence

Kings Lynn, West Norfolk and Breckland Councils have now teamed together with a new Serco waste contract and they are now able to offer a commercial waste service. They are exempt from VAT and in most cases prices are considerably less than most suppliers. F Eagle reiterated that he was using the service and it is considerably lower in cost.

10. Public participation

Concern was raised as to the condition of the verge next to the new footpath, which has already begun to disappear and become very muddy. Clerk advised that this had been reported.

F Eagle spoke briefly about the Swangey Lane planning application and advised, in his professional opinion, that it is unwise to build a poultry operation between two watercourses and a lot of mitigation work would need to be done. Over 2 million birds have been culled due to the latest outbreak of avian flu.

P Cowen advised that as the Covid regulations change on Thursday, most staff at Breckland will be returning to the workplace. Some staff are now out on the road eg Environmental Health and will not have a permanent desk. They will have tablets on which to carry out their work 'on the road'. The new Serco contract means that bin collections will be more efficient. The tonnages created this Christmas were far in excess of previous years so it took a while to catch up.

A member of the public reported that the markers on the bends at Shropham House are very dirty and some are broken. Clerk to report.

A member of the public advised that the SAM2 sign is too close to the 30mph sign. D Napier advised that a second SAM2 sign had been applied for and new positions have been identified. The Police also recognise the problems experienced and attend when possible.

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As the new houses have been built on the Hargham Road, it was suggested it may be worth reapproaching the County Council to review the road issues.

12. To agree date for next meeting: Tuesday 5 April 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

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