

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL on 14 May 2024 at 7.30pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Cliff Allen, Lesley Brown, Peter Bush,
Wayne Linge, Rob Wylie

Members of the Public: Six

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from P Cowen.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024.**
Minutes were approved. 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 (County Councillor/District Councillor).**
None.
5. **Planning – Applications**
 - a. **3DC/2024/0075/DOC** – Rustic Lodge, Low Road, NR17 1EH – Discharge of Conditions No5 & 6 on 3PL/2023/0659/F. **Undecided.**
 - b. **3PL/2024/0274/F** – East Cottage, Watton Road, NR17 1DY – Erection of single storey dwelling. **Undecided.**

The Applicants were in attendance at the meeting and D Napier asked if they would like to present the application to the Council. The Applicants stated that they are aware the application is outside of the settlement boundary. They had obtained permission for a mobile home to be on the site three and a half years ago. At the end of the three years, they were required to reapply for permission for it to remain. An extension of time was granted to 5 years. They have now decided to apply for a permanent structure.

The Applicants went on to explain that the new development will be for them to reside in so that his son and family can move into the main house. The mobile home would be removed from site once the development was completed. The Applicant advised that he needs his son to be on site to help him maintain the land.

D Napier advised the Applicants that the Parish Council is a statutory consultee and ultimately the decision will be that of Breckland Council.

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DATED:

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P Bush empathised with the Applicants' position and reiterated that as statutory consultee the Parish Council has to consider the legal facts rather than the personal facts. If the application had been for an annexe as opposed to the mobile home then this may have been approved at the outset. The Applicants confirmed that this was not an option.

D Napier advised that the Parish Council can only consider what is in front of them in the application. The Applicants acknowledged this and were thanked for attending the meeting.

A further discussion took place and it was agreed that the Parish Council would stand by its previously submitted comments.

- the proposed application is outside of the Settlement Boundary as adopted in the Breckland Local Plan in September 2023.
- if the application were approved, this would set a dangerous precedent for future development outside of the village boundary.

c. **Local Plan Update.**

Nothing to report at the current time.

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

- a. To approve salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman for the month of May in the sum of £310.63.
- b. To ratify payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman from for the month of April in the sum of £310.63.
- c. To ratify payment to Norfolk ALC for the Council's website and email (inv 1704) in the sum of £70.00.
- d. To ratify payment to Norfolk ALC for Norfolk ALC Subscription (inv 1601) in the sum of £155.48.

Proposed by D Napier and seconded by P Bush, all voted in favour.

7. Matters to Report

a. **Financial Balances.**

Shropham Parish Council £6,811.24.

b. **Parish Land/Land Registry**

A Thornton advised that the Land Registry had granted Possessory Title on the land for a period of 12 years. P Bush explained Possessory Title and felt that this did not make sense. P Bush felt that the Land Registry were edging their bets in case somebody came forward to claim the land. P Bush said that a compromise of 3 years may be more appropriate and suggested that we should go back to the Solicitors and ask this question. A Thornton will contact the solicitors in this regard.

c. **County Broadband**

The entrance at Shropham Hall has been dug up twice due to problems created on the first dig. Residents have felt pressurised to sign up to Country Broadband. L Brown advised that the Village Hall have been approached re free connection to the service but when followed up were asked to provide their bank details which they are not prepared to do.

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- d. **Highways.**
D Napier had been in contact with Darren Walmsley the new Highways Engineer and he has been good. The subsidence on the Hargham Road has now been marked out but confirmation of a date for the works to be carried out is unknown. D Walmsley remains optimistic that the 40mph limit just over the bridge by Stuart Power through to the 30mph limit towards Watton will be implemented in due course.
- e. **Email addresses.**
L Brown and R Wylie are still experiencing some problems but it is hoped these will be resolved shortly.
- f. **Draft Accounts**
The Clerk advised that the draft accounts previously supplied to the Parish Council have been submitted to the internal auditor for auditing and will be formally signed off at the next meeting.

- 8. **Any items to be noted for the next Agenda.**
None.
- 9. **Correspondence.**
None.
- 10. **To agree date for next meeting: Tuesday 25 June 2024.**
Agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

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