

Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 14th July 2008 at 8:00 pm

Present: Cllr D Tytler (Chair), Cllr R Benson, Cllr L Clapham, Cllr A Mackley, Cllr R Williams, Cllr C Waller, J Boggis (Clerk).

Open Forum Discussion Points

- The condition of the fencing around the bus shelter on the A12 was discussed. The Clerk to find out who owns and what can be done about its condition.
- The removal of the overhead electric wires will be marked by a ceremony to which all are welcome on July 16th at 3:00pm.
- A question about the Village 'green footprint' was asked along with whether the Parish Council had looked into the competition associated with this being run by the EEDA. The Clerk will investigate what is involved.
- There was then a general discussion about the Parish Plan and where it was in the process. This included information on how the questionnaire is being developed.
- The state of the hedge around the Village Hall was mentioned and its impact on one of the emergency exits. The Clerk will arrange to have the hedge cut back.
- A question was asked about the outcome of the Boundary Commission review and how the Village will respond. The Parish Council agreed to hold a Parish Meeting about this and use the information gained to produce a response to the Boundary Commission.

Parish Meeting Commenced at 8:10pm

08/30. To receive Members' declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda
None

08/31. To note apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Lewis, Cllr Rae Leighton (on Holiday) and Cllr Kevin Keable (attending Bramfield Parish Council Meeting)

08/32. Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2008
Proposal - To accept minutes of Thursday 8th May 2008 meeting as presented
Agreed

08/33. Minutes of Special Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2008
Proposal - To accept minutes of Thursday 5th June 2008 meeting as presented
Agreed

08/34. To receive the Clerk's Report
Clerk presented report on activities since last meeting. Report attached to minutes.
Proposal - To accept Clerks report as presented
Agreed
The Clerk reported that permission to install a storage shed for the Village Hall had been refused by English Heritage. Cllr Mackley to ask at the next Village Hall meeting if they wish to keep or sell on the Staging.

08/35. To receive the report from the planning sub-committee
It was reported that an appeal had been raised against the refusal of Application No: C07/1863, the erection of two two-storey dwellings on land opposite Priory Lodge, Priory Road, Blythburgh. The Clerk has requested a copy of the outcome of the appeal.

- To receive any planning decisions
No planning decisions received
- To consider any planning applications received by 14th July 2008 and determine the Councils attitude to them.

Application No. C08/0935

Location; 6 Angel Lane, Blythburgh

Purpose; Erection of single bay timber cartlodge with side store

The Parish Council discussed this application and felt that there were no reasons for objection to the application

Proposal – Clerk to contact SCDC planning dept and convey the Parish Council view of no objection to this application

Agreed

Application No. C08/0652

Location; Thorington gravel pit, London road, Thorington

Purpose; Erection of new poultry barns for intensive poultry production unit.

The Parish Council discussed the application and felt that due to the prevailing winds there would be an environmental impact to the Village. There was a question about the description of the quality of the land and that this should be questioned. It was also felt that this was a large development for its location. The outcome of the discussion was that the Parish Council were opposed to this application

Proposal – Clerk to contact SCDC planning dept and convey the Parish Council views for their opposition to this application

Agreed

08/36. To receive the report from the financial sub-committee

- Present current accounts
Community Account = £2492.43, with one cheque for £47-00 outstanding
Business Reserve Account = £8593.33
- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council
Proposal - Pay Clerks Expenses for 1st April to 30th June 2008 of £163.10

Agreed

08/37. To receive the report from the Parish Plan steering committee.

A successful needs analysis event was held in May with over 50% of the parish inhabitants attending. The outcome of this highlighted the issues facing the Villagers and will be used to generate a questionnaire. Initial drafts of the questionnaire will be tested for its understanding and ease of completion. Once the final version is ready the Parish Plan Steering group will be looking for help to distribute and collect the questionnaires. Volunteers please contact Brenda Motley (01502 478289). A second questionnaire targeted at the under 16's is currently being produced.

08/38. To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch Campaign.

- The laser gun will cost £2100 + VAT + delivery with a four week delivery time.
- The mobile road signs are now ready for collection
- One application is still not approved having initially being approved. It is hoped this will be resolved by the first week in August.
- A date for the training at Martlesham Police HQ along with the collection of photo ID's has yet to be set but it is hoped all 6 people will attend on the same day.
- Chief Inspector Barnes-Smith is showing interest in the campaign along with the long term support of PC Andy Fossey and it looks like the finishing line is finally in sight. It is a shame it is too late for the latitude festival considering their generous support.

- There was a question about speed gun verses electronic road sign. The costs are similar but the consensus is that the speed gun approach will be more effective.

The Chairman raised a Formal Vote of Thanks to Cllr Binny Lewis for all her work in getting the Speed Watch Campaign off the ground.

08/39. To receive an update on the Playsite.

The Clerk reported that the grass needs cutting and that the Gate catch has broken.

Proposal – Contact P Cook about the Grass Cutting

Agreed

Proposal – Clerk to arrange to have the gate repaired to appropriate standards

Agreed

08/40. To receive an update on the Latitude Festival.

It was reported that those who requested tickets in good time had been in general successful in receiving tickets. The festival organisers had asked for the names of the people who were going to use the tickets which led to some problems were people who having agreed to take tickets changed their minds. The process has be reviewed and if the tickets are made available in the future confirmation along with funding will be required four weeks before the event.

08/41. To discuss received comments on Deed of Trust and to appoint Trustees.

The Councillors had all received a copy of the Deed of Trust before the meeting for comment and only two points were raised

Proposal – Section 3 refers to ‘the Parish of Blythburgh’. This should be changed to read ‘the Parish of Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton’.

Agreed

Proposal – The wording ‘grants will be made available to all who can demonstrate a need’ should be changed to ‘grants will be considered from those who can demonstrate a need’.

Agreed

Proposal – When above changes are made the Deed of Trust can be issued

Agreed

The appointment of the Trustee’s was then discussed. Two Councillors from the Parish Council were selected via nomination; Cllr D Tytler and Cllr L Clapham were selected. Volunteers from the Village were requested and two were received, Jenny Allen and Michael Nicholls.

Proposal – Appoint Jenny Allen, Michael Nicholls, Cllr D Tytler and Cllr L Clapham as Trustee’s

Agreed

The Deed of Trust will now be signed and witnessed at the first meeting of the Trustee’s. A further Trustee may be appointed at this meeting.

08/42. Correspondence

08/42.1 S.W.Sword – Question raised on planning application response

The letter received was discussed and the planning application revisited.

Proposal – Clerk to reply to S.W.Sword

Agreed

08/43. To discuss any other matter the Chair will allow

It was reported by Cllr Mackley that a Waveney District Council planning decision has been revoked because the Councillors had made their decision before the meeting to discuss the application.

Meeting Closed at 9:10pm

Date of next meeting; Monday 8th September 2008 commencing with an Open Forum at 7:30pm followed by the Council Meeting starting at the earliest of 8:00pm

Clerks Report to Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14th July 2008

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 8th May 2008

- Contacted SCDC planning dept over planning Application No; C08/0751; Haw Wood Camp, Darsham Road, Hinton; the retention of use of land and buildings for dog and rabbit breeding business, and conveyed the Parish Council views on this application
- Payments. Made the payments as agreed at the last meeting
- Obtain quotes to paint bus shelter interior. This has not been done.
- Sent the Annual return for year end 31st March 2008 to the external Auditors and passed accounts to Cllr Tytler for parishioner to view. External Auditors have not yet responded.
- Informed Flagship Housing that the Parish Council could not support their request and suggested putting up local security lighting. No response from Flagship Housing.
- Distributed the initial draft of the Deed of Trust to Cllr for comment and discussion at this meeting
- Contacted SCDC, SCC and finally National Heritage about erecting a storage shed for the Village Hall. This was rejected. This is due to the area around and including the Village Hall is a scheduled area because of its location to the Priory ruins and any work in these areas has to be approved by the Secretary of State.
- The 'No Parking' sign for the road to the Village Hall has been ordered.
- Contacted the Environment agency to get the forms to apply for permission to repair the river wall. The forms have been passed on to Cllr Clapham.

Special Parish Council Meeting Thursday 5th June 2008

- Contacted SCDC planning dept over planning Application No. C/08/0877; 1 Stone Cottages Walberswick Road, Blythburgh; Retention of 2 caravans for pig stockmen's accommodation; and conveyed the Parish Council views on this application.
- Paid Heelis & Lodge for carrying out the internal audit of accounts