

# BLYTHBURGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Present: Mrs Maslen (Acting Chair), Mr Benson, Mr. Boggis (Clerk), Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Lond-Caulk, Mrs. Waller, Mr Waller, Mrs Williams,

Apologies: None

1. **Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006.**
  - Mr Humphreys stated that his question only referred to the B1125. Minutes will be amended to reflect this.
  - Remainder of minutes correct and accepted as stand.
2. **Matters arising**
  - Mr J Boggis appointed as Clerk to the Parish Council and introduced to those present.
3. **Finance.**
  - Mandate forms received.
  - Suffolk ACRE Parish Council Group Insurance Scheme renewal due 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006 at the basic cost of £125.00. Mrs Maslen to send cheque.
  - Parish bank account standing at £4767.48 at 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006 (latest statement)
4. **Village Hall**
  - 4.1 **Village Hall Roof**
    - Work now complete.
    - Confirmation received from SCDC of application for Re-Roofing of Village Hall, Ref No. FP/06/1247/0, with various guidance notes.
    - Certificate of Completion for FP/06/1247/0 received from SCDC.
    - Grant from Suffolk County Council Locality Budgets of £800.00 received towards cost of work.
    - Cost of increased depth in insulation to meet new building standards not passed on to Parish Council but borne by the builder
    - Additional cost was incurred to cover unexpected work revealed when the old roof was removed.
  - 4.2 **Village Hall Storage Shed**
    - Request is planned for 2007/2008 to Suffolk County Council Locality Budgets for funding of a shed for Village Hall for the storage of equipment.
5. **Play Site.**
  - Abortive meeting held with supplier of play equipment.
  - Mrs Maslen has been discussing the process of gaining funding for the play site with the Wenhaston Parish Clerk as they have recently been through the process. The Wenhaston Parish Clerk has agreed to support Mr Boggis through the process.
  - Suffolk Coastal District Council has looked at the play site and believe it should be possible to get funding via the Outdoor Play Space Fund scheme.

They did however discuss the number of children under the age of 12 in the village and how a more prudent approach could be considered.

- The Suffolk Coastal District Council representative offered to come and discuss the scheme with the Parish Council if required.

## 6. Planning Matters

- Planning permission **granted** for

Application Number; C06/1062/FUL

Location; Former Blythburgh and District Hospital, Blyth View

Proposal; Extension to plot 24, Extension to 'Matrons House', access to cellar adjacent to plot 47, plus variations to conditions of application C96/1000. In addition work on 'Matrons House' has been delayed to allow an archaeologist to investigate the area due to its close location to the old burial site.

- Listed Building Consent **granted** for

Application Number; C06/1414/LBC

Location; The Priory, Priory Road

Proposal; Installation of a modern hot water system

- Planning Permission **Refused** for

Application Number; C06/0724/FUL

Location; Windsmere, Dunwich Road

Proposal; Extension of two storey side extension to provide carer's annexe.

## 7. Correspondence

- I. Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership Forum – Engaging with Communities. To be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006
- II. Local Councillor Booklet. Volume 2 Issue 2 dated Summer 2006.
- III. SALC – Website design
- IV. Southwold – Proposed new cycle route for comment. After initial concern closer inspection revealed no issues with the proposal.
- V. SALC – IT course – 'IT with Attitude'. A course on managing your computer on 16<sup>th</sup> November
- VI. SALC – Laptops and printers for local councils. A limited number of these were available to those with the greatest need and those who do not already have, or have access to, such equipment
- VII. SALC – Invitation to Coffee, Cakes and Communications. An event to show how the use of web sites can help local councils communicate and to get greater community engagement
- VIII. NALC – The Employment Equality (AGE) Regulations 2006. Document giving a summary of the regulations.
- IX. Mr Morley – Traffic in Blythburgh. A copy of an e-mail sent to Mr J Gummer; further e-mails to Suffolk County Council and the responses were presented to the Parish Council. The letter explained the issues with the increased use of cars and their impacts on village life, the focus was on the B1125 explaining how it has become a 'rat run' and sought any possible solution. The response from Mr Gummer was to agree there was an issue indicating he knew the road in question. He pointed out there was no easy solution to the problem and

suggested following the procedure through Local and District councils required to enforce speed restriction.

Mr Lond-Caulk spoke of plans to put a gate, with timed hours of opening, near the water tower on the B1125 if Sizewell 'C' had gone ahead.

Currently as part of the decommissioning process of Sizewell 'A' there are plans to use 'AA' traffic signs to direct decommissioning traffic. It was suggested that the Parish Council write to Sizewell regarding a forthcoming Stakeholder meeting to express the view of the village about increased traffic and the use of signs to route this traffic away from the B1125.

There was a discussion about the 'T' junction at Toby's Walk to join the A12 and the safety issues surrounding this and that although it was investigated it is unlikely that a roundabout will be installed.

A question regarding Parishioners holding speed guns was raised, as had been tried elsewhere, in an attempt to slow traffic down. Mrs Maslen pointed out that this would have to be discussed with PC Upson. It was generally thought that there would be no legal standing even if this was done.

- X. Mr Maslen – Noise from Motorbikes. Mr Maslen asked a question about the size of the track and was it being extended beyond that agreed in the planning permission. A discussion followed on this topic and the earth works that have been carried out. It was suggested that the Planning Department at SCDC be asked to check the current works.

**8. A.O.B.**

Mrs. Williams reported that she has created a web site for Blythburgh, available at [www.blythburgh.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.blythburgh.suffolk.gov.uk) . This facility is for the village so please feedback any thoughts to Mrs. Williams.

**9. Open Forum**

- Mrs Humphreys asked if it was possible to have a sign erected near the river warning people of the dangers as the river is tidal. Mrs Maslen replied that in doing this the Parish Council would be opening a legal process which would allow individuals to sue the Parish Council should anything happen.

- A question was raised over the installation of a life jacket or buoyancy aid of some description. This has been investigated in the past but the cost and ongoing maintenance had made this prohibitive.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> December 2006

7:45pm