

Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 8th September 2008 at 7:30 pm

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

The meeting started with a discussion about the Boundary Committee proposal for Suffolk. This was a lively discussion lead by Anna McCreadie from SCC with topics covered ranging from; Why change? Will there really be any savings? How will the different needs of coastal and urban communities be managed? How will the Community Boards operate? What happens to the record offices? What will be the impact on services? Plus many more questions. Anna McCreadie did her best to answer these points but stressed that all the work required was not yet complete.

Cllr Keable predicted that this process would cause a lot of pain to people wanting to use the services. He felt the One Suffolk was the preferred option as the major wealth generating areas of Suffolk are Ipswich and Felixstowe.

Cllr Leighton reiterated some of these points and stressed how important it was to respond before the deadline of the 26th September.

Open Forum Discussion Points

- Clarity about the Special Meetings called by the Parish Council was requested. The Special meetings are only called when there is a deadline to meet. These are normally planning meetings but can be on any subject with a deadline.
- Question raised about why Blythburgh Parish Council have not contributed to the Blyth Estuary Group. It was reported that the request had not been formally received and that it had been a passing comment on leaving the Village Hall. If a request is received then Blythburgh Parish Council would give due consideration.
- It was pointed out that people were still living in the Caravans on the land adjacent to 1 Stone Cottages, Walberwick Road.
Proposal – Clerk to contact SCDC as planning application turned down in July

Agreed

Parish Meeting Commenced at 8:20pm

08/52. Agree the Agenda

Clerk raised a number of additions to the agenda

Under 08/58 – Three more planning applications had been received

Under 08/65 – Training For Clerk

Parish Council response to Boundary Committee review

SALC questionnaire about Boundary Committee review

BT ‘Adopt a Kiosk’ communication

Safer Neighbourhood teams – Meeting

Request for Bus Shelter on A12

Proposal – Agree updated agenda

Agreed

08/53. To receive Members’ declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

Cllr Benson declared interest related to Neighbours planning permission. This thought to be unnecessary and was rejected.

08/54. To note apologies for absence
Cllr Waller – Working overseas

08/55. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th July 2008
Clerk pointed out addition to first draft sent out
Proposal – To accept Draft B of minutes of 14th July meeting as presented
Agreed

08/56. Minutes of Special Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th August 2008
Proposal – To accept minutes of 18th August Special meeting as presented
Agreed

08/57. 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

There was a discussion about painting the bricks on the inside of the bus shelter and whether it was worth replacing the bus shelter with a modern design.

Proposal – Clerk to look into cleaning bricks on inside of bus shelter
Agreed

Proposal – Clerk to investigate the cost of a new bus shelter
Agreed

There was a discussion about the grass cutting at the playsite. The Clerk reported that P Cook was operating on a limit of ten cuts a year.

Proposal – P Cook to cut the grass every other week during growing season
Agreed

It was reported by Cllr Tytler that Andrew Blois had agreed to the Old Station yard being used as a car park to the Village hall.

08/58. To receive the report from the planning sub-committee

- To receive any planning decisions
None received
- To consider any planning applications received by 8th September 2008 and determine the Parish Councils response to them.

Application No.C08/1462

Location; Heron Cottage, Dunwich Rd, Blythburgh

Proposal; Erection of one-and-a-half storey side extension (demolition of existing flat roof extension)

The next door neighbour reported they had no objection.

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

Agreed

Application No.C08/1563

Location; Blyth View, Bulcamp, Blythburgh

Proposal; Alterations to estate road to reduce impact on burial ground.

A letter was received from Mr Kett who has worked to protect the burial ground and he was in favour of the proposal.

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

Agreed

Application No.C08/1494 (Listed building consent)

Location; The Green, Priory Road, Blythburgh
Proposal; Alterations and additions including; replacement rainwater goods,
applying lime wash, replace door and add dormer window

Application No.C08/1630

Location; The Green, Priory Road, Blythburgh

Proposal; New dormer to rear elevation.

There was a discussion which agreed this was sympathetic to the building.

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

Agreed

Question was raised about the appeal against planning C07/1863. No response has been received to date so the outcome is unknown.

08/59. To receive the report from the financial sub-committee

Report on external Audit received. Only point raised was there was a £1 difference as the result of a rounding error. The proposed change was to resolve rounding error. Otherwise no comments.

- Present current financial situation

Community Account = £2156.76

Business Reserve Account = £10253.33

The above figures include the Parish Plan funding of which £1188.68 remains.

This includes £750-00 from Cllr Rae Leighton Locality Budget, for the Parish Plan

- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council

Proposal – Pay BDO Stoy Hayward LLP £170.38 for external Audit

Agreed

Proposal – Pay Suffolk ACRE £608.59 for Parish Council insurance

Agreed

Proposal – Pay Unipar Services £2485.13 for the speed gun

Agreed

Proposal – Transfer £3202.09 from Latitude tickets sale to Blythburgh Latitude Trust

Agreed

08/60. To receive the report from the Parish Plan steering committee.

The Steering Group met with the volunteers on 20th August to give guidance about delivering and collecting the questionnaires. The target response rate was 60% and this has been exceeded with more than 65% responses to date.

The steering group would like to thank the volunteers for their efforts.

There will now be a period of 4 to 6 weeks where the results are collated and entered into the appropriate system, to allow analysis of the data collected, before moving on to the development of the Parish Plan.

08/61. To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch Campaign.

Monday 8th September saw three of the volunteers trained in the use of the speed gun.

During this training a photographer from the Lowestoft Journal arrived to mark the event. The remaining three volunteers will be trained in the next 2 weeks. There will then follow a trip to Police Headquarters at Martlesham for the issuing of the ID cards. Suffolk Police are pleased with the outcome of Cllr Lewis's determination and are planning to come to Blythburgh for a photo session with the speedwatch volunteers. One of the volunteers then went into the detail of what had been learnt from the training session. If you wish to know more please contact Cllr Lewis or one of the speedwatch team. If you wish to volunteer please contact Cllr Lewis.

08/62. To receive an update on the Playsite.

A question was raised about the possibility of an area for ball games? The general view was that it was best to wait for the Parish Plan to see what the Village wanted. However it was seen as expedient to have an informal discussion to see what was possible.

Proposal – Clerk to hold discussion with A Burrows

Agreed

08/63. To receive feedback from the Latitude Festival Organisers.

No feedback available at this time.

08/64. Correspondence

08/64.1. Allotments

It was reported that Blythburgh Parish Council does not have any allotments.

Proposal – Clerk to convey this information to parishioner who raised the question.

Agreed

08/65. To discuss any other matter the Chair will allow

Parish Council response to Boundary Committee review

SALC questionnaire about Boundary Committee review

Proposal – Hold another meeting to formulate response to the above.

Agreed

Meeting to be held Wednesday 17th September starting at 8:00pm

Training for Clerk. Having completed initial train 15 months ago the Clerk asked to attend the next stage of training at a cost of £45 + VAT.

Proposal – Agree to send Clerk on training day

Agreed

Following BTs decision to re-align payphone provision people have asked to keep the kiosk and this has resulted in an ‘Adopt a Kiosk’ scheme

Proposal – Clerk to look into to scheme and report back

Agreed.

Invite to Safer Neighbourhood meeting. Agreed that Cllr Benson would look into the possibility of attending.

Request received for a second bus shelter to be placed on the A12 for people travelling south. Proposal – Clerk to discuss with SCC the possibility of getting another shelter

Agreed

Meeting Closed at 9:30pm

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 8th September 2008

Parish Council Meeting – 14th July 2008

- Obtain quotes to paint bus shelter interior. Two received one for £385 and one for £295. There was a difference between quotes; one listed painting the interior of bus shelter the other didn't because of the type of bricks.
- The 'No Parking' sign for the road to the Village Hall has been ordered. It has not been received yet. Company say it was sent so are chasing to see where it is.
- A Blois was contacted about the fencing around the bus shelter on the A12. No response has yet been received about what can be done about its condition. I will continue to chase.
- The Cut your Carbon competition being run by the EEDA is open to any one who wishes to apply. It is based on ideas that involve a community and result in a carbon reduction. The ideas are diverse but in all cases it is being driven by a committed group of people. Wenhaston were short listed in the first round but it appears that the larger Councils are involved for the second running of the competition.
- A quote of £50 was obtained to cut the hedge at the side of the Village Hall and a request to carry out the work applied.
- Contacted SCDC planning department over application No. C08/0935; 6 Angel Lane, Blythburgh; Erection of single bay timber cartlodge with side store and conveyed the Parish Council views on this application which was no objection.
- Contacted SCDC planning department over application No. C08/0652; Thorington gravel pit, London road, Thorington; Erection of new poultry barns for intensive poultry production unit, and conveyed the Parish Council views on this application which was to object.
- Payments. Made the payments to the Clerk as agreed at the meeting
- Contacted P Cook about the Grass cutting at the Playsite. He stated that his original agreement was for £15 a cut and restricted to 10 cuts a year. He is still happy with £15 a cut but I agreed that he should cut the grass more that 10 time a year.
- Have contacted someone about repairing the gate to the playsite but no progress to date.
- The Deed of Trust for the Blythburgh Latitude Trust has been issued and signed and the trustees are now actively moving the trust forward.
- Sent a letter to S.W.Sword answering his questions raised on a planning application response

Special Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th August 2008

- Contacted SCDC planning department over application Nos. C08/1420 and C08/1421; The Old Ambulance House, Blyth View, Bulcamp; 6 Angel Lane, Blythburgh; Erection of single-storey garden room to rear of house and conveyed the Parish Council views on this application which was no objection.
- Contacted SCDC planning department over application Number; C08/1462; Heron Cottage, Dunwich Rd, Blythburgh; Erection of one-and-a-half storey side extension (demolition of Existing flat roof extension) to ask for an extension to the response date. This was agreed.
- Payments. Made the payments to P Cook as agreed at the meeting
- Contacted Boundary Committee and ask for representative to attend next Blythburgh Parish Council meeting but had no response.