



BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 6th July 2009

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

Open Forum

No parishioners present.

Cllr Rae Leighton gave report following his re-election. The new Council has changed its priorities into helping, guiding, advising, local businesses through the recession, which is biting hard, looking especially at the small and rural businesses.

The Council has also changed in make up now having 55 Conservatives, 4 labour, 11 Liberal Democrats, 2 Green Party, 2 Independents and 1 UKIP

SCC is starting a campaign to make Suffolk the greenest County.

Cllr Leighton has been elected onto the cabinet where his portfolio is Public Protection covering the Police, Fire, Drug enforcement and emergency planning to name just a few.

Q – What is happening with the proposed changes to Suffolk?

A - The Boundary committee makes its recommendation to the Secretary of State on the 15th July which will be just the One Suffolk and North Haven / Rural Suffolk options. No other options will be put forward as they did not meet the requirements of the boundary committee. The decision is due in October 2009 and there is a large ground swell to stay as is.

Q – Emergency Planning – How do Parish Councils fit into this?

A – There is no standard to how they fit into this but some Councils have but together lists of skilled people, vulnerable people and resources available. This is something that Cllr will Leighton will look into in the future.

Parish Council Meeting

09/29. Agree the Agenda

Additions – Invoice for Play Site gate
Decoration of wooden bus shelter

09/30. To receive Members' declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

None declared

09/31. To note apologies for absence

All councillors present

09/32. Minutes of Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009

Incorrect day and date on minutes

Proposal - Accept minutes as presented with day and date change

Agreed

09/33. Minutes of Special Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2009

Proposal - Accept minutes as presented

Agreed

09/34. To receive the Clerk's Report

Clerks report attached to minutes

Proposal - Accept Clerk's report as presented

Agreed

The Parish Council discussed the motocross track and the impact it has on particular areas of the Village.

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Proposal – Clerk to contact the track owner / manager to ask if it would be possible to lower the track level along the A12 and to take noise measurements in an effected garden.

Agreed

Proposal - Clerk to contact track owner / manager to see if it would be possible to have occasional weekend planned track closures.

Agreed

The refuse bags supplied by SCDC tear easily making them difficult to use.

Proposal – Clerk to contact SCDC to request better quality bags are made available

Agreed

09/35. To receive the report from the planning sub-committee

- To receive any planning decisions

Planning application No. C09/0261. - GRANTED

Location: 4 White house Cottages, Bulcamp Drift, Blythburgh.

Proposal: Erection of single-storey extension.

- To consider any planning applications received by 6th July 2009 and determine the Parish Councils response to them.

Application No. C09/0792

Location: 10 East View, Dunwich Road, Blythburgh

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension, rebuild existing conservatory & creation of pedestrian access.

The above application was discussed and the Parish Council had no objection.

Proposal – Clerk to contact SCDC and express Parish Council view of no objection.

Agreed

09/36. To receive the report from the financial sub-committee

- Present current accounts

The Council accounts have been with D Tytler for those parishioners who want to view them so the report is limited this meeting.

Financial assets at 1/4/09 = £7825.91

Income since 1/4/09 = £2600.00 – First instalment of precept)

Outgoings since 1/4/09 = £690.14

Financial assets at 6/7/09 = £9735.77

- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council

Invoice from David Clapham – Playsite Gate

Proposal – Pay David Clapham invoice of £170.00

Agreed

Cllr Lewis - Expenses related to Speedwatch for May £14.75 and June £24.64

Proposal – Pay Cllr Lewis expenses of £39.39

Agreed

Clerks remuneration and Expenses for 1st April to 30th June 2009

Proposal – Pay Clerk remuneration and expenses of £157.78

Agreed

09/37. To receive the Parish Plan steering committee Report.

Meeting has been held to discuss the final draft of the Parish Plan Report. The final changes now need to be made before the report is made available. There will be an event to launch the Parish Plan to the residents of the Parish. It is planned to present the report to the Parish Council at the next Parish Council meeting.

09/38. To receive the Community Speed Watch team Report.

One new person has volunteered, and been trained, making a total of 6 people.

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- June 2009 - Volunteers monitored traffic for 18 hours resulting in 18 letters being sent by the police to people exceeding 37mph.
- May 2009 - Volunteers monitored traffic for 19 hours resulting in 11 letters being sent by the police to people exceeding 37mph.
- The team will monitor traffic levels on 10th July and then 17th July between 10.00am and 2.00pm to compare traffic volumes before and during the Latitude festival.
- The team are now using rechargeable battery's, a greener option.
- More volunteers needed. Please call Cllr Lewis 01502 478624.
- 09/39. To receive an update on the Playsite.
- The playsite is being used more currently and the grass is being cut regularly.
- There was then a discussion about refurbishing the site based on the finding of the Parish Plan. The new equipment listed in the outcome of the survey was a roundabout, climbing frame for older children and monkey bars.
- Proposal – Clerk to contact suppliers and get some costs for new equipment and repairs to existing equipment
- Agreed**
- Proposal – Clerk to contact effected parishioners about new playsite equipment
- Agreed**
- 09/40. Village Hall – Update on agreed work
- Clerk in discussion with SCDC over what, if any permission is required.
- 09/41. Cllr reports on Meetings attended – 2012 Olympics.
- The meeting laid out the possibilities for the region to get involved, for instance there will be at least 40000 people from the press attending and Blythburgh is less than 2 hours from the main site. The Councillors agreed that the Village should hold an event to make the 2012 Olympics.
- Proposal – Clerk to contact High Lodge asking what their involvement would be, was there anyway the Parish Council could help them and did they have any ideas on what the Parish Council could do.
- Agreed**
- 09/42. Discuss ways to increase parishioner participation in Annual Parish Meeting.
- The discussion agreed that the Parish Council AGM should be held on a different day and that the Annual Parish Meeting should be a Village event with a different approach to the presentations but keeping with in the regulatory requirements. More information will become available nearer the time .
- Proposal – Clerk to get costs for a suggestion box
- Agreed**
- 09/43. Correspondence
- 09/43.1 – Village Road Names – Request from information from SCDC. The Parish Council agreed their initial view should remain unchanged with respect to London Rd.
- Proposal – Clerk to contact SCDC with Parish Council view.
- Agreed**
- Proposal – Clerk to ask for road name sign for Dunwich Rd at south of Village
- Agreed**
- 09/43.2 – Letter from Age Concern Suffolk. Letter of thanks.
- 09/43.3 – Halesworth Town Plan.
- Proposal – Clerk to contact Halsworth Steering Group saying the Blythburgh Steering Group will pass on the Blythburgh Parish Plan when it is complete.
- Agreed**
- 09/44. To discuss any other matter the Chairman will allow
- Wooden Bus Shelter at Highfield. Local businessman Sam Burrows offered to re decorate the bus shelter if the Council would pay for the materials.



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Proposal – Clerk to contact Sam Burrows to accept offer
Agreed

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Clerks Report to Parish Council Meeting 6th July 2009

- To find out if putting bunds around Toby's walk would affect the sound from the motocross track. Spoke to EHO at SCDC and he said there would be no impact on noise levels.
- Ask about events on Saturdays at motocross tracks. No change to last feedback that nothing is planned.
- Planning applications. Contacted SCDC planning department and expressed the views of the Parish Council.
- Contact Essex & Suffolk water about House Martin nests. Have contacted them and they are looking into it. I received a call saying the site manager would look into the request and then contact me. I have not been contacted yet.
- Payments. Made the payments agreed at the meeting
- Finance. Sent audit documents to LBDO.
- Parishioners query about fence surrounding field. Sent a letter explaining the field was going to be used for grazing which would result in a fence being put in place.
- Parishioner request about Village planting. Sent letter to parishioner explaining Parish Council view and raised questions posed by Councillors. Have received a response explaining she is currently very busy but will let the council have more information when she has time to put it together.
- Question raised about the changes in refuse collecting in Church Lane. Spoke to SCDC and found that it was due to a cost saving measure; the small vehicle that could get down the lane did not have its lease renewed. The whole village is going over to the 3 bin system later this year and the changes to Church Lane have been postponed until then.
- Bus Shelter. I asked about progress relating to this and the response was that the Clearway status of the A12 had to be investigated from the 1967 Order to check that an on road bus stop is legal.

Special Meeting held 1st June 2009

- Planning application. Contacted SCDC planning department and expressed the views of the Parish Council on the planning applications discussed.