

Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 8th March 2009 at 7:30 pm

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

Open Forum

Moto Cross Track. A parishioner asked what had happened to the bunds along the A12 as they thought there were supposed to be some to attenuate the noise levels on Dunwich Road. There was a second question about what events are planned to happen on the track. There are periods when the track is not used and the question was are these known about in advance.

Proposal - Clerk to look into what bunds were to be built.

Agreed

Proposal – Clerk to contact organiser to see if there is a calendar of events

Agreed

First Responder Team. S Quinn has arranged for a presentation about the role of a first response team and a first aid training event where parishioner can try out various life saving techniques. Date to be arranged. Watch for notices or BPN.

Parish Plan. It was explained that the whole process has been driven/controlled by Suffolk ACRE, which has had it challenges. The next stage in the process is an open day event on 28th March where the parishioners can vote on/select what they perceive as the top issues. When complete the Parish Plan will be presented to the Parish Council where both the Parish Council and parishioners can question the Steering Committee. A ‘glossy’ report will be produced with a summary report delivered to all households in the village.

Parish Council Meeting – Commenced at 8:00pm

08/102. Agree the Agenda

Add – Letter Litter Action – Spring clean Suffolk 2209

- Report from Police

Agreed

08/103. To receive Members’ declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

No declarations of interest declared

08/104. To note apologies for absence

Cllr Williams – Away on Holiday.

Cllr Clapham – Unwell.

Cllr Waller

08/105. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2009

Proposal – To accept the minutes of the 12th January meeting as presented

Agreed

08/106. 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

Villager of the Year. The Chairman and Clerk presented proposals for discussion. The result of the discussion was that the winner would be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting (11th May) be awarded a £50 voucher to spend in either the village shop or pub

and a plaque put up in the Village hall. Nominations will be made to the Clerk by the 26th April 2009. To judge the nominations a group would be set up made up of 3 Parish Councillors, 2 people from the Parish Plan Steering group and two people from the Horticultural Society. The people on the judging group cannot be nominated.

08/107. To receive the report from the planning sub-committee

Response to consultation documents received relating to the Local Plans for SCDC.

Core Strategy - a) Policy SP2 Settlement Policy and association Appendix 1 - Agreed to categorise Blythburgh as settlement type 'Key Service Centre' in the settlement hierarchy Appendix 1.

General Comments - With the increasing pressure for Nuclear Power stations, refuse pits, commercial poultry and outdoor leisure activities that may not be compatible with the Heritage Coasts numerous international wildlife designations, additional considerations should be given within the LDF to protect the Heritage Coastal area for future generations. This should include policies under Environment (1.34) to channel additional funding to ongoing repairs to Blyth Estuary Flood defences.

- To receive any planning decisions

GRANTED Application No. C08/1816

Location: 1 Stone Cottage, Dunwich Road, Blythburgh

Proposal: Retention of 2 caravans for pig stockman's accommodation

- To consider any planning applications received by 9th March 2009.

NONE received.

08/108. To receive the report from the financial sub-committee

- Current Financial Situation (reconciled)

Current Account bank Statement £1454.47

Business Reserve Account Statement £8160.75

Estimated Spending for remainder of 2008/2009 = £2635.26

Estimated reserve at end of 2008/09 year = £6979.96

- Discuss Internal Audit

The internal audit for 2007/08 was discussed and it was agreed that it was effective and provided valuable feedback.

Proposal – Use Heelis & Lodge for the internal audit (same people as 2007/08)

Agreed

The finance risk assessment was discussed and it was agreed that at the next finance sub-committee meeting it would be reviewed and presented to the Parish Council.

- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council

Proposal - Payment for Village Hall Insurance - £1256.91

Agreed

Proposal - Payment for CPRE subscription - £29.00

Agreed

Proposal - Payment for Cllr Lewis expenses related to Speedwatch Launch - £10.67

Agreed

Proposal - Payment for Clerks remuneration - £150.00

Agreed

08/109. To receive the Parish Plan steering committee report.

This was discussed in the Open Forum, see above.

08/110. To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch Campaign.

The Speed Watch team monitored Dunwich Road and A12 for 18.25 hours During February. Three warning letters have been issued. There are now 5 trained volunteers but more are required. A leaflet drop has started and is 75% complete. There were two issues

reported by people who volunteered; the forms and the training. Training for new applicants will be performed by the Blythburgh speedwatch team.
The speed camera is powered by batteries that only last 2 hours.
Proposal – Cllr Lewis to buy a charger and rechargeable batteries

Agreed

08/111. To receive an update on the Playsite.

The gate has been taken away for repair.

Letter received from SCDC about SPG15 – the available playing space in Blythburgh.

This was discussed and it was agreed that no changes were required to the document.

08/112. Village Hall

Clerk has contacted SCDC and planning permission may be needed depending on size of soak away. Clerk suggested that sink be connect to drain.

Proposal – Clerk to contact builders to ask for quotes

Agreed

08/113. Villager of the Year

This was discussed as part of the Clerks report, see above.

08/114. Cllr report on meeting about the 2012 Olympics – Postponed to next meeting.

08/115. Correspondence

08/115.1 Village of the year. Cllr's felt this was not the year to apply. However this does not stop any one in the Village driving this.

08/115.2. SCDC review of road names in Blythburgh. The Cllr's discussed this and agreed that the A12 should be named London Road and that the Angel Lane sign should have an arrow pointing towards Angel Lane.

Proposal – Clerk to feed back above to SCDC

Agreed

08/115.3 Litter Action. SCDC Spring Clean Suffolk. After some discussion the 5th April was the date chosen for the Blythburgh Spring clean.

Proposal – Clerk to arrange bags and gloves from SCDC

Agreed

08/115.4. Police Report. There was no reported crime in Blythburgh since the last meeting. The mobile police station next visit is Friday March 13th at 11.45 to 13.15.

08/116. To discuss any other matter the Chair will allow

Cllr Benson raised issue of potholes on route to recycling bins

Proposal – Clerk to contact Blois Estate to get agreement to repair.

Agreed

Proposal – Clerk to arrange for estimates to repair potholes

Agreed

Cllr Benson raised issue of general rubbish around recycle bins

Proposal – Clerk to arrange for general rubbish bin to be installed

Agreed

Cllr Mackley informed the Parish Council the Blyth Valley Community Radio had gained its transmission license and was hoping to start broadcasting in June 2009. see

www.bvcr.co.uk

Meeting Closed @ 9:00pm

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM; The meeting will be held on Monday 11th May 2009 commencing at 7:30pm with The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Council Meeting starting at the earliest of 8:00pm

Clerks Report to Parish Council Meeting

Clerks Report to Parish Council Meeting Monday 9th March

- First Responder Team. The Responder manager (Suffolk) was contacted to arrange a presentation on what the role entails however after looking at the figures his view was that the volunteers would not see sufficient call volume to sustain their skill or their enthusiasm and suggested joining in with either Southwold or Walberswick.
- Bus Shelter. SCC reported that it would take time to find out ownership of the land and suggested contact was made with the landowner of the paddock adjacent to the proposed site of the bus shelter to gain their permission should it belong to them. Contact has been made and a qualified agreement reached based on the shelter style. I volunteered £1400 towards the cost based on getting money from the locality budget. Have had not further contact with SCC.
- Made payments as agreed at the last meeting. Received thank you letters from Victim Support, Blythburgh Christmas tea organisers and the Blyth Estuary Group.
- Speedwatch. Contact the insurance provider and arrange cover for the speed camera and signs. There are limits to the cover provided and example being the camera is not covered if left in an unattended car.
- Village Hall Soak away. Contact has been made with SCDC about planning permission and it depends on the size of the soak away. Builders have not yet been contacted.
- Villager of the year. Proposals from the Chairman and myself, Nominations to the Parish Council Clerk 2 weeks before the Annual Parish Meeting, A group will then evaluate the nominations, the group been made up of a mix of people from the village not just Parish Councillors, i.e. someone from the Parish Plan team, The winner to be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting and presented with vouchers to spend at the shop or pub to a value yet to be set; A plaque to be put up in the village hall with the winners name and date the award made.
- Condition of hedge at end of Village Hall Drive. SCC has been contacted and a reference number issued. This should be resolved within the next 10 days.
- Playsite. I contacted someone about repairing the gate to the play site and an estimate is being prepared which I have yet to receive. If the Parish Council is in agreement I will get this work done if it falls within my budget limit.