



BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 14th September 2009 @ 7:45pm

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

Open Forum – Over 20 parishioners attending the meeting

- The first item for discussion on the agenda was the helicopter landing at 4 Angel Lane. There was an open, passionate discussion, lead by the parishioners, with councillors responding to points raised where appropriate. This discussion was allowed to run its course to ensure the parishioners had ample chance to air their views. In addition, the views of the resident of No.4 Angel Lane, expressed via a letter to the Chairman, were read to the meeting. The conclusion to the discussion was that safety was the biggest concern and that the Parish Council were not taking this situation seriously in not trying to resolve it.

It was raised that the White Hart landlord would have no objection to the helicopter landing in the pub car park. It was felt more investigation was needed but he was thanked for his kind offer.

- The second item was the Moto Cross track. A point was raised that the track was being used more than the 26 days it was allowed. The Clerk pointed out this was not detailed in the planning permission. Planning application C04/0444 states 'restricted between 10.00 and 15.00 hours on Saturdays and Sundays only'. There is further information in the attached Clerks Report.

- Item Raised, Planting on verges in Village. Claire Orr-Ewing has made contact with SCC about the information needed on where planting can take place. Once this information is available she will be developing her plan for presentation to the Parish Council.

Parish Council Meeting -

09/51. Agree Agenda

Agenda agree as presented

09/52. To receive Members' declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

None declared

09/53. To note apologies for absence

Cllr C Waller – Away in Business

Cllr R Benson – Problems with trains

09/54. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2009

Proposal - Accept minutes as presented

Agreed

09/55. Minutes of Special Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2009

Proposal - Accept minutes as presented

Agreed

09/56. To receive the Clerk's Report

Clerks report attached to minutes.

Proposal - Accept Clerk's report as presented

Agreed

09/57. To receive the report of the planning sub-committee

- Shore Line Management Plan

The public consultation ends on 30th September. The Parish Council approved the Key Principles listed under 1.1.3. The protection of people's homes from flooding and erosion. The Parish Council noted the conclusion that management upstream of the A12 had already been shown to have little overall influence of estuary behaviour and hence the Shoreline Strategy. However the Parish Council believes that the impact on the upstream area of any work to defend the A12 must be considered.

It is of paramount importance that an integrated approach to estuary and shoreline defence is taken. The Parish Council believes that the Environment Agency's economic criteria and assumptions about funding constraints must be further questioned in this wider context.
 Proposal – Clerk to express views of Parish Council to Shore Line Management Team.

Agreed

- Waste Core Strategy

The section on the potential use of Site 67, Thorington, for strategic non-hazardous landfill is of particular concern to Blythburgh. Blythburgh Parish Council concluded that the use of this site for landfill, close to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a number of sensitive wildlife sites, is unacceptable. The County Council's document notes that an Environmental Assessment would be likely to be required. Blythburgh Parish Council considers that this would be an essential requirement. One of the issues is the importance of the aquifer linked to Westwood Marsh in Walberswick National Nature Reserve, a site protected under national and international designations

Proposal – Clerk to express views of Parish Council to Waste Core Strategy team

Agreed

- To receive any planning decisions

Application No.	Location	Proposal	Status
C09/0484	Telecom mast 96397, Essex & Suffolk Water Tower, Walberswick Rd.	Installation of a 6 2G/3G sectored antennas in place of existing 6.	GRANTED
C09/0654	Lane End, Dunwich Road, Blythburgh	Erection of detached one and a half storey dwelling and garage	GRANTED with conditions
C09/0994	38 Blyth View, Bulcamp, Blythburgh	Insertion of two new windows in rear elevation	REJECTED

- To discuss planning applications received by 14th September 2009.

Application No.	Location	Proposal	Parish Council View
C09/1189	23 Blyth View, Bulcamp, Blythburgh	Internal alterations including erection of partition wall.	No objection
C09/1241	Thorington Gravel Pit, London Road, Thorington	50m guyed mast to measure wind speed and direction.	No objection
C09/1287	Red House Farm Units, Hazel Lane, Blythburgh	Retention of works to buildings and change of use of buildings	No response until two associated applications have been assessed

Proposal – Clerk to express views of Parish Council to SCDC planning team

Agreed

09/58. To receive the report from the financial sub-committee

- Present current accounts

Bank Account	Latest Bank Statement	Cheques not cleared	Available funds
Community Account	£2094.82	£791.82	£1303.00
Saver Account	£7663.69	£0.00	£7663.69
Total	£9758.51	£791.82	£8966.69

- Discuss external audit report.
The audit report highlights section 1 comparative figures do not add up by £1. The authors assumed this was a rounding error. No other matters came to their attention
Proposal – Accept Audit report from BDO Stoy Hayward LLP
Agreed
Proposal – Approve and Accept Audit return now signed by BDO Stoy Hayward LLP
Agreed
- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council
 - Payment for external audit
Proposal - Pay BDO Stoy Hayward LLP £155.25
Agreed
 - Payment to Paul Cook for grass cutting at playsite between 22/5/09 and 23/8/09
Proposal – Pay Paul Cook invoice of £90.00
Agreed
 - Payment to Paul Cook for cleaning bus shelters between 5/5/09 and 23/8/09
Proposal – Pay Paul Cook invoice of £120.00
Agreed
 - Payment of Parish Council Insurance. Do the Council want to opt for 3 or 5 year options to reduce the cost? Last year cost was £608.59 but did not include speed gun.
Proposal – Pay for one year and check price early next year to assess if cheaper insurance available elsewhere. Cost for one year £653.75
Agreed
 - Annual Recalibration of Speedgun
Proposal – Pay Unipar Services Ltd £185.65
Agreed
 - Payment for Honour Board for Villager of the Year.
Proposal – Clerk to arrange honour board, with lettering, not to exceed £200
Agreed
 - Payment of Material for decoration of bus shelter
Proposal – Pay A.J.Burrows £46.00
Agreed
 - Proposal – Write a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to Mr Burrows
Agreed
 - Cllr Lewis - Expenses related to Speedwatch for July/August
Proposal – Pay Cllr Lewis expenses of £2.70
Agreed
 - Parish Plan – Payment to Suffolk ACRE - £199.50
Parish Plan – Payment to Julian Rolt Associates Ltd - £4.99
Agreed
 - Donation request from Marie Curie cancer care – Suffolk.
Proposal – Make donation of £50
Agreed
 - Donation request from Citizens Advice Bureau – Leiston, Saxmundham & District.
Proposal – Make donation of £25
Agreed

09/59. To receive the Parish Plan steering committee Report.

The final approval copy is now available and once checked and agreed the report will be printed and distributed around the Village. There will be a celebration event, date to be set. The report will be presented to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

09/60. To receive the Community Speed Watch team Report.

Month	Number of Monitoring Hours	Registrations forwarded to Police
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July	19 hours	19 registrations
August	17 hours	14 registrations

All the volunteers are now fully trained. The speedgun will be away for four days in September for recalibration as the speedwatch team have had the gun for one year. As always more volunteers required. PLEASE contact Cllr Lewis 01502 478624

09/61. To receive an update on the Playsite.

The playsite is being used much more now with children seen playing there on most of the weekly visits to the site. Two problems to report

- Not only has the new gate been pulled of its hinges it has now disappeared.
- One of the roof sections of the climbing framing has completely collapsed.

Proposal – Clerk to check to see if insurance covers these

Agreed

09/62. Village Hall – Update on agreed work

Estimates for work on soak-aways have been received but the time it is taking to get a response from SCDC planning department means these are probably now out of date. Continuing to chase SCDC for advice.

09/63. Public ‘Rights of Way’

The Blois estate are fencing in areas for grazing that have been used for many years as footpaths. To enable people to continue to use these a request for the routes to be marked as footpaths needs to be made

Proposal – Clerk to complete forms requesting footpaths status.

Agreed

09/64. Recycling Area

There is an ongoing problem with rubbish being dumped. SCDC have removed one load and D Tytler has taken more to Southwold.

Proposal – Ask SCDC for a cardboard recycling container

Agreed

Proposal – Ask SCDC for a bigger warning sign of the consequences of dumping rubbish

Agreed

09/65. Correspondence

09/65.1 – EADT – Request to send minutes or report for publication.

Proposal – Send EADT the website url and suggest they get information from there

Agreed

09/65.2 – SPLG - Critique following meeting with EDF new build team

Proposal – A Mackley to attend meetings to represent Blythburgh

Agreed

09/65.3 – Thank you letter received from EACH for the donation made

09/66. To discuss any other matter the Chairman will allow

- Helicopter landing at 4 Angel Lane. The Chairman believed that the Parish Council needed to reflect the views of the open forum.

Proposal – Clerk to contact SCDC asking about the safety of the helicopter landing.

Agreed

- Helicopter landing at 4 Angel Lane. The Chairman believed that the Parish Council needed to look to mediation to contain the situation.

Proposal – Clerk to contact the resident of No.s 4 & 5 Angel Lane suggesting mediation.

Agreed

- Shop Local – This is a joint enterprise between SALC and One Suffolk and is designed to encourage local business. It is being trialled in two Parishes, Blythburgh (small) and Elmswell (large). Local Businesses will be allowed to advertise for free and it will act as a central point for parishioners looking for a service. Cllr Williams is working on the website.

- District Councillor – Peter Austin. Nothing to report. Noted that the river wall planning application is to be reviewed on Wednesday 23rd September. He requested a copy of the Parish Plan

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

Date of next meeting Monday 9th November commencing with an Open Forum at 7:30pm followed by the Council Meeting starting at the earliest of 7:45pm

Clerks Report to Parish Council Meeting 14th September 2009

Parish Council meeting 6th July

- MotoCross Track – The track owner was contacted and asked about the bunds, the measurement of noise levels in an effected garden and closing the track once a month. The response was that he had spoken to Eric Burnham and would I send the contact details of the family concerned, which has been done. The putting of bunds on the A12 had been dismissed by experts as not likely to have significant effect. The owner suspected that closing once a month would be noticed little by residents and felt that as there is no use on Saturdays he was not prepared to make further concessions.
- Refuse Bugs in Church Lane – SCDC were contacted and they were aware of problems with the sacks and would look into getting thicker bags. In the short term they would send out more bags so residents could double bag.
- Planning Application. SCDC planning department contacted with the views of the Parish Council for the applications discussed.
- Finance. The payments agreed at the meeting were made.
- Playsite. Playsite equipment manufacturers have been contacted but no site visits have been agreed so no costs available currently. Searches have been made into the possible sources of funding as the costs look like they will be in the range of £10000 – 15000. As no information is available no contact has been made with relevant parishioners
- Village Hall – Have contacted SCDC about planning / building regulations and have still had not response. Will continue to chase. Quotes that have been received for the work on the road to the recycling site and soak away but due to the delays with SCDC may now be out of date.
- Highlodge. Contacted John Bidwell and had a very interesting discussion about the 2012 Olympics and there impacts. Highlodge have missed out on being in the brochure of sites distributed to competing countries, but are hoping to draw one of the lesser nations to use the facilities. His view was that there was nothing that the Parish Council could do but support him in his planning requests as had been done in the past. To this end he is planning some big changes and would like to invite Parish Councillors round so that he could explain what he is planning. Could I please have names, dates and time so that I can let him know.
- Suggestion Box. The cost of a box varies from £25 upwards depending on size, material, etc. This would be a mail box with the word suggestions on it.
- Road Names. Contacted SCDC with the Parish Council view that the A12 should be called London Road. Apparently this has still not been resolved. A request has been made to have a road name sign for Dunwich Road placed at the south end of the village near Stone Cottages. This should be at zero cost to the Parish Council.
- Playsite Road Sign. Contacted SCC about this and they have agreed to survey and produce a cost for putting up a sign at the end of Highfield. Very reluctant to give an estimate over the telephone but could be in the order of £300 - £400.

- Halesworth Town Plan. Contacted Steering Group Chairman to say a copy of the Blythburgh Parish Plan would be sent to him when complete.
- Bus Shelter. Sam Burrows has decorated the bus shelter and oiled the notice board. This has transformed the look of the bus shelter and hopefully people have noticed the improvement. Received invoice for materials.
- New Bus Shelter. It has now been confirmed that the current bus stop is outside the extent of the clearway and the request has now been forwarded to the Quality of Life Locality Board for funding.
- Essex and Suffolk Water. Chased them about the House Martin nests. Still waiting for a call from the local manager.
- Recycling Centre. There are ongoing problems with rubbish being dumped and SCDC have been contacted to remove the rubbish and about putting up a new sign warning those who are dumping their rubbish there. Thanks to the Chairman for taking the latest rubbish to be dumped to Southwold recycling centre

Special Meeting held 10th August.

- Planning Application. SCDC planning department contacted with the views of the Parish Council for the applications discussed.
- Toby's Walk. Contacted PCSO for Blythburgh asking that in future could information, such as damage to the toilets, be placed on Police Direct.
- Also contacted SCC Countryside Officer about Toby's Walk and talked about its current state. SCC are aware of the uses of the site as it appears are the Police. There has recently been a new Ranger employed to look after the site so he was hoping things would improve. The rangers are also taking part in the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme which gives them various powers. If these are ignored the offenders can then be reported to the Police.