

Shottisham Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at Shottisham Trust Hall

Present: Chairman Mike Hazelwood (MH), Cll K Dunnett (KD) and Cll N Good (NG)

Attendees: (Suffolk CC) Cll A Reid (SCDC) Cll C Block, Clerk L Roberts (LR), 6 members of the public

1-14/03/17 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from Cll J Fletcher (JF)

2-14/03/17 Public Forum:

3-14/03/17 Reports:

a) Suffolk CC:

The main topics covered in Cll A Reid's report were:

- The council's budget was approved in early February after being asked for an additional £38 million savings, which has required them to dip into their reserves. The likely impact of this is a dip of 3% in the adult care budget. Council tax will remain the same for this year but will probably have to go up next year.
- SCC's ambition is to improve mental health services in Suffolk over the next 10 years with the aspiration being to improve mental health for all ages. A new countywide campaign Suffolk Life Savers has also been launched that aims to work towards preventing suicide in Suffolk. Anyone can join the campaign by making a simple pledge.
- A design team has been appointed to develop the planned heritage centre 'The Hold' and award winning architects Pringle Richards Sharratt have won the contract to develop the design for the new building. The state of the art building will house Suffolk's historical archives along with exhibition space, a café, an auditorium and education/seminar rooms and is supported by Heritage Lottery funding.

(See full report on www.shottisham.onesuffolk.net)

(Cll A Reid was asked a question by a parishioner as to whether there would be any recruitment for additional mental health practitioners to help develop the planned improvement in mental health. Cll A Reid will find out what is being planned and will give a response.)

b) SCDC Report:

- Cll Christine Block told the meeting that Suffolk Coastal will be putting up council tax by 3.5% because funding for local government has been cut drastically from 7.4 million in 2010/11 to 600,000 in 2017/18. Staffing costs have been cut to the bone and many staff are now doing two jobs. There is likely to be a 2.1 million shortfall in funding in 2018/19 unless plans for incentivised funding for new houses comes into fruition.
- A meeting with Scottish Power has been arranged for the week commencing 27th March which local councillors have been invited to attend to discuss the work starting later this year on East Anglia 1. Councillors will express concern as to how Scottish Power plan to address the traffic issues that will arise on the B1083 as a result of this work. Local land owners have not been consulted as yet either although heavy vehicles are expected to be using the landfall/river site.

- Progress reports on the flood wall at Bawdsey were given. Work proposals for enabling development of the wall are now being collected and decisions being made about its width and the cost. No figure has been decided for cost yet. It is not known how much funding the government will give either and how much funding will be required from SCC.

4-14/03/17 Councillors' Declaration of Interest: None

5-14/03/17 Signing of Minutes:

Minutes of regular PC meeting of 10th January 2017 and planning meeting of 7th February 2017 were duly signed off by Chairman MH as accurate records.

6-14/03/17 Consideration of Planning Applications DC/17/0744/FUL and DC/17/0952/FUL:

Both the planning applications at Mill House were discussed and it was agreed that the replacement of outbuildings in DC/17/0744/FUL was considered like for like so this was approved. It was considered that the glazed building in DC/17/0952/FUL would not cause any visual impact in the area so this was also approved. The clerk will send a response to the planning office by the 28th March 2017.

7-14/03/17 Clerk's report:

This and all other documentation relating to the Parish Council can be seen on the Shottisham Village website shottisham.onesuffolk.net in accordance with the new Transparency laws.

8-14/03/17 To co-opt two new councillors onto Shottisham Parish Council:

Two parishioners have put their names forward and have now been co-opted onto the parish council. Peter Widdup will replace Cll S Loader and Philip Bouscarle has taken one of the two remaining places. Cll J Fletcher has sent through his resignation this week so this now brings the total number of councillors up to 5. There are still 2 places remaining for co-option to bring the total up to 7.

9-14/03/17 To receive update on Highways Issues:

Malcom King from Highways has made some suggestions for improvements which would cost £700 and include:

- **Heath Drive:** A new sign for bends and SLOW painted on the road.
- **The Street:** White lines painted in the centre of the road. SLOW marking on the road by Villa Hill/Cottages/The Knoll.

Councillors agreed that narrow/white lines painted on the road at Hollesley end would be preferable to more signs. Speeding is still taking place at Ford Hill and it was suggested that rumble strips could be tried. Cll MH will go back to Malcolm Hill and work out some costings before the next meeting.

10-14/03/17 To receive update on Site Allocations and any other planning issues:

This item was withdrawn with the recommendation that another planning meeting was arranged between the 21st and 28th March to discuss the new planning application that has been received this week for Rushlake House.

11-14/03/17 To receive update on playground issues including installation of football nets:

Cll MH reported that the padlocks have now been removed from the football posts and they are now waiting for the nets from Cll JF. Cll MH plans to book an early cut from Norse before Easter and will talk to Joe Buswell who has volunteered to cut the playing field for the village.

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12-14/03/17 To discuss Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute and WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November and Peninsula 2018 Poppy Project.

- **Battle's Over:** Councillors discussed the possibility of lighting a beacon to commemorate the end of the war on November 11th 2018 to join in with the national project 'Battle's Over'. It was decided that this was impracticable because Shottisham Parish Council do not possess a beacon or a suitable place to site one. It was agreed that the clerk LR would contact the clerk of Sutton Parish Council to find out if Shottisham could join in with their celebrations next year.
- **Peninsula 2018 Poppy Project:** The council were informed by the clerk of a new project that has been planned for the Wilford Peninsula that will create a community wide set of arts projects responding to the end of WW1, culminating in a series of events on the peninsular in November 2018. Cll PW volunteered to attend the launch event at Hollesley Village Hall on Saturday 29th April and will report back at the next meeting.

13-14/03/17 Financial Report

Current Account: £8890.37

Savings Account 1: £1670.52

Savings Account 2: £193.41

14-14/03/17

a) Signing of cheques:

Shottisham WI Hall Hire: £60

Clerk's wages: £150

Clerk's expenses: £50.95

HMRC: £255.40

b) Review cheque signatories

Cll KD is still waiting to be added as a third signatory for the Santander bank accounts. Cll PW and Cll PB were asked if they would be willing to be signatories too and both agreed. Now that Cll JF has resigned from the council it has become imperative that another signatory is appointed as soon as possible to ensure that monies can be paid out from the bank accounts.

15-14/03/17: Matters to be brought to the attention of the council:

Cll NG informed the parish council that the marquees are now being stored at his house. The clerk LR asked the council who was responsible for the billing of the marquees because there was no record of any charges being made for this in the bank statements for the year. Cll KD acknowledged that he is responsible for recording the marquee bookings and billing customers, which has not been done as yet this year. Both the Sorrel Horse and the Sutton Plough still need to be billed for their hire. LR reminded Cll KD that this would need to be completed by the end of March to ensure that these payments showed up in the accounts for this year. It was recommended that the clerk take over the responsibility of the marquee bookings as from April as this is considered to be part of the clerk's role. This was agreed.

Date and Time of next meeting: May 9th 2017 at 7.30 at the Trust Hall

Chairman:

Date: 9th May 2017

