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## Shottisham Parish Council

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at Shottisham Trust Hall

**Present:** Chairman P Bouscarle (PB), Cll P Widdup (PW), Cll M Harrison (MHR), Cll P Southgate (PS) and Cll R Kay (RK)

**Attendees:** (SCDC) Cll C Block, Clerk L Roberts (LR) and 25 members of the public

#### **1-11/09/18 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies received from (SCC) Cll A Reid (AR)

#### **2-11/09/18 Public Forum:**

At the start of the meeting the chairman PB read out a statement from the previous chair Mike Hazelwood who was unable to attend the meeting. He wanted it made known that he was in favour of an affordable housing development and off-street car parking on the Sorrel Horse field.

A number of statements and questions were raised by parishioners during the public forum including:

- A statement was made that Shottisham's status has changed from the earlier Local Plan in 2015 and it is now classified as countryside rather than a small village. It was pointed out that the Policy SCLP12:59 for land opposite the Sorrel Horse carried over from 2015 to 2018 would not have been allocated today if it was not being brought forward from an earlier plan.
- Comment was made that the land opposite the Sorrel Horse is an area used by wildlife and protected species including hedgehogs, butterflies and bees. It has not been managed properly during the last seven years and requires urgent maintenance.
- There were two requests from the floor for the Chairman to be objective.
- Cll PB and Cll PW were questioned as to whether there was a conflict of interest because they are both trustees of the Peninsula Community Land Trust.
- Councillors were also questioned as to who owned shares in the Sorrel Horse because this would be considered a conflict of interest. Two councillors declared they owned shares in the pub.
- A definition of affordable housing was asked for and the answer given was that the common definition of an affordable rent is 80% of the average rent in the local area.
- Comment was made that developers usually allocate 33% for affordable housing with the majority of the development going to private ownership although this is not guaranteed. There are six Flagship affordable houses in Heath Drive although at this time these are all occupied. (The PC has no influence over allocation should any become available.)
- A question was asked as to whether any different possible locations in the village had been put forward for allocation. Cll PB responded that three pieces of land had been previously identified including land next to Heath Drive, the Sorrel Horse field and the Trust Hall land (To the rear of the Hall next to Wheelwrights) The Sorrel Horse field was considered the most suitable piece of land for development of affordable housing, as identified in the housing needs survey 2015.
- Comment was made that there is a lack of facilities available in the village for those who are most in need of affordable houses i.e. doctors, schools, transport, shop etc. so people would not want to live here. (This is clearly defined in the Local Plan and the Settlement Hierarchy document)
- Comment was made that construction in the village would cause noise and disruption to the

- A petition calling for the allocation for this development to be removed was handed in to the council that has been signed by 63 concerned residents. The council was asked to reverse earlier parish councils' decisions and object to this allocation because of the volume of responses received from villagers. It was felt that an objection from the parish council would carry additional weight.
- Cll CB handed out a letter to all parishioners that she has written in conjunction with Planning Officers that contains factual information about the Draft Local Plan and inclusion of the Sorrel Horse field.

**3-11/09/18 Councillors' Declaration of Interest:**

Clls PB, PS and PW declared an interest in **Agenda Item 7: To discuss the SCDC Local Plan** in regard to the Sorrel Horse field because two of them own shares in the Sorrel Horse and two of them are trustees of the Peninsula Community Land Trust.

**4-11/09/18 Signing of Minutes:**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were duly signed off by Chairman PB as accurate records.

**5-11/09/18 Reports:**

**a) Suffolk CC:**

A written report was received from SCC Cll AR who sent his apologies. The main topics were:

- Superfast broadband continues to grow and it has been confirmed that 98% coverage will be achieved in 2020. To see if a property can now access superfast broadband you can check on the website [www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com](http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com)
- SCC and SCDC are calling for power companies and energy firms to co-ordinate their project planning more effectively in order to reduce the disruption on local communities.
- Improved GCSE and A level results have been recorded across Suffolk again this year. The figures state that 2% more students achieved the expected standard for English and maths at GCSE compared with last year. 98.1% of A level students have been awarded an A\*-E grade this year compared with 97.6% nationally.
- Suffolk's tourist trade is booming as the economy hit the £2bn mark for the first time showing that tourism grew by at least five percent in 2017, more than double the year before. The number of jobs in the county's tourism sector rose by six percent.
- See the full SCC June 2018 report at [www.shottisham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.shottisham.onesuffolk.net)

**b) SCDC Report:**

Cll CB had nothing new to report.

**6-11/09/18 To consider co-opting Rod Cardnell onto Shottisham Parish Council**

Rodney Cardnell (RC) attended the meeting and was formally co-opted as a parish councillor onto Shottisham Parish Council to fill one of the two empty places remaining.

**7-11/09/18 To discuss the SCDC Local Plan and agree a response by 14<sup>th</sup> September:**

Most of the discussion about the SCDC Local Plan took place during the Public Forum so there was little left to discuss at this point. A request was made from the floor that the council conduct a referendum of the village to ask parishioners the question "Would you like the proposed allocation for approximately 10 houses and 30 car park spaces on land opposite the Sorrel Horse to be removed Yes/No"? Cll CB advised chairman PB to take advice from SCDC before confirming when or if this

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referendum would take place. Councillors decided not to object to the planning allocation but have asked the clerk LR to place a comment on the SCDC website to say that they have received a petition signed by 63 concerned village residents who call for this allocation for housing development to be removed.

**8-11/09/18 To discuss the plans to accommodate sex offenders at Hollesley Prison:**

Councillors discussed the population change planned for HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay that will authorise suitably risk assessed category D prisoners convicted of sexual offence to be held at Hollesley Bay. It was reported that there has been a massive outcry about this, particularly in the Hollesley area resulting in a Facebook petition that has collected three hundred and sixty signatures. The lack of consultation seems to be one of the main issues and the clerk from Hollesley Parish Council has written a letter to the governor on behalf of the Wilford Peninsula. A meeting has been arranged with the governor to address some of these concerns which Cll RK will attend and report back on.

**9-11/09/18 To receive updates on Highways Issues:**

Cll PW confirmed that the following actions have been taken since the last meeting:

- A **Kill Your Speed** sign has now been erected at either end of the village.
- Three grit bins have been located in and around the village, one of which needs re-filling.
- A **No Through Road** sign will be put up in Church Lane next week.

It was decided that the cones near the traffic lights at Ford Hill Bridge look unsightly and could do with being removed. Cll RK has agreed to liaise with Highways and ask for them to be removed.

**10-11/09/18 To receive updates on playground issues:**

- Cll MHR is to contact Norse to find out when they will be coming to give the grass its final cut and kill the nettles again.
- Cll MHR confirmed that one more routine inspection of the playground will take place before the Annual Inspection is due in December. She now has access to an online playground report which is difficult to view online.
- Cll PS stated that the risk assessment has now been revisited in light of the changes made to the playground and has now been signed off as complete. A copy of this has been given to the clerk for her files.

**11-11/09/18: Clerk's report and Finance Report:**

This and all other documentation relating to the Parish Council can be seen on the Shottisham Village website in accordance with the new Transparency laws. (See [shottisham.onesuffolk.net](http://shottisham.onesuffolk.net))

a) At the close of business on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 the bank accounts were as follows:

- **Current Account:** £2,718.40
- **Saving Account 1:** £1,678.78
- **Savings Account 2:** £194.35

b) Kevin Dunnett and Peter Nichols have now been removed as signatories and Cll RK has been added as a signatory. Clerk LR now has read-only access to all accounts online but is still unable to move money between accounts. A signed letter with two signatories will need to be sent to Santander to enable all monies to be moved into the current account. Peter Nichols needs to be removed as an account holder too which should stop copies of the accounts still being sent to him.

**13-11/09/18 To receive updates on the action points from the previous meeting:**

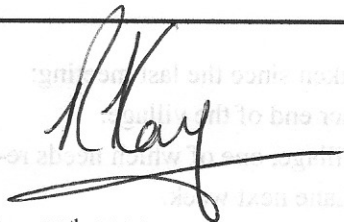
All actions from the previous meeting have been completed apart from the review on the consultation from the Local Government Boundary Commission which was never received and the date for consultation has now ended. The council expressed their thanks to Diana Bouscarle for her sterling work in cleaning the road signs at both ends of the village.

**14-11/09/18 Matters to be brought to the attention of the council:**

Filming will be taking place in the village on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from the company who filmed "Life on the Deben". The film is about Edith Pretty from Sutton Hoo and will take place in and around the Sorrel Horse and The Knoll. This will cause a small amount of disruption to some of the residents who have been asked not to park on The Knoll or outside the pub while the filming is taking place. The film company will be providing their own stewards who will control the traffic.

**Date and Time of next meeting: November 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.30 at the Trust Hall**

**Chairman:**



**Date: November 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**