



BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Thursday 12th September 2019

Present: Cllr R Orr-Ewing (Chair), Cllr S Boggis, Cllr M Burrows, Cllr V Carse, Cllr M Doney, Cllr C Saunders, J Boggis (Clerk).

Open Forum (19 Parishioners + Cllr R Smith)

Sizewell C Stage 4 Consultation

Cllr Boggis started off with an overview of what the Parish Council were expecting from the meeting this evening. She outlined what had happened, the time scale, and the Parish Council's position. The floor was then open for the Parishioners to have their say.

- How does an individual respond to EDF? The summary document put through your door has all the contact details on the rear but remember closing date is 27th September.
- Is the strategy rail and road? At this point it is rail, road (as detailed in stage 3) or an Integrated option (detailed in stage 4). Blythburgh Parish Council favours the rail led strategy with some road improvements.
- What about use of the sea? EDF have discounted this due to the nature of shoreline. Many others including Blythburgh Parish Council have asked for this to be reconsidered.
- B1125. This could be an opportunity to improve this as Traffic will only increase. The noise level is affected by the speed of traffic, therefore a method to reduce speed is required. The increased volume of traffic will affect pollution levels. How will this be managed? Blythburgh Parish Council agree these are issues and have raised these in their response.
- Fly Parking. Found to be a greater issue than expected at Hinkley. EDF propose use of number plate recognition to control. Blythburgh Parish Council are aware this is happening now at Hinkley so have raised in their response.
- How do we know EDF will react to issues raised? The evidence to date has not been positive with many of the issues raised not being addressed from one stage of consultation to another. However we have to rely on the inspectors carrying out their role diligently.
- Make B1125 Angel lane / Dunwich Road one way. This is beyond the scope of EDF's remit as this is an existing problem. They are looking to mitigate for impacts during the construction phase not to solve existing issues.
- Pedestrian paths. The amount of pedestrian footway along Angel Lane and Dunwich Road is dangerously low, restricting the ability of people to move safely from one side of the village to the other.
- Road Surface. Are the roads able to sustain increased level of traffic? Currently roads are deteriorating with current traffic levels.

Cllr Boggis concluded by thanking the parishioners for attending and expressing their views. She urged them to comment individually to the stage 4 consultation.

Cllr Smith concluded by giving a view of why the sea route is not seen as an option and the problems with Network Rail being able to make the necessary changes in the required EDF timescales regarding the rail led strategy.

District Councillor Report; Cllr N Brooks.

Cllr Brooks is recovering from surgery so gave his apologies.

County Councillor Report; Cllr R Smith.

Cllr Smith reported he had been working on the Sizewell C stage 4 response in his role as chair of the Joint Local Authority Group. This had been difficult as most of the work had to be carried out

during the school holiday period resulting in many people being away from the Office. However they hit their deadline of sending the draft to the printers on 11th September and it will be considered by SCC on 24th September at a cabinet meeting and by ESC on 23rd September at their cabinet meeting. The JLAG view was that EDF had moved away from using the sea route and were moving away from the rail led strategy. He expressed the view that the JLAG was sticking to their formula that the disadvantages did not outway the advantages.

Cllr Smith then went on to discuss finance. The recent settlement for 2020/21 announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer was the best for some years and when broken down would result in an increase of £5.8M in the budget for SCC. There is still a short fall but this means the budget process will not be forced in to difficult spending decisions as in recent years.

Cllr Smith reported there was a site meeting with Natural England on 13th September to gain approval to remove the fencing and posts along the A12. This raised his optimism about removing the fence.

Cllr Smith then discussed the junction at the Water Tower. SCC Highways were currently reviewing to see if this could be improved and Cllr Smith stated he would keep Blythburgh Parish Council involved in any discussion.

Cllr Smith was asked about the issues he had heard discussed in the open forum with Dunwich Road. He responded that he would find the name of an Highways engineer and their contact details who would be able to answer questions for Blythburgh Parish Council.

Parish Council Meeting

19/80. Agree the Agenda

Add Lond-Caulk memorial seat

All Agreed

19/81. To receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensation on any matters on the agenda

None Declared

19/82. To note and agree apologies for absence

Cllr J Sutton - Sick - **AGREED**

19/83. Appointment of Village Hall Trustees.

Postponed to next meeting

19/84. Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2019

Proposal – Accept minutes for 10th July 2019 meeting as presented.

All Agreed

19/85. Approve Minutes of Parish Council special meeting held on 14th August 2019

Proposal – Accept minutes for 14th August 2019 special meeting as presented.

All Agreed

19/86. To receive the Clerk's Report

Cllr Boggis stated she did not understand the Stroud response. Clerk explained the information given but confirmed it did not answer all questions raised.

Proposal – Accept Clerks Report as presented

All Agreed

19/87. To receive the report from the planning advisory group

Planning decisions

Application No.	Location	Proposal	ESC Decision
DC/19/2976/AME	Lion House The Street Blythburgh Suffolk	Non Material Amendment on Application DC/19/1113/FUL (Single storey extension to gable end and boundary fence)	PERMITTED
DC/19/2575/FUL	The White House The Street Blythburgh	Construction of a single storey rear sun room	PERMITTED Conditions applied
DC/19/2576/LBC	The White House The Street	Listed Building Consent - Construction of	PERMITTED

	Blythburgh	a single storey rear sun room	Conditions applied
DC/19/2461/FUL	Park Farm, London Road, Thorington	Proposed extension to existing poultry farm (EIA Development) comprising erection of 3 poultry barns, weighbridge and lodges and ancillary parts and associated landscaping	PERMITTED Conditions applied
DC/19/3113/TCA	The Priory Priory Road Blythburgh Suffolk	1 x Mulberry - Crown lift by up to 4m	No Objection

Cllr Boggis then reported a response received from the planners relating to DC/19/2950/FUL, The Goose Garden annexe accommodation. The planner stated “.the potential for a site to become something else is not a material planning considerations... all residential annexe applications attract a condition that restricts any further use..”

19/88. To receive the report from the Responsible Finance Officer

- Income received since last meeting;
None
- Current Financial Position

06-Sep-19	Clerk PAYE	Subscriptions	Insurance & Audits	Maintenance	Cllr Expenses	Training	Misc.	Donations (section 137)	Outgoing (Totals)	Income To Date
Budget	£1,884.96	£353.92	£2,092.00	£2,541.86	£320.00	£400.00	£250.00	£150.00	£7,992.74	
Spend to date	£471.44	£138.23	£0.00	£1,130.07	£146.35	£72.40	£119.10	£0.00	£2,077.59	£3,885.85
Remainder	£1,413.52	£215.69	£2,092.00	£1,411.79	£173.65	£327.60	£130.90	£150.00	£5,915.15	
Reserve Funds	Allocation				TOTAL Spend to date Including Project Spend =					£2,842.59
General - Precept Reserve	£3,775.00									
Village Hall maintenance	£2,000.00									
Village Hall Driveway	£235.00				Stroud Associates First payment £765.00					
Playsite Update	£2,000.00									
Election	£1,000.00									
Village Gateways	£0.00									
Defibrillator maintenance	£500.00									
MPLC	£0.00									
Blythburgh Day	£284.25									
CIL Payments	£1,600.25									
Total	£11,394.50									

Unpresented Cheques at 27th August 2019

Invoices for payment at this meeting (To be agreed)

Total Value £547.99

Total Value £1160.21

BALANCE £11829.57

- Bank Mandate
Agreed to change who correspondence sent to.
Proposal – Cllr Orr-Ewing to arrange for Cllr C Saunders to receive bank correspondence.

All Agreed

- Discuss and agree any payments required of the Council

ESC - Uncontested Election 2nd May 2019 £65.28

Clerks expenses, Postage, Stationery Items, etc £43.89

Parish Council Insurance 3 Year LTU £484.12*

PAYE Q2 Clerk £377.24

HMRC £94.20

Bus Shelter cleaning thankyou (1/7/2019 to 30/9/19) £70.00

Playsite – New Fence post £TBC (upto £200)

Proposal – Payments listed above, required of the Council, approved

All Agreed

Note * Councillors after some discussion agreed to the 3 year Long Term Undertaking

19/89. Budget for 2020/2021; Discuss and agree requirements

Clerk asked for any items Cllr would like considered in the budget proposal for 2020/2021.
Cllr Orr-Ewing raised the Village Hall Driveway, Cllr Carse raised security camera / lighting for the recycle area and Cllr Saunders raised Storage Shed for the Village Hall.

19/90. Grit Bin in Priory Road;

Clerk reported he had received a licence from SCC Highways approving the installation of a grit bin at the junction of Priory Road and A12

Proposal – Clerk to purchase grit bin of up to £250 inc vat

All Agreed

19/91. GDPR Policies, Storage, etc.;

No Update

19/92. Safeguarding Documentation;

Clerk reported he had been unable to find a GDPR statement on any Safeguarding documents.

Proposal – Clerk to contact Cllr Saunders who may be able to help

All Agreed

19/93. Sizewell C Stage 4 consultation;

Cllr Boggis started by thanking Planning Aid England for their support and their comments had been implemented in draft 3 of the response. She then acknowledged the great turn out by the Parishioners and thanked Cllrs for this initiative and for distributing an invite and summary document. No comments were raised with the draft 3 document.

Cllr Carse reported on a meeting she attended on Sizewell C lead by MP Dr T Coffey.

Apparently it was an hostile meeting with very little questioning allowed. She also reported on a demonstration against Sizewell C being held at RSPB Minsmere

Proposal – Complete Appendix 2 and distribute for comment before incorporation into the Final Response document

All Agreed

Proposal – Document, minus appendix 2, is approved as presented by Councillors

All Agreed

19/94. Verges Planting;

Cllr Orr-Ewing Report on site meeting with L Merton from SCC Highways. This was productive with only three areas raising concern.

Proposal – Proceed with Cllr Orr-Ewing overseeing events and communications with SCC Highways over support and equipment

All Agreed

19/95. Grass cutting in Village;

Clerk reported he had been contacted by a local contractor who would carry out the work estimating it would take 4 hours at £15 per hour

Proposal – Clerk to ask local contractor to carry out work

All Agreed

19/96. Traffic management on Angel Lane/Dunwich Road.

- Discuss Options available

Cllr Orr-Ewing discussed the option of a possible benefactor and that this should free the minds of the Councillors to try to come up with new ideas that may help to address the issues.

- Feedback on review of documentation

Cllr Doney reported he had read through the documentation and it was more complex than envisaged. Following the offer from Cllr Smith the Councillors discussed updating the document and sending to new SCC highways contact for comment.

Proposal – Cllr Doney to update current document ready for presentation to SCC Highways

All Agreed

19/97. Village Hall Driveway Footpath;

Clerk reported he had received the final invoice.

Proposal – Clerk to contact Stroud stating the Councillors would like to understand the rationale for the design before making the final payment

All Agreed

19/98. Village Hall Management;

Clerk reported he had chased P White for the information he had suggested was required. P White also made a comment about the intricacies of the legal process.

Proposal – Clerk to clarify legal process and to obtain relevant documents

All Agreed

19/99. Vehicle Activated Speed Sign:

Cllr Orr-Ewing reported he had downloaded the data but had yet to completed the analysis. He did mention the Latitude Festival traffic information was now available and asked who would report this to Festival Republic in place of D Tytler.

Proposal – Clerk to contact J Sutton to confirm or otherwise if he has taken on this role

All Agreed

19/100. Speedwatch;

No Update as Cllr Sutton sick. Cllr Carse reported roughly 10 cars recorded over 40mph per afternoon session with greater numbers recorded in the morning sessions.

19/101. Community Emergency Planning;

No Update

19/102. Correspondence

Clerk raised an email received from someone purchasing a house at BlythView regarding the pig farm and farming zones. The Cllrs discussed and supported the response supplied.

19/103. To discuss any other matter the Chair will allow

- Cllr Doney asked if the Chair had an update on the proposed discussions relating to Blythburgh Day. Cllr Orr-Ewing responded there was no update.

- Memorial Seat. The Clerk raised a process issue in that the Green Knoll is owned by Blythburgh Parish Council and they were not contacted about installing the seat. As no contact was made with the Parish Council this has raised issues around maintenance and liability that need to be resolved.

Proposal – Clerk to investigate and propose resolutions to the issues

All Agreed

Meeting closed at 10.05pm

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held Thursday 12th September 2019

Signed (Chair) _____ Dated _____
