

Sutton Bridge & Wingland Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 7pm Tuesday, 26 February 2019 in the Farmers' Room at The Curlew Centre, Sutton Bridge.

Present: Cllr S Booth (vice-chair), M Booth, Brewis, Davies, Scarlett, Summers, York.

Clerk: Mr R Smith

Public: 2

Press: Ms Lynne Harrison, Spalding Guardian

Cllr S Booth greeted everyone present.

2 members of the public and a member of the press requested to speak during the public forum. The following items were discussed:

- A request was made for an update on clearing the footpath from Nenelands. Both Cllr M Booth and Cllr Brewis stated that they would follow up with the District Council.
- It was reported that a fly tipping watch group for the Spalding area had been set up to address the issues of litter and fly tipping <https://www.facebook.com/flytippingwatch>.
- A repeat of a previous request was made to have the milestone on Bridge Road renovated. The clerk stated that [in November 2018] LCC Highways had declined to take any action. A quote to clean and paint the milestone [@ £80.00] had also been obtained, but the Parish Council had considered it inappropriate for it to undertake this work on behalf of Highways. Cllr Brewis stated that he would look into the matter.

25.19 Apologies (1)

Received from Cllr Grimwood (chair), Cllr Cook, Cllr Fenton.

26.19 Declarations of interest (2)

None were declared.

27.19 Signing of the minutes (3)

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 29/01/19 as an accurate record.

28.19 Police matters (4).

- i. No reports had been received from the police.
- ii. Cllr M Booth reported that he had recently spoken to a Police Constable while in Sutton Bridge, who was not blue light trained and therefore unable to undertake emergency response driving. The officer had stated that they were one of three officers on duty at the time in South Holland.
- iii. The report of thefts from 5 boats moored at the marina on 23rd February was noted.
- iv. The vice-chair was grateful to Norfolk Police for the reporting and recovery of his caravan, which had recently been stolen.
- v. It was **resolved** that the Police and Crime Commissioner be written to express concern regarding the level of police resources in the area particularly given the level of crime being reported.

29.19 Vice-chair's remarks (5)

- i. Nothing to report.

30.19 Clerk's report (6)

- i. Comments on planning applications had been submitted as resolved.
- ii. The website had been updated.
- iii. A quote for cleaning the war memorial was awaited.
- iv. A date for meeting the SHDC Pride clean-up team was awaited.
- v. Clarification of some quotes were still awaited for the replacement of the pavilion shower pump.
- vi. The replacement panel for the bus stop opposite the Village green had been fitted @ £240.00 plus VAT.
- vii. Past receipt & payment books, and other documents had been sent to Lincolnshire Archives, as resolved.
- viii. A repair of a pothole at the entrance of the Curlew Centre car park had been undertaken @ £15.00.
- ix. Replacement high tensile bolts & brackets had been installed for the benches in the Memorial Park @ £20.
- x. There were two vacancies on the Wright's Lane allotments. Anyone interested contact the Parish Office.
- xi. Following complaints, a metal detectorist had been asked to leave the park.
- xii. A letter of thanks had been sent to Mr Mark Everitt for putting up the Christmas lights on the Church.
- xiii. Emails had been sent out to local schools regarding an event to celebrate the turning on of the Christmas lights. To date only the Sunbeams Playgroup had responded.

31.19 To receive reports from County and District Councillors (7)

Cllr M. Booth reported:

- i. Five new 2 & 3 bedroom properties in Long Sutton had been handed over to Welland Homes ready for rent.
- ii. Finalising budget expenditure for the year Cllr M. Booth and Cllr Brewis had been able to utilise remaining available funds for extra Village Christmas lights.
- iii. Fly tipping was still very bad. Cllr M. Booth and Cllr Brewis could be contacted regarding any reports.

Cllr Brewis reported:

- iv. The Care Quality Commission had rated the non-emergency ambulance service operated by Thames Ambulance Service Limited (TASL) as overall inadequate in a recent report (see www.cqc.org.uk).
- v. There had been a number of near miss incidents on the zebra crossing outside Westmere Community

Primary School. Anyone being involved in, or witnessing incidents, should report the matter in writing, with a view to building up evidence on which further action can be taken.

- vi. Full bus timetables were now available and Cllr Brewis would provide copies for the library & parish office.
- vii. Cllr Brewis offered to provide advice to residents on obtaining the cheapest rail tickets.
- viii. The level of council tax was scheduled to be agreed shortly by the District Council.

32.19 Financial matters (8)

i. Schedule of Payments to 26/02/2019:

Payee	Detail	Chq. No.	Net £	VAT £	Total £
Sheet Plastics	Bus Stop Panel	CP	165.28	33.06	198.34
Post Office Ltd	Postage	CP	26.28		26.28
Lincs Pension Fund	Pension Scheme	1190	592.87		592.87
Mr D Emerson	Salary	BP			
Mrs K Croxford	Salary	BP			
Mr R Smith	Salary	BP			
Mr R Smith	Expenses	1191	16.75		16.75
Mr D Large	Bus Stop Repair	1192	74.72		74.72
GES - Water Ltd	Water Testing	1193	105.00	21.00	126.00
Cllr T York	Travel Expenses	1194	16.20		16.20
Dave Large	Repair to park benches & pot hole	1195	35.00		35.00

It was **resolved** to approve payments as above.

ii. Receipts: interest £91.58.

33.19 Correspondence (9)

- i. It was **resolved** to invite Mr Sam Lew from The Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership to give a presentation during the public forum of a future Parish Council meeting.
- ii. Reports of repeated fly-tipping at Fields Farm North.
- iii. Reports of potatoes left on side of road by the Bridge roundabout following road spillage.
- iv. Following a complaint about the removal of trees at the golf club residential development, SHDC planners had responded indicated that no planning breaches had occurred, nor trees improperly removed.

34.19 Planning matters (10)

i. New applications

- H18-0120-19: land north of Withington Street - outline application for 70 dwellings. It was **resolved** to object to the application because the development: was in open countryside; would overlook the primary school; showed significant obstructions to public rights of way, access routes and drainage pipes; would increase traffic movements on Withington Street to an unacceptable level; was less suited to housing than other areas in Sutton Bridge not so adversely affected by flood risk.

The Parish Council **resolved** that the application should be referred to full planning committee.

In the event that planning permission for the outline development were to be granted, the Parish Council **resolved** to request that conditions be imposed that provided for significant financial community support and easement rights to allow suitable access through to Parish Council owned land to the north of Granville Terrace, where a new sporting venue was being considered for development.

- H18-0098-19: Former Greenworld Site, PE12 9RN. Change of use to storage and distribution (Use Class B8), including security fencing. It was **resolved** to support the application because it would help employment in the area. However, appropriate noise attenuation should put in place to minimise the impact on neighbouring residences.
- H18-0042-19: 18 Nenelands. Proposed extension and alterations. Cllr Brewis declared an interest and abstained from the matter. It was **resolved** to make no comment on the application.
- H18-0054-19: Land rear: 9 New Road. Outline application for single dwelling replacing an existing garage. It was **resolved** to support the application because it fitted with the area being residential.

ii. Decided applications

- H18-1240-18: 25 Wrights Lane. Extensions and alterations. Approved.

35.19 Highways & footways (11)

i. Update on outstanding matters

- Highways had declined the request to remove the build-out by Churchgate. Additionally, photographic evidence was requested before Highways would take any further action about reported flooding outside the Church lychgate, which they contended had been recently cleared.
- The flooding on the road outside the Curlew Centre car park had been reported.
- The broken gate at the east end of the old A17 footpath had been reported.
- A price for reactive speed signs has been obtained:
 - DF11MC battery powered Speed Indicating Device (SID) - £1,693.00.
 - DF11MCB battery powered SID with blue tooth logging - £2,038.00
 - Fixing brackets with post fixing kit: - £57.00

Spare battery - TBC

The matter would be considered at a later date in conjunction with community speed watch.

ii. New matters.

- Three councillors attended a Community Speed Watch meeting in Spalding. A financial commitment from the Parish Council for equipment of the order of £500 for a basic pack would be required and around 9 volunteers would be needed.
- It was **resolved** for the area's speed watch co-ordinator to be invited to talk at the Annual Parish Meeting with the view to attracting additional volunteers.
- It was **resolved** for the clerk to contact neighbouring parishes to see if Community Speed Watch resources and volunteers might be shared.

36.19 **Reports from working parties & committees (12)**

Nothing to report.

37.19 **Outside bodies' representatives (13)**

A Parish Council representative for the Power Station liaison group would be nominated after the May elections.

38.19 **Bridge Magazine (14)**

It was **resolved** for the Parish Office to subscribe to the Bridge Magazine @ £15.00 p.a. delivered.

39.19 **Open Spaces (15)**

- i. It was **resolved** to sign up for the LCC Highway verge cutting agreement for 2019/20.
- ii. It was **resolved** to adjust the Parish Council's grass cutting contractors' agreement to incorporate additional grass cutting areas to cover the Highways verge cutting agreement @ £40.00.

40.19 **To consider tree report (16)**

The tree report was now overdue and was being chased.

41.19 **Pavilion (17)**

- i. The removal of the concrete base in the Memorial Park and reinstatement of surface had kindly been completed by Mr David Smith at no charge to the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed to Mr Smith for undertaking the works.
- ii. A telephone interview with the Football Associations consultants to discuss the Local Facility Plan for South Holland had taken place. In general terms a new site without the space restrictions of the Memorial Park could offer better outcomes and therefore potentially greater grant aid support.
- iii. Positive pre-application advice had been received from SHDC planners on the possibility of erecting a sports pavilion and associated pitches on Parish Council land north of the village.
- iv. A meeting had been arranged with landowners to discuss access via Granville Terrace. Attempts were continuing to contact developers of the land north of Withington Street.
- v. LCC Highways had indicated that they would have no objection to access via Granville Terrace to a private road servicing a sports facility on the Parish Council owned land.
- vi. A letter of support for a new pavilion had been received from the Sutton Bridge Medical Centre.
- vii. It was confirmed that both options for the location of the new pavilion, either on the Memorial Park or on Parish Council owned land to the north of the Village were live and being considered side by side.
- viii. An email had been received detailing volunteer cleaning which had taken place of the outside of the pavilion, along with a request for the Parish Council to give consent to paint the outside of the pavilion during the Easter holidays by volunteers at no cost to the Council. It was **resolved** to give this consent.

42.19 **Election Matters (18)**

- i. It was **resolved** that the Annual meeting of the Parish Council would be scheduled to 14th May 2019 to allow for the requirements of the LGA 1972 Sch.12 s.7 (2) relating to the election year.
- ii. It was noted that a clerk's briefing on the election was attended at District Council Offices on 07/02/19.
- iii. Relevant election information was available on the SHDC website at <https://www.sholland.gov.uk/article/10638/District-and-Parish-Council-Elections-2-May-2019> including: the timetable; the nomination pack; code of conduct for campaigners.
- iv. Current terms of office end on 7th May 2019.
- v. Further information could be found at: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>
- vi. Please contact the clerk if any clarification is needed.

43.19 **To receive members' requests for consideration at the discretion of the chair (19)**

- i. A report was made on the Bridge Hotel. A sign and light, which were in dangerous condition, had been reported by Cllr Summers to the District Council.
- ii. It was requested for the clerk to write to the owners of the antiques warehouse on Bridge Road requesting for the outside to be smartened up.
- iii. Complaints had been received from residents about the County Council's street lighting transformation project, which had led to the lights between Hospital Road and Sutton Bridge being turned off. It was noted that in order to restore lighting to this area, the Parish Council would need to demonstrate a genuine local need and be required to financially support upgrading the lights to LED. This was not considered achievable at this time.
- iv. The retrospective planning permission for fencing on Wharf Street/Nene Meadows would be considered by

full planning committee on 13th March.

- v. A large pothole on the Bridge roundabout was to be reported by Cllr Summers.
 - vi. Lincolnshire IAM RoadSmart were offering free Advanced Motor Cycle Rider courses for those under 25 www.iamroadsmart.com/
 - vii. There had been multiple reports, which had been given to the police, of a pit bike riding across the Memorial Park and on the pavements on Bridge Road.
 - viii. There had been reports of cars racing of up to 100mph being reported between Long Sutton and Sutton Bridge. An increase in attendance of area cars had apparently been indicated to residents by the police.
 - ix. It was reported that the local District Councillors had ordered a litter picking pack for use by volunteers.
 - x. One of the local District Councillors had made a small donation to the Church Flower Festival.
- 44.19 **It was resolved that the meeting move into closed session to deal with confidential matters in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2). (20)**
Three members of the public and press left the meeting at 8.25pm.
- 45.19 **To consider quotes relating to the Garden of Rest (21)**
As his property adjoined the cemetery site, Cllr S. Booth declared an interest and abstained from voting
- i. It was **resolved** to proceed with remedial works as recommended by the Finance Committee, but excluding the southern hedge, @ £1,038.
 - ii. It was **resolved** to delay replanting of the southern hedge to allow soil investigation works to take place.
 - iii. It was **resolved** to delegate authority to the Finance Committee for the replacement of the water feature up to a cost of £1,000. The installation of an old millstone was currently envisaged..
- 46.19 **To consider proposals for security patrols for Parish Council land (22)**
As recommended by the Finance Committee, it was **resolved** to undertake a 3 month trial whereby a security patrol provided a drive-by of the Garden of Rest and Wright's Lane allotments and also drove around the Curlew Centre car park at a time to be agreed, then locking the car park gates, @ £25 per occasion, 4 occasions/ week.
- 47.19 **To consider matters relating to Parish Council land at Kenzie Drive (23)**
- i. A report on sales interest in Kenzie Drive had been provided by estate agents. It was **resolved** that the estate agent would be contacted to determine if any further action was required.
 - ii. Following a request from a neighbouring property owner for full fencing of the site, it was **resolved** to take no action at this time, as it was thought that additional fencing would not significantly improve the situation.
- 48.19 **To consider proposals for a new monitored CCTV system (24)**
The matter was deferred until the next meeting as the quote had yet to be received.
- 49.19 **To discuss agreement relating to the grant for the Churchyard (25)**
It was **resolved** to reply back to St Matthew's Church confirming the existing agreement with the PCC whereby a churchyard grant for £2,500 would be paid by the Parish Council in April 2019.
- 50.19 **Staffing & administration (26)**
A report back on staff appraisals was expected at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.47 pm.

Signed:
Chair - Sutton Bridge Parish Council

Date: