

Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 7.00pm In Snape Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Paul Richards, Cllr Graham Farrant, Cllr Russ Rainger,
Cllr Maria Norman, Cllr David Norman, Cllr Margaret McKenna
Cllr Georgina Lock and Cllr Tim Beach.

Attendance: 2 members of the public and the Clerk (Marie Backhouse).

Consideration of Reports by the District Councillors and County Councillor

County Councillor Andrew Reid submitted a written report which was circulated to the Councillors. The trading standards team continue to work hard. The 'no cold calling zones' are proving to be very popular. The third crossing, 'Gull Wing Bridge' is proceeding well and due to open next year. The Fire & Rescue Service has opened a new training centre at Wattisham.

Cllr Rainger commented that the library service pre-tender has gone out.

Andrew Reid said that additional funding is available for the library service.

Cllr Lock asked how the libraries could obtain extra funding.

Andrew replied that the libraries could encourage the use of the library facilities for rent. Mobile banking service could assist with this.

Cllr Rainger asked if SCC has been contacted about the 20's plenty scheme. Does the SCC have any views.

Andrew Reid commented that many parishes have contacted SCC, a couple of villages have been given funding to assist with 20mph zones.

7.09pm Andrew Reid left the meeting.

District Councillor Tom Daly reported that ESC is running a Business Support Scheme, this is to support small enterprises that require assistance. There is a new planning document which gives guidance on Self-build, the consultation for this document is open now. There is a full Council meeting tomorrow evening and there is to be a motion proposed regarding NSIP's.

Cllr Beach said that there was a Sea Link briefing today, is ESC combining the NSIP's. It has been pushed to bring the consultations together.

Cllr McKenna asked if Sizewell is part of the same motion.

Tom Daly said yes, Sizewell is included. The National Grid gave the idea of using Friston, there was no assessment of the accumulative effects on the area.

Cllr Rainger said that ESC should be clear on what the motion proposes.

Tom Daly said that the motion says offshore possibilities for the energy projects should be examined fully. The needs of the County as a whole should be considered.

Cllr Beach commented that there has been a push to have the hearings brought together from the start. Nautilus was told that they need to use the Friston site by National Grid.

Tom Daly said that a solution would be to work towards an offshore platform, if it is possible.

Cllr Beach asked if it would be possible for ESC to give a donation towards a zip wire for the play area.

Tom Daly said that if an application for the Locality Budget is completed, then this can be considered.

7.28pm Tom Daly left.

Contributions by Members of the Public

A member of the public commented that an email had been submitted to Council for consideration of a co-option position.

Meeting opened 7.30pm

MINUTES

1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

None

2 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Member

Cllr Beach, Cllr D Norman and Cllr M Norman – members of the Playing Field Committee
Cllr M Norman – allotments.

3 Applications for Dispensation

As above declarations

4 Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 25 July 2023.

Cllr M Norman proposed that the minutes are a true record of the meeting held on the 25 July 2023, this was seconded by Cllr Rainger and agreed by all who attended.

5 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 25 July 2023.

5.1 Power Projects/National Grid consultation on Sea Link – Cllr Beach reported that if Lion Link interconnector will be at Friston is it is brought onshore in the North of the county. The webinar for Sea Link commented that this will come to Friston and then be taken down to Kent via the water. A non-statutory consultation starts on the 24th October. Hard copies of the documents will be available at the village hall. It may be an idea to email Tom Daly about bringing the NSIP's together. The motion for the PC is, do the PC agree to ask SCC and ESC to have one joined up NSIP.

Cllr Rainger commented that the joined up NSIP may not be possible as there are two separate companies. Cllr Beach commented that National Grid PLC is running Sea Link, Lion Link and Nautilus. Sizewell C is not included.

Cllr Rainger said that the Chair of Friston has asked if all three may be proposed as one.

Cllr Beach proposed that the PC writes to Tom Daly and supports the proposal from the Chair of Friston, this was agreed by all the Councillors.

ACTION: Cllr Beach to email Tom Daly with the Council's decision.

5.2 Traffic Calming – Cllr Beach said that the traffic calming project is almost complete, the 20mph zone needs to be revisited.

Cllr D Norman said that the parents from the school are still parking on double yellow lines, it needs to be enforced.

Cllr Rainger said that ESC parking enforcement needs to be contacted and highlight the parking issues.

ACTION: Clerk to email Parking Enforcement when information is received from Cllr M Norman and Cllr D Norman.

5.3 Bio-diversity and climate change – Cllr Richards said this subject should be placed on the next agenda as an item as it is still ongoing.

ACTION: To place on the next agenda.

5.4 Snape Village Gateway – Cllr Beach reported that Glasdon does have the materials but this could take a considerable amount of the PC budget.

Cllr McKenna wondered if funding from other projects may assist with this.

It was agreed to leave this idea for the moment.

5.5 Bus shelter opposite Snape Motor Company – Cllr Farrant reported that a quote to do the repairs on the bus shelter was £745 plus VAT.

Cllr McKenna said that the bus shelter is used by school children, this is quite high priority.

Cllr Richards commented that these repairs could be placed in the budget for next financial year. The finance committee will look at the priorities for the rest of the year.

ACTION: To place the repairs in the budget for the rest of the year.

5.7 Website Accessibility – Cllr D Norman commented about the documents on the website, do all of them need to be on there. The individual email addresses, are they required, could everything be directed to the Clerk?

Cllr Beach said that some residents just pass on hand written letters, there are some GDPR issues.

Cllr Richards said that some of the Councillor responsibilities may change.

ACTION: To place on the next agenda.

5.8 20's plenty – Cllr McKenna reported that she is monitoring the campaign. All the areas in Wales that were 30mph are now 20mph. Lots of people are against the change. Snape is not straight forward as was first thought.

Cllr Lock commented that not all the 30mph would need to be changed.

Cllr Rainger said that it would be an advantage to look at the buffer zone from the Church to the village gates; also, the quiet lanes.

Cllr M Norman said that the change from 30 – 20 – 30mph would have an impact on the air pollution.

Cllr McKenna commented that a solution suitable for Snape needs to be considered.

Cllr Richards said that a 20 zone is different to a 20mph.

ACTION: To monitor the 20mph campaign and place on future agendas.

5.9 Dog waste bin – Cllr Farrant commented that the new bin has been purchased along with a pole to place it on. The problem is that it needs to be emptied. An email was sent to ESC and they have replied stating that the area for the bin will need to be inspected so that when the pole is placed in the ground it does not hit any services. The cost of the pole, if ESC erects one this will cost. There may be a cost to inspect the site and to empty the bin. The cost of the dog waste bin is around £200.

ACTION: Ongoing

5.10 Zip Wire – It was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet to discuss this expenditure.

Cllr Beach reported that three quotes have been obtained. Andrew Reid and Tom Daly will support this with a donation. The latest quote was less than £17,000. The PC would need a ball park figure.

ACTION: Finance Committee to be given a ball park figure for the cost of the zip wire. Committee to discuss the applying for grants.

5.11 Safety of fencing near playing field – Cllr Richards commented that this item is ongoing.

ACTION: To place on the next agenda.

5.12 Tour of Britain Bike Race – Cllr Richards said that the school was not contacted before the event, but the children did watch the race.

5.13 'Queens Oak Green' – Cllr Beach commented that there is some support for this, but a response from ESC is being awaited.

ACTION: Place on the next agenda.

5.14 Posts on the Village Green – Cllr Beach stated that he was unable to place the posts on the village green and it may be an idea to produce some 'No parking' signs.

6 Planning Applications & Decision Notices.

DC/23/3427/FUL – 23 Stanhope Close, Snape, IP17 1RH

Demolition of existing conservatory building and erection of a single storey extension.

It was agreed to support this application.

ACTION: Cllr Farrant to submit a response to ESC.

7. Finance

(a) Review and Authorisation of payment

Cllr Rainger proposed that the authorisation of payment sheet be approved, this was seconded by Cllr D Norman and agreed by all the Councillors.

It was agreed not to authorise the payment to Cllr Beach as he is not using the posts on the village green but would use them for his personal use.

The payments were: Cllr Richards (APM refreshments) - £11.65, Cllr McKenna (Speedwatch batteries) - £11.98, Cllr Beach (posts for the village green) - £90.00, Cllr Farrant (Dog waste bin) - £194.51, M Backhouse (Salary for August/September) - £424.40, G Whiting (Grounds maintenance) - £330, Unity Trust Bank (bank charges) - £18.00, HMRC (Income Tax) £137.60, Snape Village Hall (Room hire) - £144.00, Unity Trust Bank (Bank charges) - £18.00, Total £1218.14.

8. Parish Council Business

a) Alde & Ore

Cllr Beach reported that there is a drop-in session in October at Snape Maltings regarding the project.

b) Friends of Snape Church.

Cllr Lock commented that there is to be a meeting next week. There was a fantastic tea party that raised some funds. A grant has been applied for, and there are to be more events taking place.

c) Co-option of a Councillor

It was agreed by all to place on the agenda for the next meeting.

d) Adoption of the GDPR Policies, Risk Assessment and the Internal Control.

Cllr Beach proposed that the PC re-adopts the policies listed above, this was seconded by Cllr D Norman and agreed by all.

e) Boardwalk to the Maltings

Cllr Beach said that it would be useful to have a project group. A costing is being sought; a group is coming out to give a quote for the cost of the boardwalk.

ACTION: To place on future agendas.

f) Snape common Management Plan.

Cllr Richards said that Management Plan will go on the website, any comments would need to be received by the end of October.

g) Allotments

Cllr M Norman said that she had a few items about the allotments that she wished to mention. The insurance is one concern, is the allotments covered. There is an allotment holder who is terminally ill, assistance has been given with the care of the allotment. The boundary dispute is ongoing. Also, there are a couple of ponds that require signage to make people aware that the ponds are there.

ACTION: Clerk to check out the insurance cover and to pass on information about the NSALG.

Member of public left at 9.00pm

9. Correspondence

Cllr Rainger said that the paintings at Snape Maltings will be carefully cleaned ahead of the copies being made. Thanks to the PC for allowing this. The local Community Partnership representative will be doing the rounds of the Parish Councils. The B1094 will be closed tomorrow to have some tree work completed.

10. Matters for consideration at the meeting on the 28 November 2023

11. Date of the Next Meeting

28 November 2023 – 7pm.

Meeting Closed – 9.04pm.

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