

Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday
3 September 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Snape

Present: Cllr Tim Beach (Chair) Cllr Russ Rainger (Vice-Chair), Cllr Bill Hough, Cllr Charles Farrant, Cllr Paul Richards and Cllr Charles Manning.

Attendance: Marie Backhouse (Parish Clerk)

1 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr Caroline Meffan, Cllr Georgina Lock, Cllr Mike Hill and Cllr Helen Stuart. Their absences were approved.

2 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members

None

3 Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 23 July 2019.

Cllr Manning requested an amendment to the minutes re A12 junction. This was agreed by all the Councillors. It was agreed to approve the minutes but to list the matters arising at the next meeting when all Councillors would be present, as there are several updates.

4 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 21 May 2019.

See above comment.

5 Contributions by Members of the Public

There were no members of the public.

6 Parish Council Business

a) EDF proposal

Cllr Beach had spoken to SALC regarding the comments that Snape Parish Council may make in support of Theberton etc to ensure that they are not ultra vires or could be subject to any costs if there is a call in. SALC advised that costs would not be an issue, any comments made must be specific to Snape, but they would be consulting NALC for their advice. Cllr Beach had received an email from the Theberton Chairman of the Parish Council who had been in contact with the District Councillor regarding the situation with EDF. The letter that was sent to the Clerk of Theberton does go through the criteria required for the call-in process. Cllr Beach asked the Chair of Theberton if he had any communication with Leiston, was he aware of what their views are. Leiston did not understand what the call-in process was. If Snape are to send a letter it would need to be sent tomorrow.

Cllr Rainger said that Leiston TC are meeting with EDF this evening. Lesiton are concerned with any damage to Coronation Wood and the Lovers Lane area.

Cllr Beach asked if Leiston are to support the call-in process.

Cllr Rainger is unsure if Leiston has been asked to support it.

Cllr Beach asked the other Councillors if we should support Theberton?

Cllr Farrant said that Snape PC should support this as it is 'planning creep'. In 2011 Coronation wood was saved and in 2019 it could be destroyed. The developers have looked at a map and seen this wide-open space and think that they may develop this.

Cllr Beach commented that this area is within the AONB.

Cllr Rainger said that the main reason this has been nominated is because it is in the pre-enabling for Sizewell C, the idea is to move the car park and the visitors centre down towards this area. The challenge is that this development does not support local infrastructure.

Cllr Beach said that he is willing to write a letter stating the impact on the AONB, and the environmental issues, the wood is at least 200 years old. The traffic impact by default will affect Snape, the use of the A12.

Cllr Rainger asked how significant is the construction going to be? Tourism is our main concern, as is the AONB in Snape and Aldeburgh. Development in the AONB can only take place when essential and there is no alternative.

Cllr Farrant said that the idea of a visitor's centre has been encouraged again.

Cllr Rainger said that if you wish to go to the visitors centre you need to book a place, and have proof of ID.

Cllr Beach agreed to write a short letter referencing their letter and listing our concerns.

Cllr Rainger said that if possible, we need to copy in the 3 District Councillors to our response, so that they are aware of what is going on.

Cllr Manning reported that he and Cllr Hough had attended a meeting concerning Sizewell C. There is a document that requires a response by 27/9/19. He is unsure if this should be a PC response or just individual.

Cllr Beach said that last time we sent in a four-page response, this could be amended and resent.

Cllr Rainger said that he and Cllr Richards had attended a meeting which looked at the changes from Stage 3 to Stage 4. This basically looked at the old two options which were available, one was the rail led option and the second was the road led option. Now they are looking to merge the two to create a new option.

Cllr Beach asked if this reflects a reduction in the lorry movements?

Cllr Rainger said that this will reduce the lorries and the rail so they will be part of each. The wind farm etc must also be taken into account.

Cllr Beach asked if the PC would be happy for him to re-send the letter again with a few tweaks based on the feedback from 4 Councillors attending various meetings.

Cllr Rainger agreed that the letter should be re-sent to show that we are still not happy with the proposal.

Cllr Beach suggested that he would circulate the response to the 6 Cllrs who attended the meeting this evening and it would then be approved by everyone at the meeting on the 24/09/19.

Cllr Richards stated that this combination of rail and road did not show any improvements to our traffic concerns.

Cllr Rainger reported that SALC are in the process of re-writing their constitution, which we may comment on. September 2020 the PC needs to ensure that the website is accessible for disability. We need to look at the font size etc.

Cllr Beach said that the new website that is being designed at the moment, could cover this. We will cover this at the next PC meeting.

Cllr Rainger said that Therese Coffey has a public meeting next Friday, if you register to attend you will be informed where the venue is.

The Nautilus meeting is to be a private meeting, but we are still awaiting confirmation, ahead of a public meeting at another date. This will be held in the Village Hall.

7 Matters for consideration at the meeting on 24 September 2019

- a) Internal Audit
- b) GDPR – Policies
- c) Standing Orders
- d) Website

8 Dates of the Next Meeting

24 September 2019

22 October 2019 (Urgent items only)

26 November 2019

Meeting Closed – 8.07pm.

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