

# SNAPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 29 May 2018, 7.00 pm, in the village hall.**

**Present: Cllr Tim Beach – Chairman, Cllr Russ Rainger – Vice Chairman, Cllr Graham Woodcock, Cllr Mike Hill, Cllr Bill Hough, Cllr Melanie Thurston, Cllr Mary James, Cllr Helen Stuart & Cllr Graham Farrant.**

**In Attendance: 33 members of the public.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** The Clerk.

**2. DEVELOPMENT OF A VILLAGE PLAN – Workshop with assistance of SCDC Communities Team.**

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for participating in the workshop prior to the start of the Annual Parish Meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 23 MAY 2017.**

The minutes were approved correct and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr Woodcock seconded Cllr Hill.

The Chairman informed that Marion Walker has resigned as a Parish Councillor due to her forthcoming move out of the village. He wished to record thanks to her for all the work she has done as a Parish Councillor over the last 15 years and in particular the involvement with the allotments.

**4. MATTERS ARISING.** None.

**5. CHAIRMANS REPORT – Cllr Tim Beach**

I would like to thank all those on the PC for their respective contributions over the last year and specifically the Clerk Simon Ashton for his work this year in ensuring that our financial and governance reporting has been properly and efficiently completed for the end of year returns. I would also like to record my appreciation of the help and support provided by various members of the community outside of the PC, most recently in supporting the work relating to creating a village plan, but also the various groups who are active in managing the village hall, the village school, our green spaces and surroundings, Green Snape, the playing field and the allotments group are examples. That work is reflected in the individual reports that have been received from the many groups who all add to the vibrancy and sense of community in the village and I would encourage anyone to read the reports either tonight or once they are posted on line.

Traffic calming - VAS and Community Speed watch

A year ago we reported that the battery operated speed indicators were just in place and appeared to be operating effectively and that the equipment for the A1094 was still subject of work. In the end there was considerable work to do to have signs linked to the mains electric system but that did eventually become operational. I would like to record our thanks and appreciation to Matt Roberts, our then Chairman for the work he had to put into that. Overall the equipment does have a positive impact in slowing down a significant number of cars but there is no doubt a good deal more that we could explore as a community to have an even greater impact on vehicle speeds through the village.

On that point the village is on the cusp of having a viable community speed watch scheme. We have had a number of sites agreed by the police and there has been formal approval for us to access the equipment which is shared by a number of nearby villages. We are literally at the point of providing training but we do need a few more volunteers to make the CSW operationally viable. So I would appeal for anyone willing to help with that to contact me. We have spoken about joining CSW for some time and it would be an achievement to actually put the scheme in place and have a significant impact on the behaviour of the small number of drivers who deliberately flout the speed limits.

Village Plan

As was mentioned at this point last year the PC had reached a point at which it felt that there was a need to create some form of village plan and that work is currently being taken forward. Early in 2018 a steering group was set up to consider the need for a plan and to then start the work it would entail. All residents should have received flyers about that work and asking them to help and engage with it. Part of that work was the workshop and public meeting that preceded this more formal meeting and we will follow this with a comprehensive questionnaire that the SG have created. All of that work will help us create a village plan that recognises and records the issues that people feel are important and the PC will seek to address them and report on them whenever we can. One of the important issues we will seek views on is suitability, location and type of development of housing in the village but the questionnaire and Plan will hopefully be about much more than that.

As previously I would like to record my formal thanks to those currently helping with that work and to the staff of Suffolk Coastal District Council and Community Action Suffolk.

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## Maltings Masterplan

After the controversy that surrounded the potential building of a car park on the marsh area adjacent to the village last

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year the issue was finally laid to rest after the formal withdrawing of the proposal specifically for the car park early in the summer of last year. Whilst the wider development plan is likely to be revisited in the future and will impact on the village the Maltings have expressed their intention to work with the communities impacted by any work and the PC stands ready to engage.

A real positive from the opposition to the car park was the creation of Green Snape which has now been formally constituted and has worked on and assisted with various projects in the village as outlined in their own report for the APM.

## Flood Defenses for the village

The PC has continued to work with the Alde and Ore Partnership on the work to improve flood defenses along the estuary. There have been over the past year a number of events in Snape as well as Aldeburgh and Orford to promote that work and to raise money. The figure often quoted to complete all of that work is £12 million and significant fund have been raised but more will be needed. There have been delays in that extensive modelling has had to be carried out to ensure that in improving the defenses in any particular area it does not have a negative impact elsewhere. That work is now complete and the intention is to start work at the Maltings possibly this year and work on the village side of the estuary in spring 2019.

## Emergency Plan

Although we did not have reason to activate the plan this year those involved remain active and in contact with Suffolk County Council and Environment Agency emergency planners.

In October 2017 we held a well-attended meeting to review the plan and share some thoughts (and cake) on our activation of the Plan in January 2017 to see if there was anything we could learn or improve.

## More thanks

I specifically wanted to record my thanks to Maureen Philpott the previous Clerk who retired through ill health for the work she did last year sometimes in difficult circumstances.

Also Matt Roberts as mentioned above spent many hours on ensuring that the speed signs on the A1094 were actually put in place in a reasonably timely manner.

Last and by no means least thanks to Marion Walker who recently retired after 15 years on the PC. She is leaving the village. Marion was instrumental in the creation of a youth club in the early years and more recently won plaudits for her work on the allotments.

If I have missed anybody that feels they could have been included then apologise but in truth if I listed all those who helped either as individuals or organisations over the year it would be a long list but thank you all, it is appreciated.

Thanks to everyone for attending the workshop and APM.

All of the reports from the village organisations will be available to view on the village website.

## **6. PROPOSAL TO CLEAN THE VILLAGE'S ROAD SIGNS.**

Green Snape propose to clean the village's road signs, they have asked for the permission of the Parish Council before carrying this out. It was agreed that once the Parish Council has confirmation that Green Snape are covered for liability on the Parish Council insurance, then they may go ahead. Proposed Cllr Hill seconded Cllr James, the Chairman will look into the insurance cover.

## **7. PUBLIC FORUM.**

Member of the public is extremely disappointed that there are now hardly any buses serving the village during the week and there are none at the weekend. People without transport do struggle. The Chairman will raise this issue with SCC. The Vice Chairman informed that East Suffolk Travellers Association do try to engage with the transport providers as they do influence the routes.

Coastal Accessible Transport Service is available but you do need to book well in advance. However perhaps this service would be arranged to supplement the village once a week, if there is enough user support for it.

The Chairman encourages feedback regarding transport on the village plan questionnaire when it is produced. Snape Maltings should be encouraged to support the transport services.

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Residents are also encouraged to continue to support and use the post office facility available in the village hall.

Rubbish has been dumped in the bus shelter at Church Common, the Chairman will ask SCDC to remove the rubbish. If anyone notices rubbish being dumped in future, make a note of the car registration number.

Member of the public expressed thanks to the Chairman, Tim Beach for stepping into the role.

The meeting ended at approx. 8.35pm.

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