Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 23 June 2020 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr Tim Beach (Chair) Cllr Russ Rainger (Vice-Chair),

Cllr Bill Hough, Cllr Jackie Allfrey, Cllr Maria Norman, Cllr Graham Farrant,

Cllr Helen Stuart, Cllr Paul Richards and Cllr Georgina Lock.

**Attendance**: Marie Backhouse (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies and Approval of Absences**

None

1. **Declarations** **of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members**

None

1. **Applications for Dispensation**

None

1. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 9 June 2020.**

Cllr Norman proposed that the minutes of the 9 June be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Allfrey and agreed by all.

1. **Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 9 June 2020.**

Cllr Norman commented that she had met with a resident from Foxes Corner who had previously placed a sign about dog owners picking up the mess after their dog. It was suggested that a map of where the dog waste bins are would be useful.

Cllr Farrant said that he is aware of all the locations of the bins within the village and is happy to produce a map showing them. He also has some old dog waste bins and would be able to position these if needed.

At the moment there is no change to the large gatherings, so meetings will remain virtual.

Cllr Lock asked when the litter picks should take place.

Cllr Beach replied that they are usually in April but as it was missed it could take place again.

Cllr Stuart said that Greensnape recommend that we should undertake the litter pick in Feb/March.

Cllr Lock agreed to organise the next litter pick for Feb 2021.

1. **Consideration of Reports from District Councillors and County Councillors.**

TJ Howard-Culf commented that a map of the dog waste bins was a good idea, and she would share this with other parishes. She also thanked the PC for sharing the awareness to the various scams that are circulating at the moment.

1. **Contributions by Members of the Public**

None

1. **Planning Applications & Decision Notices.**

None

1. **Finance**
2. To approve annual donation to the Church

Cllr Beach reported that we had received a letter from the Church regarding the annual donation. An amount was paid in 2018 but 2017 and 2019 was missed. The Church would also like to ask for a donation this year.

Cllr Beach suggested that we make this a yearly amount.

Cllr Farrant said that we should give a contribution to assist with the maintenance of the Church, but paying for previous years is difficult. Does the Church need the £750 for maintenance?

Cllr Rainger commented that the PC may have forgotten if they were not asked. At one point it was agreed that the Finance Group should look at all the donations once a year.

Cllr Stuart commented that if the money was in the precept then it should be given to the Church.

It was agreed by all that Cllr Hough, Cllr Farrant, Cllr Beach and the Clerk should discuss the finances and report back to the Council.

Cllr Allfrey proposed to defer the donation for the Church and the Village Hall, this was seconded by Cllr Hough and agreed by all.

1. To approve annual donation to the Village Hall

Please see above comments.

Cllr Beach commented that if the PC could adopt the General Power of Competence, we could have a greater power to spend money and give donations. At the moment we cannot adopt this as we do not have enough elected Councillors.

1. **Parish council Business**
2. Bin Stickers

Cllr Rainger said that it is possible to buy stickers with speed warning signs on to place on wheelie bins. The residents on the Church Road and the B1094 could receive these stickers. The stickers could have what ever design we wanted on them.

Cllr Hough asked if it would encourage people to leave their bins out on the side of the road?

Cllr Beach replied that it may encourage the bins to be left on the side of the road.

TJ Howard-Culf commented that ESC owns the wheelie bins and they may have a view on the stickers, it would be best to consult Mr Mallinder and Mr Burroughes from ESC.

Cllr Beach said could be a trial on the 1094.

Cllr Lock said that the bins would only be out once a week!

Cllr Rainger said this may assist with speeding issues as there is no support with the Community Speed Watch.

Jocelyn Bond commented that James Mallinder may be able to assist with the stickers.

It was agreed by all for Cllr Rainger to source some prices for the stickers and consult with James Mallinder.

1. Village Greens

Cllr Allfrey reported that she had met with Mr Crisp regarding developing the area of the village green near the Crown public house. The idea is to give this area a rustic and wildlife feel. They are intending to meet with a local architect to draw up proposed plans which can then be consulted on with the village and specifically nearby residents. It is hoped that some funding may be sourced from funding bodies and the local supermarkets.

Cllr Beach said that it was hoped a visual representation would have been displayed at the APM, or on the website.

Cllr Stuart suggested that the residents in that area may prefer to be spoken to directly, not see the proposed plans at the APM.

Cllr Beach said that this may be placed in the village leaflet.

Cllr Stuart said that it would still be better to talk to residents in that area.

Cllr Allfrey commented that she had already spoken to some of the residents in that area to keep them informed of the proposed development of the village green.

1. Traffic and Highways update

Cllr Beach commented that all the Cllrs had seen the letter received regarding the Community Speed Watch (CSW), should another letter be sent regarding the re-starting of this or should we wait? The CSW needs to be reinstated as it slows people down.

Cllr Richards said that the Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner are under a lot of pressure at the moment, but they should be aware of the need for this in the community.

Cllr Beach reported that the first letter went to the Police and the PCC.

Cllr Farrant suggested the PC wait for a while as the social distancing is due to change in July.

Cllr Rainger proposed that Cllr Richards should draft a letter to the Police and the PCC stating the need to reinstate the CSW, this was seconded by Cllr Norman and agreed by all. The letter should also be copied to M Hicks and A Reid for information.

Quiet Lanes – Cllr Beach reported that there has been no update regarding the quiet lanes from SCC and the funding is still being considered.

The next step in the process is to write a letter re consultation to the residents of those lanes, asking if they support this proposal. It is hoped that the SCC will provide some additional funding for this, ESC has already offered support. The quiet lanes will not regulate the traffic in those lanes but shows that it is a shared space with pedestrians, cyclists etc. It was agreed by all that Cllr Beach should draft a letter to residents.

Cllr Richards commented that the amount of traffic on Church Road has increased, more progress should be made on the traffic management plan.

Cllr Beach said that the lady who they spoke to at Highways has left and it is now Mark Nicholls. At the moment a lot of the ESC and SCC staff have been relocated to different roles but we were continuing to pursue a meeting.

Cllr Richards commented that many of the painted speed signs on the roads need to be repainted. The traffic management plan needs to be focused and worked on.

1. **Correspondence**

Cllr Beach commented that the PC had received a letter from Norse regarding the grass cutting, there are certain areas that will be left to wildlife/long grass. Is there anywhere the PC could consider to be left to grow longer in Snape?

Cllr Hough said it is necessary to keep the verges cut.

Cllr Beach replied that the verges will still be cut on a rota.

TJ Howard-Culf said that some parishes have identified areas that may be left to grow long.

Cllr Farrant said there may be a place near the tennis courts on the playing field.

It was agreed to pass this onto the Playing Field Cttee to ask their opinion.

1. **For consideration at the Virtual Meeting on 14 July 2020 at 7pm.**

**15 Dates of the Next Meeting**

14 July 2020 7pm

28 July 2020 7pm

11 August 2020 7pm

Meeting Closed – 15.15.

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