

BARSHAM AND SHIPMEADOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in Barsham and Shipmeadow Village Hall on Wednesday 14th September 2016

Present: Mr N Smith Chairman, Mrs P Midwinter Vice Chair, Mr D Adcroft, Mr J Bumpus, Mr P Holmes, Mrs J Howell, Mr M Smith

Apologies: Waveney District Councillor Mr K Springall

Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record

90-0916 Guest Speaker - Trustee Sophie Garrett from BACT Community Transport gave a talk to explain and spread the word of their new bus services which are operating in our area. Sophie gave a very detailed and interesting talk followed by a question and answer session. Timetables are available at the village hall, from the clerk and are on the notice boards.

Matters Arising:

91-0916 Barsham Village Sun Sign – Repair and painting the sun sign and lettering on the trunk has been completed. The Chairman requested a small tidying up around the metal work at the top of the trunk and a piece of oak to disguise the bracket at the front; this will be done by Mr N Buchanan later.

92-0916 Roadworks B1062 Barsham – The work scheduled for 27th and 28th July did not happen. Email from Suffolk Highways apologising for the delay in completing the work advised that the work was scheduled for 10th and 11th August. Following completion the full width of the footway will be cut. Only half the job was completed before Kier (Suffolk Highway contractors) left the site. PC feel Kier did a very bad job but realise that it would be pointless to continue complaining.

93-0916 Beccles and Parishes Neighbourhood Plan, Operational Group Meeting – Mr J Bumpus reported Beccles Town Councillor Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw became the new Chair. The consultation will be restarted and there will be monthly meetings on the last Monday of the month. A networking meeting will be held in Lowestoft tomorrow.

94-0916 Parish Council Vacancy – Notices advertising the vacancy to represent Shipmeadow have been displayed.

95-0916 Retention of Documents Policy – work in progress.

96-0916 Suffolk Constabulary Community Liaison Meeting – Mr P Holmes reported the meeting discussed the best way to use social media to get information to the public. The Suffolk Constabulary website is currently working one month behind, this explains the reason why the PC cannot get up to date information on crimes in our area.

97-0916 **B1062 Footpath Shipmeadow** – Suffolk Highways contacted with regard to the overgrown hedge on both sides of the Low Road junction. Their email informed they will look at Low Road Junction and advise by separate email. To date this has not been actioned.

Public Contribution - None

98-0916 Planning Matters:

DC/16/3169/LBC Listed Building Consent – Replacement front door. 14 Viewpoint Mews, Shipmeadow.

PC Recommendation: No Objections

DC/16/3142/FUL Construction of two open shelter pavilions adjacent to the existing stable/garage building. Barsham House, Bungay Road, Barsham.

PC Recommendation: No Objections

(The PC observations for the two applications listed above were dealt with via email in August)

DC/16/3475/FUL Application for retention and extension of agricultural eco dwelling on a permanent basis, including construction of a garage. Berry Farm, Clarkes Lane, Ilketshall St Andrew.

(Consulted due to being on the parish boundary)

PC Recommendation: The PC will leave WDC Planning to decide if this is a viable agricultural business.

Financial Matters:

99-0916 Financial Report to 13th August 2016

Balance Bt/Fwd	5316.13
Receipts	None
Payments	<u>358.48</u> Insurance, Business Services at CAS Ltd
Balance C/Fwd	4957.65 Statements 295 and 296 refer

100-0916 **Payment to be Approved** - To renovating Barsham village sun sign, Mr N Buchanan £449.08. Mr J Bumpus proposed payment, Mrs P Midwinter seconded, all agreed.

101-0916 **Annual Audit Completion** – This was presented to the Councillors, along with the Issues Arising Report. Mr J Bumpus proposed the Annual Return including BDO certificate and the issues rising report were approved and accepted, Mr P Holmes seconded, all agreed. The matter of reserves building up over the years had already been explained and addressed by the PC in November 2015 (minute ref 122-1115 Parish Precept 2016/17). Councillors discussed further ways to reduce the reserve.

102-0916 Correspondence Received:

SALC – The Local Councillor newsletter

Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner – Public Meetings 2016

UK Mens Sheds Association – Information to promote the concept of Mens Sheds throughout Waveney

UK Power Networks – Launch of new power cut phone line 105 to report or receive information

Any Other Business:

103-0916 **Suffolk County Council Highways, Statutory Consultation for a proposed new 50mph speed limit on the B1062 between Bungay and Beccles** - The proposal is to introduce a new 50mph speed limit along an approximate length of 4 miles where a National Speed Limit of 60 mph currently applies, to greatly improve traffic road safety. Responses by 28th September 2016. Clerk to respond.

104-0916 Statutory Consultation, Public Space Protection Orders, Dog Controls in the Waveney District. WDC is considering amending the various controls currently in force which affects dogs. Changes to legislation in 2014 require controls to be reviewed and replaced. Comments by 12th September 2016. Three Councillors responded with comments.

105-0916 SALC Waveney Area Meeting 7th September 2016 – Mr J Bumpus reported a Suffolk Police Inspector spoke of budgets cuts, Lost Property changes and recruiting more staff for 101 calls. An item of interest was the fund to help provide equipment for websites to help comply with the Transparency Code. After discussion Mr J Bumpus proposed and Mr N Smith seconded the proposal to apply to the fund for a grant to purchase a laptop, all agreed.

106-0916 Community Action Suffolk and onesuffolk.net - From November 1st 2016 CAS are taking over the onesuffolk website service, offering organisations in Suffolks voluntary, community and social enterprise sector the opportunity to have their own low-cost website. The cost to PC's will be £50.00 per year + VAT. After discussion Mrs P Midwinter proposed and Mrs J Howell seconded the proposal to go with CAS, all agreed.

107-0916 Waveney Local Plan, Facilities in Villages Survey – After reviewing the interactive map of services in Barsham and Shipmeadow, the clerk added Maisebrooke Farm Shop at Shipmeadow. Barsham remained the same with the Village Hall.

108-0916 Devolution Meeting – Mr D Adcroft, Mr P Holmes and Mr N Smith reported. A tight schedule is being pushed through for accepting devolution by the Government. Apparently parts of Norfolk have said they do not want devolution and the majority of the public have no idea this is being proposed.

109-0916 Constant Foul Odour – Many complaints from residents regarding a dreadful order emanating from solid and liquid manure spread on fields and not ploughed into land for over two weeks, ignoring DEFRA recommendations. WDC Environmental Health were contacted, and confirmed they would be sending letters to the farmers involved.

110-0916 East Suffolk Line Community Rail Partnership – Mrs P Midwinter reported The Station Café is doing well, the loos are much appreciated and the music trains from Lowestoft to Beccles are a success.

Next scheduled meeting Wednesday 12th October 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed:

N. A. Smith

Dated: 12-10-2016