

BARSHAM AND SHIPMEADOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in Barsham and Shipmeadow Village Hall on 9th May 2018

Present: Mr N Smith Chairman, Mr D Adcroft, Mr J Bumpus, Mr P Holmes, Mr M Smith

Apologies: Mrs J Howell – family commitment, Mrs P Midwinter Vice Chair – working, Waveney District Councillor Mr K Springall

Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record

Matters Arising:

51-0518 **Red Telephone Box** – No further estimates received to date

52-0518 **Barsham War Memorial** – Awaited estimate now received. Councillors requested a revised quote from one of the contractors.

53-0518 **Damaged Road Signs B1062** – Suffolk Highways informed both problem report references 00204383 and 00204383 are closed. Their officer has visited and assessed the defect at the location. They believe that at this time the defect does not warrant remedial action; however, they will continue to monitor the location as part of their routine inspections, and if the matter worsens significantly they will take action.

54-0518 **Single Wind Turbine, Laurels Farm** – An inadequate response from WDC which did not answer all the questions regarding the PC letter dated 3rd April 2018 was received on 23rd April 2018. It give no reasons why the PC letter dated 12th March was not mentioned in the Report for Delegated Planning Approval, why it was not added to the planning portal until 20th March and why this and another letter dated 18th February also omitted from the portal had to be resent by the Clerk.

Public Contribution: None

Planning Matters: None

Financial Matters:

55-0518 **Financial Report to 13th April 2018**

Bal Bt/Fwd	£5321.85
Receipts	None
Payments	10.00 Village Hall Heating
	15.05 Postage and Stationery
Balance C/Fwd	£5296.80 Statement 316 refers

56-0518 **Payments to be Approved** – SALC Subscription for 2018/19 £178.73
CAS Insurance (Long Term Undertaking) 01/06/2018 to 31/05/2019 £313.69
Mr J Bumpus proposed the two payments to be paid, Mr P Holmes seconded, all agreed.

57-0518 **Correspondence Received:**

Dementia Friends – Information letter

East Suffolk Councils – Local Government Boundary Commission, Electoral Review of Ward Boundaries

57-0518 Correspondence Continued:

SNT – Beccles and Bungay Newsletter

Suffolk Police – “Your Police Your Say” meetings

WDC – Hard Copy Decision Notices no longer being sent, information via public access on website

Any Other Business

58-0518 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – This comes into force on 25th May 2018. The Government have put in an amendment the PC does not have to have a Data Protection Officer, but we do have to comply with everything else. The Councillors discussed the Proposed Records Management Policy which Mr J Bumpus had prepared. After discussion Mr D Adcroft proposed to accept the policy, Mr P Holmes seconded, all agreed. Mr J Bumpus agreed to attend a GDPR briefing session on 21st May 2018 being held by WDC at Riverside, Lowestoft.

59-0518 Police Speed Checks B1062 – Regular speed checks have been along the B1062 recently Beccles through to Bungay. Councillors would be interested in results. Clerk to email PCSO Deborah Green.

59-0518 Parish Councillor Resignations – Three letters of resignation were received from Mrs J Howell, Councillor for 7 years, Chairman Mr N Smith, Councillor for 30 years and Mr M Smith, Councillor for 47 years.

Parish Clerk Resignation – Letter of resignation giving four weeks’ notice was received from Mrs P Smith, Clerk for 14 years.

Extracts from resignation letters:

Mrs J Howell “the recent communications with WDC over the Laurels Farm wind turbine development conditions has caused me to lose faith in the local democratic process.”

Mr N Smith “I feel very disillusioned by the attitude of WDC planning department. In my opinion the PC views and concerns for the two parishes we represent play no part in the planning decision process.”

Mr M Smith “I have no further interest in the job as Councillor mainly through lack of confidence in Waveney and Suffolk Highways who ignore correctness”

Mrs P Smith “I question the way WDC planning have ignored the PC concerns over the conditions set for the Laurels Farm, wind turbine development. In my opinion its seems to have been a different story for the developer. Unfortunately because of this I have completely lost all faith in the democratic working of WDC planning.”

Mr D Adcroft, Mr J Bumpus and Mr P Holmes thanked the leaving Councillors and the Clerk. They feel it is a shame to be losing so much local knowledge from the PC.

Next scheduled meeting Wednesday 13th June 2018

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Dated: