Snape Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 12 May 2020 at 12.00pm.

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

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

Cllr Paul Richards, Cllr Caroline Meffan and Cllr Georgina Lock.

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

1. **Apologies and Approval of Absences**

Apologies were received from Cllr Helen Stuart. It was agreed by all to accept this apology.

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

Cllr Richards – neighbour to San Remo, planning application.

1. **Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr Richards requested permission to speak on the planning application for San Remo. It was agreed to allow him to speak but not to take part in any vote/decision.

1. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 25 February 2020 and the proposals noted from the 24 March 2020.**

Cllr Meffan proposed that the minutes of the 25 Feb be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Norman and agreed by all.

Cllr Norman proposed that the proposals noted from the 24 March be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Farrant and agreed by all.

1. **Matters arising from the Previous Meeting on 25 February and the proposals noted from the 24 March.**

Cllr Norman commented that the Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) currently has an expenditure per week of £97, sometimes more. At the moment they have £200 in the bank account with a further donation of £200. This will last about 4 weeks; some income has been given from those people being taken to Doctors etc. Cllr Hough suggested that the PC donates £500.

Cllr Beach thanked Steve Stocks, Cllr Norman and S Gallagher (Snape Primary School Headteacher), for all their work with the GNS.

Cllr Beach reported that there may be some external funding available for the GNS.

It was agreed that Cllr Norman would talk to S Gallagher regarding funding.

Cllr Richards proposed that a donation of £500 should be given to the GNS, this was seconded by Cllr Lock and agreed by all.

Cllr Beach agreed to discuss with Cllr Norman and S Gallagher the most useful items that could be donated for food parcels to the GNS.

Cllr Beach reported that he had received an email from the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust regarding the May Flotilla in the river, this has been postponed and the A&OET wanted to know if the SPC still wanted to object. It was agreed by all that Cllr Beach should re-send the previous email stating the objections to the Flotilla taking place in the river.

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

S Stocks commented that the items he wanted to mention has already been mentioned in the GNS. The newsletter has only had 15 people who wished to receive it via email. This requires more responses to make it viable. It was agreed by all for the newsletter to continue to be printed and delivered.

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

DC/20/1568/FUL – San Remo, Church Road, Snape, IP17 1QG

Permission requested for a change of use from a residential dwelling (C3) to a single unit as a holiday let (C1).

Cllr Farrant reported that this planning application involved internal changes.

Cllr Richards commented that as the SPC are completing a Housing Needs Survey it is important to hold onto the housing stock within the village.

Cllr Meffan said that we should think about the village needs and not a holiday let.

Cllr Lock reported that the holiday let does not benefit the village. The Maltings may gain some income but nowhere else.

Cllr Beach said that we would be losing part of our housing stock.

Cllr Hill said that this could be reverted back to a residential property if it was not viable.

Cllr Norman proposed that Cllr Farrant should respond to the application stating the PC’s comments, this was seconded by Cllr Meffan and agreed by all.

Cllr Farrant agreed to draft a response to ESC and send to the Councillors for approval.

1. **Finance**
2. End or year accounts

Cllr Beach reported that everyone had received all the End of Year 31 March 2020 accounts.

Thanks to Cllr Hough and Cllr Farrant for assisting with this. Thanks to Cllr Hough and Cllr Hill for continuing signing the cheques.

1. AGAR – section 1 & 2

Cllr Beach reported that this item had been circulated to all Cllrs.

Cllr Richards proposed that we agree the End of Year Accounts and the AGAR Section 1 & 2, this was seconded by Cllr Lock and agreed by all.

1. **Parish Council Business**
2. Footpath Signs

Cllr Beach reported that the footpath signs have been completed, but the company requires payment ahead of collection. The cost of the signs is £463.20 inc VAT.

Cllr Richards proposed that the cheque is raised for this expenditure, this was seconded by Cllr Meffan and agreed by all.

Cllr Lock reported that she not completed the agreement with the Maltings concerning the paintings, as she is unable to print out the paperwork. S Stocks agreed to print out the agreement for Cllr Lock, and she will attempt to get this signed and completed.

Cllr Norman commented that Cllr Stuart may need to request some additional money for the Allotments to enable a bore hole to be constructed.

Cllr Beach said that the PC should also consider the current situation with EDF, at the moment 56 Parish Councils are signing the documents objecting to the proposals from EDF and SPR.

Cllr Richards commented that the Electoral Commission email that was circulated to the Councillors reported that the agreement had been postponed to 2025. One concern was that the data and proposal was the same as it would have been had this have gone ahead in 2021. It was agreed that Cllr Richards should draft a response to the Electoral Commission stating the concerns of the PC.

Cllr Lock proposed that Cllr Richards should respond to the Electoral Commission, the was seconded by Cllr Hill, and agreed by all.

Cllr Allfrey left the meeting at 12.40

Cllr Beach commented that he asked the Police for an update regarding the Speedwatch.

Cllr Farrant said that he would download the information from the VAS to see if there is a significant difference since the lockdown.

Cllr Beach said that it may be useful to have this information, there is going to be more traffic now the lockdown is easing.

Cllr Richards reported that the number of cyclists has increased in Church Road, which therefore leads to safety concerns.

Cllr Beach reported that the Quiet Lanes encourage pedestrians and cyclists.

Cllr Lock commented that cycle tracks are narrow enough not to speed down.

Cllr Norman suggested that the width of the roads will not take a cycle track.

Cllr Rainger said that the SPC should put the issue of the narrow roads on the table for SCC to give a solution. Suffolk 2020 offers funding for greenspaces, cycling etc. These schemes are designed to give support, the PC could state what they want to do within the parish.

Cllr Meffan agreed to contact Tunstall Parish Council to see how they are dealing with the traffic.

Cllr Beach commented that Rendlesham and Campsea Ashe are still experiencing difficulties with HGV’s.

1. **Correspondence**

None

1. **For consideration at the Virtual Meeting on 26 May 2020.**

* **Allotments**
* **AGM – role of Chair & Vice-Chair**
* **Sizewell, EDF & SPR**

**12 Dates of the Next Meeting**

26 May 2020 (Annual General Meeting)

9 June 2020

23 June 2020

Meeting Closed – 13.10.

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