

# Little Snoring Parish Council

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Present: J Buck, S Harvey, M Kennedy (Chair), S Price, L Spanton, A Talbot (Vice-Chair),

**Meeting of the Parish Council on  
Monday 12 November 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room on the Playing Field**

## MINUTES

Welcome

1. **Apologies:** none.
2. **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below. None.
3. **Co-option:** postponed.
4. **Minutes of the previous Meetings** (10 September) were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising:** Progress on items from previous meetings for information or reminders only. Items not on this agenda requiring decisions will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
  - i. It was noted that the Clerk had nominated Kaye Fisher for a Community Award at the District Council Big Society Awards, but it was not successful.
6. **It was not necessary to close the meeting for Parishioners to express any concerns they may have and for District and County Councillors to report.**
7. **Highways**
  - i. No items to report
8. **SAM2:** Report: Holt Road (near the Green Man): average speed 42 mph; fastest recorded speed 90 mph at 2.55 am on 21 October. It is now back on Holt Road (near Crossways)
  - i. Request for SAM2 to go on Kettlestone Road as there is a problem with lorries etc particularly in the mornings.
9. **Planning**
  - i. **Applications received:**
    - a. Erection of detached two storey dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling at **Mirador, 1 Thursford Road** ref PF/18/1208. Link circulated. Objection submitted on 10 October 2018.

Little Snoring Parish Council **objects** to the application for the following reasons:

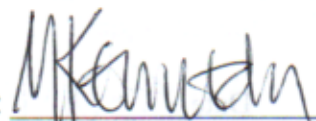
**Local Context:** overdevelopment of the site

- This proposal replaces a 2-bedroom chalet bungalow (with 3 reception rooms) into a 4-bedroom house with the equivalent of approximately 10 reception rooms.
- The proposed building would tower above the neighbouring bungalows.
- The proposed house (which is the first in the row on a rise of land) would have a detrimental impact on the character of the estate which is predominantly small bungalows with moderate-sized gardens.
- Other extensions on this estate, which have been acceptable, have been for a single ground floor room only or an extension of one bungalow but with the roofline no higher than the adjacent chalet bungalow.

**Invasion of privacy**

- The impact of this larger property would have an adverse effect on the neighbouring properties on both sides and to the rear. These properties would be over-looked and their privacy compromised. The Parish Council is aware that the neighbours are greatly concerned.

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- b. Erection of two storey detached building for use as a bakery (Class B1c) at **Manor Farm Barns, The Street** ref: PF/18/1554. Link circulated.

Little Snoring Parish Council objects to the proposals at Manor Farm Barns for the erection of a two storey detached building for use as a bakery (Class B1c).

The reasons for this objection are as follows:

### Industrial Unit

- It is wholly inappropriate to have an industrial unit in a quiet residential area at the heart of the original village of Little Snoring. If there is a business case for an artisanal bakery in the area it should be located on an industrial site such as in the neighbouring town of Fakenham.

### Traffic and parking

- Limited access to the site for traffic – using a track dedicated for a few residential vehicles.
- Insufficient parking – the proposal states that there will be three employees working shifts but there are only two parking spaces – parking on the access drive or on The Street would create obstructions to private houses and / or on the public highway and is unacceptable.
- Insufficient space for delivery vehicles. Delivery vehicles would obstruct access to private residences and on the public highway. The obstructions would lead to further erosion of the verges on both sides of the road which is unacceptable. The bank on the verge opposite the site lost about two feet in depth during the work on the barn conversion a few years ago and it has still not recovered.
- Extra traffic to the site by employees and for deliveries would increase the danger to pedestrians (including school children walking to and from the bus stop) on a narrow but busy road with a blind bend and no pavement.

### Environmental Health issues

- The noise and odour pollution created by an industrial bakery is not acceptable in a long-established quiet residential setting.

### Over-development

- The adjacent barn conversion has already provided enough development in this area; any further building would be over-development and detract from the character of this part of the village.
- The building is not in keeping with the surrounding properties. It would have a detrimental impact on the visual perception of the adjacent traditional flint and brick cottages on one side and to the converted brick barns on the other.

### Environment and wildlife

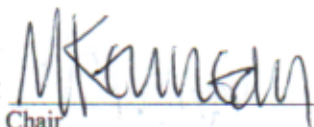
- The location is classified as open countryside and there are no exceptional circumstances to warrant a change of use to an industrial unit (or to residential). The 'village green' character of the area should remain for the visual enjoyment of neighbours, residents and visitors.
- The plot of land is also part of an important corridor for wildlife across the centre of the village and should remain as such.
- The Parish Council has received negative opinions about this proposal from owners of nearby properties and from residents around the village who are concerned about the detrimental impact this development would have on this central part of the village.

- c. Single-storey side extension at **9 Little Snoring Road, Kettlestone** ref: PF/18/2027. Link circulated. No objection.

### ii. Decisions made by NNDC

- a. Erection of twenty dwellings and associated works (reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) at **Land adjacent to Kettlestone Road** (providing five affordable homes, of which three are for rent and two for shared ownership) ref: PM/18/0334. APPROVED.

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iii. **Rural housing exception scheme:** It was agreed that it was not necessary at present to pursue this proposal suggested by the District Council as there was enough development / permission for development in the village which should include affordable homes.

10. **Donations:** It was resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

- i. Royal British Legion **Poppy Appeal:** £50.
- ii. £25 each to Citizens Advice, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Tapping House (Hospice), and Heritage House (day care centre).

### 11. Financial Business

i. **Balances on statements as at 30 Oct 2018:** Savings Acc £8,625.23; Current Acc £5,902.43.

ii. **Receipts** since the previous statement: Cuppa in the Community £210; NNDC Arts and Crafts grant £2,000; NNDC precept and LCTSG £4,431; Barclays interest £4.76.

iii. **Standing order / direct debit payments** since previous statement: Anglian Water £31.50; Opus Energy £14.80; CGM (grass cutting) £1,205.40. Salary and on-costs.

iv. **The following payments were approved**

to whom (details of payment)	cheque no.	Amount
North Norfolk Electrical (work at Community Room)	100745	120.00
Diana Ashdown (printing workshop – Art and Crafts)	100746	140.00
M Kennedy (cloth for patchwork – Art and Crafts)	100747	54.50
Joanna Otte (expenses)	100748	74.92
NNDC (dog waste collection)	100749	617.76

### 12. To consider and set the Budget and Precept for 2019-20

- i. It was agreed to accept the Local Council Tax Support Scheme Grant from NNDC of £421.
- ii. The figures for the Budget were reviewed (see attached)
- iii. It was decided that the Precept should be set to cover the expected expenses rather than relying on savings.
- iv. It was agreed to set the Precept at £9,100 for 2019-20 an increase of £700 (just over 8%)
- v. The Precept form for the District Council was completed and signed.

### 13. Presentation of the village and Reports

i. **Health and Safety:**

- a. 'No climbing' signs for Community Room to be put up.
- b. **Annual Playground Inspection Report:** Three companies had been asked to quote to carry out the necessary recommendations; only one supplied a quote:
  1. **Quote from Play Maintain:** to repair swing (secure loose fixings), metal climbing frame (replace missing cap and secure loose fittings), trim trail (replace 3 x stepping stones and replace missing cap), wooden climbing frame (replace 1 rotten post near the slide, replace rotten deck boards, rub down, prime and repaint rusting handrail): £1,122.02 + VAT.

It was agreed to ask Play Maintain to carry out the necessary repairs.

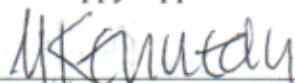
### 14. Community Room

i. **Cuppa in the Community:** monthly afternoon tea, cake and chat in the Community Room (cost £2 – currently raising funds towards the cost of the new kitchen cabinets: total cost £1783.64). So far paid in £421.99 (including donation from NCC S Aquarone to cover the cost of the hot water urn). Thanks to S Aquarone.

ii. **Charitable fundraising:**

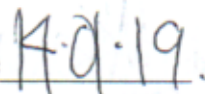
- a. Poppy Appeal – 12 November: raised £100

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- iii. **Art and Crafts in the Community Room:**
  - a. Printing cards with Diana Ashdown: 10 – 4 pm on 22 Oct. Received £50 from attendees. Cost £140.
  - b. Patchwork with Margaret Kennedy: 2 – 4 pm on 2 November. Cost £54.50 for cloth.
15. **To consider application to North Norfolk Big Society Fund.** The Clerk had not been able to talk to the relevant people regarding the need for accessible play equipment. It was decided not to put in an application this time.
16. **WWI Commemoration**
  - i. Poppy cascade was erected in front of the primary school
  - ii. Short service of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 12.30 pm on 11/11 was well attended and the Vice-Chair placed a wreath by the Memorial.
17. **Correspondence:** circulated as usual.
18. **Salary review and confirmation.** Members of the public and the Clerk will be asked to leave because of the confidential nature of the business concerning the employment. The resolution to exclude the public is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. (Sunday 4pm).
19. Any other business for placing on the **agenda for the next Meeting.**
  - i. Bulbs to plant (snowdrops, crocuses, mini daffs and tulips) – Saturday 1.30 pm
  - ii. Poppies seeds received from the District Council
20. **The next Meeting of Parish Council is on Monday 14 January 2019 at 7.30 pm**

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

### Meeting of Little Snoring Playing Field Association

Following the Parish Council meeting on 12 November 2018

1. **Minutes** from the previous meeting 10 September 2018 were approved and signed.
2. **Financial business**
  - i. **Balance** in account for Lt Snoring Playing Field on 28 September £1,946.64
  - ii. **Receipts:** Little Snoring Pre-School: £15 monthly rent.
3. **Other business**
  - i. Tree / shrub maintenance: S Harvey to investigate and take action if required:
    - a. Large cherry tree on corner near The Croft / Cushing Drive and small cherry trees along fence of Cushing Drive
    - b. Buddleia overgrowing path at car park
    - c. Fallen tree on boundary just up from recycling banks.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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