

WEYBOURNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

2nd May, 2018. – Village Hall, Weybourne – 7pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs. P.Floyd (Chair), W.Wood, J.Rose, P.Gallally, R.Gallally, P.Taylor, R.Woodhouse, and the Clerk. D.Young (NNDC), S.Butikofer (NCC), PC.Gower-Smith, and 37 members of the public.

1. Chairmans welcome and apologies for absence.

P.Floyd welcomed everybody to the meeting and received apologies from Cllrs. D.Heley and A.Crawford.

1a Cromer Shoal Chalk Bed – talk by Hilary Cox.

Hilary Cox spoke about the CSCB which had received national recognition in 2016 when it was designated as a Marine Conservation Zone. Its features are protected and managed as it is the largest chalk bed in Europe. It is the home for many living creatures including the famous crabs and lobsters and HC is hoping to form a group, made up of people from parish councils and other interested bodies, to promote and help preserve the MCZ. She is hoping to have an initial meeting in July. The Chair thanked HC after she answered questions from parishioners.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 3rd May, 2017.

These were accepted as a true record.

3. Chairmans Annual Report.

Pat Floyd thanked members and the clerk for their input during the past year. She also thanked D.Young (NNDC) and S.Butikofer (NCC) for their advice and help. She spoke of the ongoing problems of speeding and parking in the village and stated that the vehicle activated signs and the planned village gateway would help alleviate the problems. White Lines on the corner of Church Street and Station Road have restricted parking but poor visibility for drivers still remains a safety matter. Referring to planning applications PF thought that many parish council comments “fell on deaf ears” at NNDC. Meetings and discussions had taken place regarding the restoration of the pond at the northern end of Beach Lane and it was hoped to restore it to its former glory when it was described as a lagoon. The coastal path and the Deep History Coast project would hopefully bring more visitors to the area and the parish council was pressing NNDC for proper toilet provision and waste disposal facilities on the Beach Lane car park. A recent NNDC decision re “concessions” on the car park had been overturned when the parish council objected to a refreshment van being sited there. The offshore windfarm proposals have been discussed at length in both parish council and other meetings and members still have major concerns regarding site traffic using the A149 from Sheringham through the village, causing disruption for parishioners and harming the tourist trade. The village hall has been refurbished with the council and other bodies contributing towards the costs. This is an important asset of the village. She encouraged parishioners to read the PC minutes and attend the meetings if possible, when public participation was encouraged.

4. Parish Matters.

- (a) Affordable Housing: Parishioners expressed their concerns regarding affordable housing in the village. SB summarised the situation and reminded the meeting of a real housing need in Nth.Norfolk. DY stated that approx. one third of properties in the village were second homes and reminded the meeting that there was now a Community Housing Grant (£2.4m) held by NNDC. LS stated that there is a dire need for housing for young families and thought that housing associations should not be selling off homes from their stock. It was agreed that the PC continues to look for a suitable site for affordable housing.
- (b) Windfarm: As already mentioned by the Chairman parishioners thought there would be a lot of disruption in the village and it could be for many years. The Chair said that the PC would be looking for large compensation settlements. SB reminded people that N.Lamb MP would be willing to chair a meeting with Orsted and all interested parties to try and iron out some of the problems.
- (c) Beach Lane car park: A member of the public queried what was being done regarding the state of the car park. Discarded metal, litter, and abandoned boats were all mentioned stating that NNDC should be ashamed of charging people to park there. DY and SB stated that they hoped matters would be sorted soon and referred the problems to Hilary Cox (NNDC portfolio holder) who was in attendance.
- (d) Allotments: Parishioners expressed concern regarding the state of the allotments and the problems of a new tenant trying to cultivate an area that had had been neglected over a long period of time. The Chair said the PC would try and improve matters and also hire a skip to dispose of much of the general rubbish.
- (e) Highway White Lines: Again the Chair had referred to problems in her annual report regarding parking problems in the Station Rd/Church Street junction area. Vehicles parked there regularly restricted the vision of drivers trying to travel east and the Chair queried whether NCC Highways may consider extending the white line in Station Road. It was pointed out that this would take away more valuable parking spaces for local people that were already in short supply.

5. District & County Councillors Annual Reports.

***D.Young (NNDC) reported on the following :- (a) change of the political make-up at NNDC with many members leaving the majority party and declaring themselves as Independents. (b) creation of a market-town initiative with a budget of £400k. (c) a budget surplus of £800k was predicted for this year although current predictions were for a deficit in future years (d) overall Weybourne's council tax bills would rise 5.4% for a Band D property. (e) the structure of the council from next year would see the number of councillors reduced from 48 to 40. (f) Orsted would be submitting its planning application to the Secretary of State soon (windfarm) with the cables making landfall on the Muckleburgh land and travelling south to the west of Muckleburgh Hill eventually going east of Kelling Street. (g) changes to the car in Beach Lane with the timber breastwork being moved 5m inland (h) two food concessions were halted following concerns and a lack of communication (i) other items :- replacement of "Splash" and a £2.4m fund to promote affordable housing.

*** S.Butikofer (NCC) reported on the following :- (a) referring to the changes at NNDC, improvements were anticipated with all parties working together (b) referred to the concerns re the windfarm and stated that she would get N.Lamb MP involved

with an open meeting anticipated soon (c) member of the Police & Crime Panel (d) she was against the amalgamation of the Fire Service and Police Service as had been in the press recently (e) was frustrated with many of the highways problems locally and would continue to work with officers and the parish council to solve them (f) there would be a survey in the village of all traffic concerns which had recently received a positive reaction from the parish council.

6. Police Annual Report.

PC.Gower-Smith reported on the following :- (a) the new policing model (b) Weybourne had no real crime problems (c) response officers were always available contrary to the public's perception. A parishioner enquired as to why a camera had been placed near the entrance to Weybourne Holiday Park on the A149 (this was to help trace the movement of vehicles following recent anti-social behaviour)

7. Any Other Business:

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.