

# KETTLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Present: G Ashby (Chairman), S Hipkin, M Hoad, R Kilbourn, T Rivett,  
and: A Green (District Councillor), S Aquarone (County Councillor), and one member of the public

Meeting of Kettlestone Parish Council on  
**Monday 19 November 2018 at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall

## MINUTES

Welcome

- 1) **Apologies** from D Burgis and P Whitehead (Vice-Chairman) were accepted.
- 2) **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below. None
- 3) **Minutes of the previous Meetings** (17 September) were approved and signed as a true record.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **The meeting was temporarily closed for Parishioners to express any concerns they may have and for District and County Councillors and police to report.**

NNDClr A Green had nothing to report.

Vote of thanks to John Fiddian <sup>3 residents / owners of the pond</sup> for all the work that he had done on the pond. G.A.H.

NCClr S Aquarone report:

**Mobile libraries saved:** campaign to save the mobile library service from drastic cuts has succeeded. The County Council's proposals now have been radically changed to remove only 92 stops which are those not currently being used, rather than the proposed 725 - nearly half the library stops in the county. This is a huge victory for the 7,500 people who rely on this crucial service. Many thanks to the 494 people who signed our petition, as well as the 76 individuals who sent in letters. Now the service is protected we need to make sure it remains frequently used!

Visit <https://bit.ly/2hzlkPF> for routes and timetables. The mobile library carries books for all ages and tastes.

**Vodafone signal improving:** Vodafone have made engineering (i.e. actual) changes that have resulted in four of the fourteen customers I am in touch with in the division about their signal issues reporting an improvement in service. Has your Vodafone service improved? Are you struggling to get a signal regardless of network? Get in touch and we'll try to help

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**Join the conversation:** On Friday 14th December I'll be hosting an event at the Copeman Centre in Briston to talk about politics. Or rather, to ask you what *you* think. Come and talk in an informal setting about your vision for society, what you think political parties should do differently, and what difference this could make to your family, your community and the wider world.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

- 6) **Highways and footpaths**
  - a) R Kilbourn reported that litter on the A1067 at Pensthorpe continued to be a problem. He picks the litter frequently.
- 7) **Planning**
  - a) **Planning applications received** since the previous meeting.
    - i) Single-storey side extension at **9 Little Snoring Road, Kettlestone** ref: PF/18/2027. Link circulated. No objection.

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- ii) PU/18/2070: **East Barn, Snoring Road**: Prior approval for change of use from light industrial building (B1) to 3 residential dwellings. Link circulated.
  - iii) PU/18/2071: **Church Farm Barn, Snoring Road**: Prior approval for change of use from light industrial building (B1) to 5 residential dwellings (C3). Link circulated.
- It was agreed to submit the same comments as for the previous application (see Minutes for September 2018) as the only change in the applications was the new evidence on wildlife habitation.

b) **Decisions taken by the District Council** since the previous meeting.

- i) PU/18/1575: **East Barn, Snoring Road**: Prior approval for change of use from light industrial building (B1) to 3 residential dwellings. Link circulated (also to email database). REFUSED
- ii) PU/18/1574: **Church Farm Barn, Snoring Road**: Prior approval for change of use from light industrial building (B1) to 5 residential dwellings (C3). Link circulated (also to email database). REFUSED.
- iii) It was noted that the decision for the proposal at 91 The Street was still pending and that the decision date for the application at the Duck Farm had been put back to June 2019.

c) **Other matters**

- i) Fencing at old pub site. It was agreed that T Rivett would have a word with the owner.

8) To consider making **donations**.

- a) 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. It was agreed to make a donation of £200 to the Village Hall for use of the hall for meetings.

9) **Financial business** to consider payment of invoices and other financial business.

- a) **Receipts** since previous statement: NNDC: Precept £1,800 and LCTSG £50; Interest £1.63
- b) **Regular payments** since previous statement: salary and on-costs.
- c) **Balances on statements** at 29 October: Current Ac £4,339.36; Savings Acc £3,278.36.
- d) The following **payments were approved**:

to whom	cheque no	amount
J Otte (palletshifter – village sign to Signs of the Times)	100383	53.10
J Otte (expenses including dog bin lid)	100384	46.24
North Norfolk District Council (dog bin emptying)	100385	205.92
Kettlestone Village Hall (donation for meetings)	100386	200.00

10) **To consider and set the Budget and Precept for 2019-20**

- a) It was agreed to accept the Local Council Tax Support Grant from NNDC of £92.
- b) The figures on the draft budget were reviewed (attached). The cost of the refurbishment of the village sign was considered (see below).
- c) To determine whether or not there are any other likely calls on planned expenditure. None.
- d) It was agreed to set the Precept for 2019-20 at £3,700 (an increase of £100 or 3%). The form for the District Council was completed and signed.

11) **Maintenance**

- a) **Village Sign** (£1,600 reserved in budget):
  - i) Signs of the Times: It was reported that the polyurethane copy not possible.
  - ii) Signs of the Times suggested the alternative was to refurbish the sign: dismantling the sign (remove falcon, shields and letters), sand blasted clean, galvanised, 'T' washed and

Signed   
Chairman

Date... 21.6.19

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fettled, spray painted blue and white and the rest hand painted. Reassembled with original letters (or cast polymer copies) and shield detail fixed on with an adhesive and painted. As the old metal pieces will not be galvanised it might better to make polymer copy that doesn't corrode. **£2,984.10 + VAT** (carriage – can be returned via palletshifter).

The cost of the refurbishment was considered very expensive. The Clerk was asked to get further information from Signs of the Times e.g. how long would the refurbishment last, and to investigate alternatives e.g. new sign, other quotes for refurbishment.

- b) **Notice board:** Ivan Ashby to repair the wooden notice board and apply two coats of varnish: £121.20 (incl. VAT).

12) **Parish Plan Actions:** none

### 13) **Reports from Parish Councillors**

- a) The Clerk reported from the Fakenham Market Town meeting. The major focus would be on transport infrastructure for the town including ensuring that the new developments to the north of the town had proper pedestrian, cycling and car routes into town; rationalising the parking in the town centre, and also investigating proper cycle paths from the neighbouring villages e.g. along the A148 from Little Snoring.
- b) A couple of councillors suggested that the green lane (access of A1067 between Pensthorpe and Fakenham) could be used but would need to be extended to the Langor Bridge road to allow cyclists to avoid using the A1067.

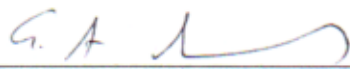
14) **Mail** circulated as usual

15) Other business for placing on the **agenda for the next Meeting**

16) Next **Meeting of the Parish Council** on **Monday 21 January 2019** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed

  
Chairman

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