

Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Joint Parish CouncilMinutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at Shadingfield Village Hall on 15 February 2023 at 7.00 pmPresent:

Councillors C Ellis (Chair), Blunn, Chipperfield, Drane, London and Potter.

In attendance:

Mr S C Blackburn (Clerk). No members of the public.

23.017 Apologies for Absence: Cllr R Ellis, County and District Cllr Judy Cloke.

23.018 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations: None.

23.019 To sign as an accurate record the minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr Potter, Seconded by Cllr Blunn and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2023 be signed as a correct record.

23.020 Public Participation: None.

23.021 Chair's Report

A mercifully quiet month since our last meeting, so this will be brief. Firstly, a reminder of the litter pick on Saturday 4th March; thanks to Cllr Chipperfield for driving this forward and also for continuing with providing our copy for the Sheaf. Also to Ros Russell for providing the artwork for the Sheaf cover that we have for March to publicise the litter pick; let us hope for good weather and a good turnout. The Fox will be the meeting place and hot drinks and bacon rolls will be available on the morning. There has been an interesting letter posted on the ESC Planning Portal regarding the application for the Intensive Poultry Units (DC/19/2195/ful) – a letter from Mr. Ridley, Head of Planning at ESC to Mr. Jonny Rankin, agent for the applicant. Indications are that there may be a resolution to this long debated application. I look forward to seeing Mr. Rankin's response. I also note that ESC have refused the application to increase the number of units at Glebe Farm Lodge development. We say goodbye to Rev. Phil Miller this month. I personally thank him for his work and support in the parishes while he has been here and I hope you all join me in wishing him and Natalie all the best for their next chapter in Herefordshire. Rev. Phil's final service in St. John's is this Sunday at 10.30am. Lastly, I will be attending the East Suffolk Community Partnership Annual Forum in Ipswich on 3 rd March. I'll report back to you on any useful information or initiatives next month. Stay safe and well, all of you.

23.022 Reports

(a) County Councillor and (b) District Councillor: Reports had been circulated as and when received.

(c) Police: No report.

RESOLVED: that the reports be noted.

23.023 Correspondence

The Clerk referred to the forms for nomination as Councillor and explained the process of completing and handing in to East Suffolk Council. The Chair asked that Councillors bring their completed forms to the March meeting for collection and delivery by the Clerk to ESC. It is the responsibility of Councillors to ensure their papers are with the District Council or the Clerk in a timely manner.

He also referred to the non-delivery of speed indicating devices which had now been promised by 24 February. The Clerk circulated correspondence as and when received. There were no further comments.

23.024 Planning Applications

(a) New Applications

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DC/22/1631/FUL – 8 Starter Workshops, Ellough Airfield (Retrospective). It was commented that these are starter units, apparently built without insulation or fresh or waste water. It was felt to be disappointing that they had not been built within the enterprise zone and it was noted that for this reason the East Suffolk Economic Development Dept., who did not support them and therefore had been unable to support the application. Furthermore, it was noted that these units are not in keeping with the style and appearance of existing units within the enterprise zone, so they are less likely to 'blend in'. Concern was also expressed for the adjacent bridle path.

RESOLVED: To make the above comments without supporting or objecting to the application.

(b) Updates on previously considered applications

Two updates were referred to in the Chair's Report; these had not been formally advised to us.

(c) To consider a response to the proposed SPD – Development in Coastal Areas

(d) To consider a response to the proposed SPD – Custom and Self-Build Property

RESOLVED: To make no comment on these consultations

23.025 Finance

(a) To approve payment of outstanding invoices:

A cheque (no 214) for £500 authorised at the last meeting had been returned by our bank due to a technical irregularity and a replacement (215) had been prepared. Proposed by Cllr Blunn, seconded by Cllr C Ellis and RESOLVED: That the payments listed in Appendix 1 be authorised.

(b) To note the financial situation and bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2023: Proposed by Cllr London, seconded by Cllr Chipperfield and RESOLVED: That the situation be noted.

23.026 Cemetery and Chapel

The Clerk updated the situation regarding the graves of Geoffrey and Stella Wright; neither of the children had undertaken the work but the daughter had agreed to restore the grave to its former state.

23.027 Playing Fields

A sign declining responsibility for injury etc has been received and would be fitted by the Clerk. Comment was made on the continuing removal of 'no dogs' signs.

23.028 Road Safety

(a) Installation of speed indicator devices

Delays at manufacturers continue to cause concern. Delivery has now been promised by 24 February and the company has been advised that further action will be considered if this date is not met.

(b) Additional road signage for the play area

Having paid our share, this work will take place by Suffolk CC at some time in the near future.

23.029 Village Matters

(a) Arrangements for a future litter pick (4th March)

Start at The Fox at 10.00 am, free unlimited tea/coffee, plus a bacon roll or sandwich for £5. Cllr Chipperfield will liaise with Sotterley Estate about signage and removal of rubbish.

(b) Bulb planting

It was agreed to apply for four packs of free bulbs and to send the details to the Village Hall

(c) Arrangements for a picnic and/or celebration of the Coronation including Church service(s)

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The Village Hall committee were keen to join with the Parish Council to arrange an event similar to that organized for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr London to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee

(d) Maintenance of notice boards

A resident of Chartres Piece would remove the notice board upon return to full health. The contractor would be asked to stand down.

(e) Neighbourhood Development Plan – update

Final encouragement to vote was discussed. It was agreed to ask Ian Russell to establish the process and what the East Suffolk Council could or would do to encourage turnout.

(f) Future articles for Sheaf Magazine

Cllr Chipperfield agreed to write the next entry.

(g) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

Deferred to the next meeting.

23.030 Items for discussion at the next meeting

Coronation celebration.

23.031 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Appendix 2 – Payments Authorised

	To	For	Net	VAT	Gross
215	Citizens Advice East Suffolk	Donation, replacement for Chq 214	500.00	-	500.00
216	Griffin Horse Logging	Removal of dead tree in churchyard	360.00	-	360.00
217	Vertas	Grounds maintenance Jan Feb Mar	246.56	49.31	295.87
218	S C Blackburn	Salary February and expenses	316.67	2.73	326.98
dd	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration 2023/24	35.00	-	35.00

_____ Chair

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