



## FRISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Meeting Report of the Friston Annual Parish Meeting **25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**, in the VILLAGE HALL at **7.00 PM**.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from two residents due to illness. Apologies also received from the District Councillors. All Parish Councillors were present.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved.
- 3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council,** Cllr. Mike Caplin welcomed residents to the meeting and thanked them for turning out. He went on to explain that the Council had achieved a broadband connection for the Village Hall and that there was a projector and screen also in the pipeline for the Hall. The Village Hall is an ongoing project that the Council and Village Hall committee are working together to ensure its future. The Council have also installed a defibrillator in the phone box near the Village Green and recently organised training. Cllr Caplin finished his report thanking the other Cllrs for their support over the last year.
- 4. Report from Giles Hanglin** – Land agent for Blackheath Farms Ltd. Giles gave an update from Blackheath Farms. The report is available on the Parish website. He was asked a question by a resident regarding the development of Friston Hall and property prices falling due to the proposed SPR development. Giles stated that the company owners were not property developers and that the Hall was not a quick development in order to make a profit so the SPR development affecting property prices was not a major consideration. Another resident asked Giles what type of cattle would be introduced to the land. They were described as a Friesian cross. Cllr C Brooks asked how the cows would be milked in the field. There will be a semi-automated parlour which will be powered by the PTO on a tractor. Giles was also asked how aware the land owners are of SPR and EDF's activities in the village. The owners are kept informed by both Giles from a local perspective and by SPR directly. A resident asked how flood aware Blackheath Farms are especially if the proposed SPR development goes ahead. Giles replied that they have already made alleviation works on the allotment field to counter this. Cllr D Brooks queried the sand on the Aldeburgh Road. This has already been cleared twice and should be done again this week. Unfortunately, due to the dry weather and then the prolonged windy period, it has blown quite a lot of the sandy soil from particular field.
- 5. Report from SPR action group SASES** – the group's Chair Michael Mahoney gave an update on from SPR action group SASES. He suggested that residents should visit the [SASES.org](http://SASES.org) website to look at the document that the group will be submitting to SPR against the proposed substations. The Parish Council endorse this submission. The group are now looking into

engaging professional legal help to challenge SPR at the planning application stage. Michael stated that this isn't just a case of Nimbyism but more that the whole process was wrong and should be called to account. Cllr Reid (Suffolk County Council) added that SCC did not support the Friston site and have said this in their submission to SPR. He also said that SCC are tackling BAIS, OFGEN and the department of the environment as within 10-15 years this small part of Suffolk will be responsible for 30% of the country's energy production which is a heavy burden on this area. Cllr Caplin also thanked SASES for the work they have done on behalf of the village.

**6. Open Forum – Residents' chance to raise topics for discussion**

A resident thanked the SASES action group for all their hard work and dedication to the cause.

Nikki Winter the assistant priest at St Mary's added that the Church would also submit their formal response to the SPR proposed development. She also said that the Church would be there to provide support to anyone feeling distressed by the situation and that everyone was welcome to attend their forthcoming services on Mothering Sunday and across Easter.

**7. Chairman closing statements – Cllr Caplin reminded residents that the Parish Council seats are up for election in May. If anyone was interested in standing as a Councillor, they could download the nomination forms from the SCDC website. He then referred to a passage from Tolkien's Lord of the Rings and urged residents to submit a response to SPR.**

**Please note: reports from village organisations will be available on the website and at the meeting.**