



Friston Parish Council

Unapproved Minutes of the meeting Monday 7th January 2019

There were present: Cllrs M. Caplin (in the Chair) S. Jackson (Vice Chair), A. Simpson, J. Burch, C. Brooks, D. Brooks and P. Welby (Parish Clerk). District Cllr Jones was also present.

There were four members of the public also present.

1/19 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Schedrin.

2/19 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations:

None were declared.

3/19 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meetings held 12th November, 26th November and 10th December were agreed and signed.

4/19 Open Forum.

A member of the public asked for an update on the village hall. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council were working with the Village Hall committee using an advisor. He also suggested that new audio visual equipment would be a good investment.

Another member of the public asked about the ditch on Church Road. It has been strimmed but she believed the end of the ditch needs digging out. Cllr Simpson agreed but said he has approached the Environment Agency who don't view it as a problem. District Cllr Jones advised that individual members of the public can raise issues if they felt it necessary.

Another member of the public asked if this was also the case for traffic calming issues, Cllr Jones confirmed this was the case.

5/19 County and District Councillor Reports

There was no report from Cllr Reid.

Cllr Haworth-Culf had given her apologies. Cllr Jones went through the Ward report. This is on the website. She urged residents to respond to the Sizewell C consultation as individuals. The more responses EDF get the better. A member of the public asked if there was anyone at SCDC who may be able to help with the mitigation, if the SPR project goes ahead. Cllr Jones informed them that it would be either Naomi Gould or Geoff Holcroft.

Cllr Simpson asked whether new dog mess signs could be obtained to replace the ones that go on lamp posts around the village. Cllr Jones will check if they are available.

She also warned of recent scam calls experienced by residents in Waveney. Scammers are pretending to call from the District Council stating that residents have a credit on the Council Tax and asking for bank details. She stated that no Council representative would ever ask for bank details over the phone.

6/19 Accounts

The Council discussed the budget and decided to ask for a slight increase on the precept of £250 – mainly to go towards covering the cost of the possible election in May.

Cllr Simpson proposed that the precept be increased from £7250 to £7500. This was seconded by Cllr Jackson. All in favour.

The authorisation to pay had changed due to two invoices being received after the agenda had been circulated. The invoice for the defibrillator installation and an invoice from CAS for website hosting were added. Also the Clerk's pay had increased as she had received a tax rebate. The authorisation was duly signed by the Chair.



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7/19 Planning – None this month.

8/19 Report from the SPR proposals working party: This was moved to after County and District Councillor reports. Liz Thomas gave apologies from Michael Mahoney. She stated that unfortunately SPR had decided to take the Friston site forward for their preferred option. The action group were now attempting to get answers from Crown Estates (who are responsible for the sea bed), Scottish Power and National Grid Ventures. She also reported that the environmental study for the area from SPR has not yet been produced and asked that the Council could also ask for this from SPR.

The action group asked that residents be directed to the website www.SASES.org.uk for information.

Liz Thomas said that the action group hoped to hold public information sessions for the phase 4 consultation. The SPR public information days concerning stage 4 will be on the 16th February 10am – 4pm and 27th February 2pm – 7pm, held at the Village Hall in Friston.

9/19 Sizewell C: The stage 3 consultation has begun and at the time of writing the minutes there are still 9 public information exhibitions to attend. Dates can be found at www.edfenergy.com or on posters around the area. Cllr Jackson said she would be attending a Sizewell Liaison group meeting and would report from it at the next meeting. The Chair reiterated Cllr Jones statement of encouraging residents to respond as individuals.

10/19 Village Parking: The Council decided that in theory the square shaped option for the car park was preferred. Cllr Simpson agreed to approach Guy Heald for more details.

11/19 Defibrillator Update: Cllr Jackson reported that the defibrillator is now fitted and registered with the ambulance service. She has details of training that Community Heartbeat will provide. It was decided to organise some potential dates and see if there was any interest from residents.

12/19 Bus Shelter: Cllr Simpson and Cllr D Brooks reported that the next step would be to consult a builder and get a bespoke design drawn up. However, it was also noted that SCC currently has bus funding under review so it was decided to wait until the outcome of the review before proceeding any further.

13/19 Notice Board and Village Gates

Cllr Simpson had met with a Highways engineer to discuss the possibility of white gates at each end of the village to remind drivers to adhere to the 30mph speed limit. She had stated that unfortunately these would not be possible due to the footpaths. She had said that perhaps a chicane system would be more practical. Cllr Burch asked whether the 'countdown' signs might be possible such as those the north side of Wrentham on the A12. These count drivers down to the 30mph limit with a reminder sign every 100 yards. The Clerk will contact Highways to see if this could be possible.

The Clerk had measured the existing noticeboard and found one very close in measurement. She will contact the company for an exact quote.

Cllr C Brooks asked whether it would be possible to find a price for a small noticeboard (4 A4 sheets) for the near the footpath at the junction of Low Road and Chases Lane. Cllr Simpson will look to find someone to install the noticeboard.



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14/19 Hedges on Mill Lane – Highways contacted Flagship housing on behalf of the Parish Council and they have now cut the offending hedges in Mill Lane.

15/19 Village Hall

The Clerk is still waiting for suggested dates from Jayne Cole so an advisory meeting can take place between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council.

16/19 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors - There are still two vacancies.

17/19 Allotments: The allotment rent is now due. Cllr Simpson will pass on the details of allotment holders so the Clerk can issue rent invoices.

18/19 Highways & Footpaths – The Clerk has had an email from Blackheath Estates asking that walkers please keep to the paths as the estate is currently working to an environmental scheme and planting wildflower margins.

Cllr Simpson reported that if snow blocks the roads this winter, farmers can clear roads and the NFU will insure them providing they are not being paid for the work.

The Council also agreed to invite Giles Hanglin the land agent for Blackheath Farms to the Parish Meeting to give an update to the Council and residents.

19/19 Play area – Cllr D Brooks is still waiting for Simon Walker of Norse to arrange a meeting to look at the play equipment.

20/19 AOB/Correspondence – as determined by the Chairman. No decisions can be made - Nothing to be discussed.

21/19 Motion under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussions regarding personnel matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business

22/19 Date of Next Meeting Monday 18th February 7pm. The Parish meeting is the 25th March.