



Friston Parish Council

Unapproved Minutes of the meeting Monday 12th November 2018

There were present: Cllrs M. Caplin (in the Chair) S. Jackson (Vice Chair), A. Simpson, M. Schedrin, J. Burch, C. Brooks, D. Brooks and P. Welby (Parish Clerk). District Cllrs Haworth-Culf and Jones were also present. County Cllr Reid enters the meeting at 7.55pm.

There were four members of the public also present.

AGENDA

088/18 Apologies for Absence:

None received.

089/18 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations:

None received.

090/18 Minutes of the previous meeting:

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Monday 24th September 2018 were a true record and signed by the Chair.

091/18 Open Forum.

No questions from residents.

092/18 County and District Councillor Reports

The Clerk had circulated the District and County Councillor reports. **It was agreed that the Clerk will put the reports on the village website.** Cllr Haworth-Culf drew the Council's attention to the polling station review survey and to the emergency numbers for UK Power Networks in case of power cuts. Cllr Haworth-Culf also asked whether any Councillor had attended a District Council liaison meeting. The Clerk to check whether any invites had been sent.

093/18 Accounts

The authorisation to pay was agreed, with cheques being signed. The Clerk had not yet updated the statement of accounts as the bank statement had only arrived that day.

094/18 Planning

DC/18/3911/FUL – Conversion of existing outbuilding to form a new annexe – Japonica Cottage, Donkey Lane, Friston – No objections – Council to recommend approval.

Cllr Jackson also brought to the Council's attention that a planning notice had gone up on the land North of the Rectory. It was decided that the Clerk would circulate the plans when received and that an extraordinary meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 26th November at 7.15pm in the Village Hall to discuss them.

The Council also asked the Clerk to write to Myrtle Cottage to advise them that due to the terms of the lease on the Village Green they would not be able to park construction vehicles on it whilst they are working on the property. The Council also asked that they be reminded to leave access free for emergency vehicles and to the Church on the land round the village hall.

095/18 Report from the SPR proposals working party

This was moved up the agenda to before the accounts section. Michael Mahoney thanked the Parish Council and any residents who put in a response to consultation 3.5. The deadline was today. He thought the County Council letter was well written considering the invidious position they are in of having to choose the least worst option. He stressed the importance of villages working together once the decision is made, whichever site is chosen as the development is not suitable at any of SPR's suggested sites.

The working party had requested that the Council pay the £165 to cover the aerial photos taken of the Bramford site to show what Friston could look like. Mr Mahoney stated that a lot of the group's expenses had

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been covered by private donations and members so far. **Cllr Jackson proposed that the Council pay the full amount, this was seconded by Cllr Simpson. All in favour.**

096/18 Sizewell C:

The next stage of the consultation is likely to start in January 2019. The Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group have put posters together to show the impact of the development on the area. These are being displayed in Eel's Foot pub, Middleton Farm shop, The Bell pub, The Lion Pub and the White Horse pub. They are also available on line. **The Clerk will put the link on the village website.**

097/18 Village Parking:

Cllr Simpson has spoken to the landowner who has said the car park will hold around 20 spaces plus 2 disabled ones. There have been two plans put forward. Cllr Burch asked if the land under goes a change of use application will this mean it could also have building planning permission granted. **Cllr Simpson suggested that the Council publish a newsletter including these plans, the Village Hall situation, an update on the defibrillator and a call for more Parish Councillors. The Council agreed.**

098/18 Defibrillator Update:

Cllr Jackson has arranged for Gary Knights to look at the phone box to ensure the defibrillator can be fitted there. He will complete the work if it's possible. He fitted the defibrillator at Knodishall.

099/18 Bus Shelter:

Cllrs Simpson and D Brooks met with the designer of one of the proposed bus shelters. It was agreed that perhaps his design was not the best fit for the space. **Cllr Simpson will approach a builder to get another quote.**

100/18 Notice Board and Village Gates

The Clerk has had a response from Highways and a **Community Engineer will meet with Cllr Simpson to discuss the possibility of traffic calming measures at both ends of the 30mph zone in the village.**

The Clerk had submitted three possibilities for replacement noticeboards. The Council preferred the coloured aluminium design but thought it needed to be bigger. **The Clerk will approach the company for a quote for a larger version.**

101/18 Hedges on Mill Road:

The Clerk had submitted photos of the problem area of Mill Road to Highways and was waiting for a response. Cllr Reid asked that if a response had not been received in 10 days to contact him.

102/18 Village Hall:

Cllr C Brooks reported that the Friston Players said that the staging was often used by weddings and other functions in the Village Hall and that it does meet fire safety standards. However, the scenery was not used but was worth money to other groups that may use it. The main problem was finding someone who could physically lift it down from the loft.

The Clerk had given the Council a brief outline of the four options open to them for the future running of the Hall. It was hoped that the current Village Hall Charity Committee would be open to renewing a revised lease. **Clerk to contact Chair of Village Hall committee.**

103/18 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors:

The vacancies will be advertised in the newsletter.

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104/18 Allotments:

Cllr Simpson reported that there are five vacant allotments currently. These could also be advertised in the planned newsletter.

105/18 Highways & Footpaths:

Cllr Simpson reported that the drainage channel is working. **He will contact the Environment Agency as he believes it is now lower than the flood plain.**

Cllr Jackson asked that the footpath between Low Road and the A1094 be reported to the land agent as where the work has been completed it has left it in a poor state. She also reported that the footpath behind the maize field is still blocked with a cover crop. **Clerk to report.**

106/18 Play area:

Cllr D Brooks went through the safety report for the play equipment. There were no items that need immediate attention. The Clerk had contacted Suffolk Coastal Norse for a quote for the repairs.

Cllr Simpson proposed that the meeting be extended by 15 minutes. This was seconded by Cllr Caplin – all in favour.

107/18 Correspondence:

The Clerk had received a letter from Leiston and Saxmundham CAB asking for a donation. The Council suggested that a reply be written saying that the Council would consider the request towards the end of the financial year with any other requests that it receives.

A vote of thanks was also given to Cllr Burch for his response letter to SPR.

Cllr C Brooks requested that the piece written about former Cllr Patterson be submitted to the Parish Magazine. The Clerk had made an electronic copy from the paper original and will submit with the meeting report.

108/18 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.

109/18 Date of Next Meeting

A planning meeting will be held on Monday 26th November at 7.15pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 7th January 2019 at 7pm.

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