



Friston Parish Council

Unapproved minutes of the meeting Monday 24th September 2018

There were present: Cllrs M. Caplin (in the Chair) S. Jackson (Vice Chair), M. Schedrin, J. Burch, C. Brooks, D. Brooks and P. Welby (Parish Clerk).

There were twelve members of the public also present.

AGENDA

066/18 Apologies for Absence:

To receive any apologies for absence – Cllr Simpson.

067/18 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations:

Cllr Burch declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 072/18 particularly planning application DC/18/3183/FUL.

068/18 Minutes of the previous meeting: It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Monday 9th July 2018 were a true record and signed by the Chair.

069/18 Open Forum - A member of the public had conducted a one day survey on the buses in and out of the village. It was their opinion that the survey showed there was no need for the bus shelter. Cllr Caplin thanked the member of the public.

Two members of the public also commented on the Mill Road hedges.

070/18 County and District Councillor Reports

The District and Councillors had submitted their apologies to the Clerk and the Clerk had circulated their reports for reading.

071/18 Accounts

The summary of accounts was presented and the authorisation to pay was agreed, with cheques being signed. The Chair signed the bank reconciliation for July.

072/18 Planning –

DC/18/3377/FUL – Conservatory to rear of property – 1 The Meadows, Friston – After being circulated, this was discussed with the Council recommending approval.

DC/18/3183/FUL – Single storey side and rear extensions – Myrtle Cottage, Friston – After being circulated, this was discussed and the Council recommended refusal on the following basis – That the extension was over development on a small site, that due to it being a holiday home the addition of two extra bedrooms could result in two extra cars. The property has no parking and this would add congestion to the already full parking area. It was also noted that the boundaries on the plans submitted looked different to that on other plans.

Clerk to forward comments to SCDC.

073/18 Report from the SPR proposals working party: This item was moved up the agenda to after the open forum. Michael Mahoney gave a report to the Council of the group's recent activity. There is a meeting on the 10th October in the Village Hall in Friston held by SPR to present the phase 3.5 consultation. The good news is that SPR have included the site at Sizewell as well as Friston for consideration. However, this is not as straightforward as the Friston site as the land is owned by EDF and there is also the AONB to consider. Mr Mahoney thanked everyone so far for their engagement with the process and urged people not to lose focus as SPR may have included the Sizewell site but they also still continuing with the Friston site. The new documents show that the flood mitigation and drainage would go through the allotment site.

The group have employed an independent landscape consultant who has reported that the landscape has more value at Friston than the Sizewell site, this will be submitted to SPR.

Liz Thomas asked if anymore feedback forms were available. **Clerk to ask.**



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Friston has the support of both District and County Councils who think the site at Sizewell is more appropriate. Ms Thomas asked if the empty phone box could be used to store the consultation documents in so people could access them at all times. **Cllr D. Brooks will unlock the phone box and Ms Thomas will clear the inside.** Cllr Caplin thanked the group for all their effort so far.

074/18 Sizewell C: Cllr Jackson attended a July update regarding the stage 3 consultation. Even if the Planning Inspectorate grant planning permission, EDF and their investors still have to decide whether they can afford the build.

075/18 Village Parking: Guy Heald submitted two plans to the Council for consideration proposing a village car park for round 20 cars. The PCC are in theory in support of the plans. Cllr Simpson is the lead on this project so it was decided to defer any decision until the next meeting when Cllr Simpson will be present with more information that will answer Cllrs questions.

076/18 Flood alleviation scheme – Cllr C Brooks reported that the banks around the bowl where the flood water collects from the village appear to have been lowered. **Clerk to contact the land agent to discuss.**

077/18 Defibrillator Update - The phone box is to be cleared and cleaned by the Community Payback team on the 3rd November. Then an electrician needs to connect the defibrillator cabinet to the power. **Clerk asked for recommendations of a local electrician. Cllr Caplin said he would recommend one.**

078/18 Bus Shelter - Cllr D Brooks proposed that he and Cllr Simpson meet with the designer of the shelter to ask questions regarding the design of the shelter and report back to the Council. Seconded by Cllr Jackson. All in favour.

079/ 18 Notice Board and Village Gates - The Clerk has written to Highways to start the process of applying for Friston to have village gateways with 30mph reminders on them.

The noticeboard that the Council would like to upgrade is the one by the Jubilee Shelter. It is a free standing board with a lockable part for the Council and an open part for members of the public to use. The board needs to be able to hold A4 sheets as currently the size does not allow this. **Clerk to get prices.**

080/18 Hedges on Mill Road – The hedges along Mill Road are still encroaching on to the road. **Clerk to contact County Councillor for advice.**

081/18 Village Hall – There is old staging and scenery in the village hall loft. The Council agreed that this should be removed. **Clerk to email Village Hall Committee and organise.**

Cllr Burch gave a short report from the last Committee meeting.

The Clerk is looking into the future running of the Village Hall and hopes to be able to put the options to the Council at the next meeting.

082/18 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors – There have been no applications.

083/18 Allotments: There are new tenants for the empty sites on the allotment. The possibility of designating the land as amenity land was raised, especially if the SPR proposals go through. **Clerk to check**

084/18 Highways & Footpaths – The footpath through the Maize field that forms part of the Sandlings walk still hasn't been reinstated. **Clerk to chase.**

085/18 AOB/Correspondence – as determined by the Chairman. **No decisions can be made**

Cllr D Brooks gave information from the estate newsletter. The proposed reservoir west of Friston Hall will start in the Autumn. The pigs will be moved next July.

Cllr D Brooks also asked if the Village Green fund could be moved to a better rate of interest. **Clerk to investigate.**

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Cllr Burch gave a report from the GDPR meeting, he stated that the advice was for Cllrs to have separate email addresses for Council business.

086/18 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 – There was none.

087/18 Date of Next Meeting Monday 12th November 2018 at 7pm