



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 9th September 2019

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

There were six members of the public also present.

136/19 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Cllr Schedrin

137/19 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None were received.

138/19 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 22nd July 2019 were agreed and signed. Cllr Simpson asked whether there were any updates on the village parking (126/19). The Clerk had left this item off the agenda this month because there was nothing to update. This item will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

139/19 Open Forum

The prospective parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrats introduced herself, stating she was on a tour of Town and Parish Councils in the constituency putting herself forward as the opposition. She said she was very aware of the issues with energy projects in the area and will be attending the village meeting on Friday. She was welcomed by the Chair.

140/19 Report from the SASES group

Michael Mahoney from the SASES group gave an update to the Council. Autumn will be an intense period for the village as the planning application process will start with SPR. The village now has the Nautilus and Eurolink projects to consider. National Grid have held back these projects on account of having to do a cumulative impact assessment with the SPR and SZC projects. National Grid have asked to speak to the Council regarding the project. Clerk to contact with dates.

A comprehensive report has been written about the inadequacies of the consultation process. The Council agreed that the Chair should sign it.

There is a village meeting on 13th October in the village hall. This will explain the effect the development is having on the village, what SASES are doing to fight this and how residents can get involved. There has been a leaflet drop in the village and affected areas in Knodishall, inviting residents.

There is also a meeting on the 12th September on how to engage with the planning process at Sizewell Sport Centre.

SASES have a meeting with Craig Rivett (deputy leader of the Council), Philip Ridley (head of planning) and Naomi Gould (energy projects planning officer) at East Suffolk Council on the 24th September for an update.

The new cabinet member for the environment at SCC James Mallinder is unable to visit the site until November.

SASES have engaged a barrister for the response to the planning application. They have also engaged experts to write submissions on landscape, noise, flooding and heritage.

SPR are asking SASES or the Parish Council to house the next set of PIER documents. The Village Hall Management Committee have agreed that the right hand corner of the hall would be suitable. It was also suggested that SPR sort the housing of the documents. Clerk to ask Joanna Young at SPR if this is feasible.

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141/19 County and District Councillor Reports

The reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and are available on the website. Cllr Haworth-Culf was hoping to get to the meeting after attending one in Aldeburgh. Apologies had been received from the other District Cllrs and County Cllr.

142/19 Accounts

The statement of accounts and authorisation to pay had been circulated prior to the meeting. The authorisation to pay was agreed and signed.

143/19 Insurance – The insurance renewal quote had been received for £860.86. Last year's premium was £838.11. The Council agreed that this was a reasonable increase and agreed to pay the premium. The Clerk had received an email from Community Action Suffolk advertising their insurance service. It was agreed to keep with Came & Co this year and try the CAS service next year.

144/19 Sizewell C – Cllr Jackson gave a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the Stage 4 consultation are due in by the 27th September. There is a TEAGS meeting on Saturday 14th September 10am – 12pm in Theberton Church chaired by Bill Turnbull. Cllr C Brooks will be attending. She also attended the exhibition in Stratford held by EDF.

145/19 Planning – None received this month.

146/19 Notice Board and Village Gates

The new noticeboards are in position. The Council thanked Cllr Simpson and his associate for putting them up. It was agreed that the old one should be removed and the wood given to someone who can make use of it.

Cllr Simpson had made contact with David Chennery in Highways and asked him to advise on the speed limit options through the village. Cllr Simpson will reply to him with the Council's wish list of speed calming measures and will advise the Council when he has replied.

Mr Chennery had asked about the option of a Community Speedwatch scheme. Clerk to write to Theberton Council to ask about their scheme and to see whether there would be any interest in the village.

147/19 Village Hall

The village hall management committee had found another company to update the fire alarm system and will pay for this out of VHMC funds.

The Clerk had made contact with the new Community Buildings officer at CAS and he had passed Friston's situation to a colleague. She had replied with some information for the Clerk to read through. The Clerk had only received this on Friday so was still working through it. She hoped this would clarify the lease situation.

148/19 Play area

The land agent for Blackheath Farms had written to the Clerk to say that the owners of the Village Green were content to issue a letter of comfort stating that the lease would be renewed at the end of the term. This would mean the Council could purchase new play equipment sooner rather than waiting for the lease to be renewed.

The Clerk agreed to find some companies to give the Council quotes on renewing the play equipment to the budget of around £12000. The Council agreed that natural looking colours or wooden equipment would be preferable. Cllr D Brooks is happy to act as liaison with the play companies.

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The Clerk read an email from a resident who would like to be consulted on the new play equipment as they believe their property will be directly affected by it. The Council agreed to arrange a site meeting with the resident.

The Clerk also received an email from a concerned parent whose child had sustained an injury from the slide. Cllr D Brooks has placed a laminated sign advising people not to use the slide and wrapped hazard tape around it. This has already been removed twice but Cllr D Brooks has replaced it each time. The Clerk had written to the parent apologising and explaining that the play equipment should be renewed in the near future.

149/19 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors

There are still 2 vacancies.

150/19 Allotments

Cllr Simpson had arranged for the grass to be cut on the allotments after the Community Payback Scheme had been unable to fulfil the request. The same contractor is happy to clear any remaining brambles from the ditch on the Village Green after the Environment Agency has completed its work. The Council agreed that this would be acceptable.

151/19 Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk had received a negative response from Highways regarding the Church Lane/Road bank. She agreed to contact Cllr Reid to see if he was able to help.

Cllr C Brooks reported an overgrown footpath between Low Road and Donkey Lane. Clerk to report.

152/19 Queen's Birthday benches

Cllr Simpson has fitted the replacement plaques.

153/19 AOB/Correspondence – as determined by the Chairman. No decisions can be made

The Clerk had received an email concerning the proximity of the pigs to the village, she will pass this on to the land agent. There was also some concern as to what happen to the footpaths on Friston Common field when the pigs are moved there. Clerk to ask.

Another email had been received regarding the dog fouling issue in the village. The Clerk had replied to her stating that the Council had put up District Council issued penalty signs and installed another dog bin. The Council agreed to take her up on the offer the free NFU signs to put up on the footpath signs when they are replaced by SCC.

154/19 Date of Next Meeting – 14th October 2019

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