



Friston Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting 14th October 2019

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

There were two members of the public also present.

157/19 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Cllr Schedrin.

158/19 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None received.

159/19 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 9th September 2019 were agreed and signed. The Clerk corrected the month of the village meeting from February to September.

160/19 Open Forum – Liz Thomas from the SASES group reported that the Village Hall committee had agreed to store the next set of the documents from SPR. The Clerk will contact SPR and arrange delivery to the Village Hall with Liz as the contact. She also alerted the Council to a Waveney document written in 2017 in which the Council's views on renewable energy are set out. Liz will forward this to the Clerk.

A member of the public also raised on behalf of other residents the treatment they had experienced from the Estate's contractor. Clerk to write to the land agent.

161/19 Report from the SASES group – The village meeting on the 13th September was a success with enthusiasm generated in the village to fight the SPR proposals. There will be another meeting towards the end of November when the planning application has been submitted and published. It is vital that as many residents and interested parties respond at this point.

SASES met with Craig Rivett and Philip Ridley of ESC and were given indication that the District Council may be becoming neutral to this application rather than against it. SASES have written to ESC to ask what has changed since phase 4.

162/19 County and District Councillor Reports - The reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and are available on the website. Cllr Bond will be attending a meeting centred around flood awareness with Matt Williams from SCC. Cllr Simpson reported that Cllr Reid had told him of a project that he was trying to raise funds for to have a comprehensive flood report done of the local area. Cllr Bond also asked whether the meeting with the resident regarding the new play equipment had taken place. Cllrs D Brooks and Simpson confirmed that they had met with the resident.

163/19 Emergency Plan and Flooding – After the recent flooding in the village, Cllr Jackson suggested that the village's emergency plan needed updating especially the appendices of which residents had equipment they were willing to lend out. Cllrs C Brooks and Jackson will work on the contact lists and the Clerk will look at other plans to see how they are organised.

The Clerk will also put a reminder in the Parish magazine to ensure that residents have basic supplies in the house for the winter as the village can become cut off in heavy snow.

164/19 Accounts - The statement of accounts and authorisation to pay had been circulated prior to the meeting. The authorisation to pay was agreed and signed with the addition of the membership fee for ESTA of £7.

165/19 Sizewell C – Cllr Caplin attended a film showing in Leiston by the Leiston Sizewell group on the reactors planned for SZC. Cllrs C Brooks and Simpson went to the TEAGS meeting in Theberton. The speaker was from Hinkley Point and described their experience with EDF energy.

166/19 Planning – None received this month.



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167/19 Speeding – Cllr Simpson will follow up with David Chennerly of Highways.

168/19 Village Parking – This has been put on hold for the time being. Clerk to investigate possible sources of funding to provide alternative car parking for the village.

169/19 Village Hall – The Village Hall Committee AGM is on Thursday. The Clerk had made contact with a solicitor through CAS who specialised in community buildings and was confident he could draft a suitable lease if needed. There would be a cost to the Council of around £1500 + VAT. The Council were keen to get the issue resolved but were mindful that the Village Hall Committee were still at an impasse with the Charities Commission. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the solicitor again to see if he was able to advise on the Committee's situation and also that she would write to both Bryan Duncan and Roberta Simpson of the Village Hall Committee to explain to keep them in the loop.

170/19 Play area – Cllr D Brooks has met with two of the companies passed on by the Clerk. He had given both a brief for the play area and will meet with the third one next week.

Cllr Jackson mentioned the dog waste bin on the Green, that it was worn and the lid was beginning to perish, and that also it was difficult to access from the road. Cllr D Brooks and Simpson will look at the possibilities of making it more accessible.

171/19 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors – There are still two vacancies on the Council.

172/19 Allotments – No update this month.

173/19 Highways & Footpaths – Cllr Simpson asked the Clerk to contact Highways regarding the Church Lane/Road bank to ask that they send an engineer out to visit the bank with him.

174/19 AOB/Correspondence – Cllr Caplin had received an email from a resident alerting him to members of the public that had worked to clear the Aldeburgh Rd footpath after recent flooding. Clerk to thank them in the next Parish magazine report.

175/19 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 2nd December 2019

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