



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 17th June 2019

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

There were two members of the public also present.

95/19 Apologies for absence – There were no apologies.

96/19 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None were received.

97/19 Minutes of the previous meeting- The minutes of the previous meeting 13th May 2019 were agreed and signed.

98/19 Open Forum – A resident raised the need for the Parish Council to be assertive towards SPR at the forthcoming meeting. He also reminded Cllrs that Peter Berry will be starting his 350 mile bike ride on his penny farthing this Sunday morning to raise awareness of early onset dementia with the support of Young Dementia. Later in the meeting it was announced that Friston Open Gardens has raised £2200 with 240 people visiting 18 gardens in the village.

99/19 Report from the SASES group – Michael Mahoney discussed the meeting being held in July with SPR, the Council and SASES. He suggested that the meeting should be SPR informing the Council and SASES what they are proposing and answering the last submission put to them. Cllr Reid added that SCC are still opposed to the development and are still working on gaining more evidence against the proposals. They are also tackling National Grid. Therese Coffey MP is trying to arrange a meeting with BEIS. She is also holding a public meeting on Friday 28th June at Sizewell Sport and Social Club – time to be confirmed.

100/19 Council meeting with SPR – This was covered in the report from the SASES group report.

101/19 County and District Councillor Reports

Reports from both the District Cllrs and County Cllr had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. The reports are also available on the Friston website.

102/19 Accounts

The statement of accounts and authorisation to pay had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to take the cost of the new dog bin and noticeboards out of CIL money. The Clerk will report this.

103/19 Internal Audit – The Clerk had circulated the internal audit from Heelis & Lodge. She had made a mistake in transposing the figures across to the AGAR sheet but had corrected them and the Chair had initialled this. There were no other issues raised in the audit. Cllr Jackson proposed that the Council accept the internal audit, this was seconded by Cllr Simpson. All agreed.

104/19 Dog fouling – Norse has fitted a new dog bin on the footpath on Mill Road. Norse had also sent the Clerk some reminder signs about picking up after your dog. These were given out to Cllrs to put on the footpath signs where appropriate.

105/19 Planning – None received this month.

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106/19 Sizewell C - No updates this month.

107/19 Village Parking - The village parking options have been put on hold by the landowner currently whilst the SPR development is still possible. Cllr Simpson will contact the landowner again to reiterate that the Council are still interesting in the parking and would like to discuss the options in further detail.

108/19 Notice Board and Village Gates - The new noticeboards can now be ordered. Cllr Simpson agreed to be the delivery address and has arranged help to fit them. They will be need to be delayed to the beginning of August.

Cllr Reid has agreed to help with the traffic calming requests, Clerk to forward all correspondence to him regarding this.

109/19 Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee have a meeting next week.

The Chair has spoken to Jayne Cole who has again promised that the lease would be with the Clerk by this week. The Clerk has also got the contact details of someone recommended by SALC who should also be able to help if necessary.

The Clerk had written a draft set of terms and conditions for the leasing of the projector and screen in the hall. It was agreed to add that the hall does not have a television licence so hirers will not be able to watch television programmes or sports matches on the screen. It was also agreed to charge £5 per hire and check the excess on the insurance and to ask for this as a deposit. The Clerk agreed to make the changes and then send the document to the VH Committee for their thoughts and suggestions.

110/19 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors – There are still two vacancies on the Council.

111/19 Allotments: The Clerk had not heard from the Community Payback scheme regarding grass cutting and hedge trimming. Clerk to chase.

112/19 Highways & Footpaths – The footpath between Low Road and Mill Road behind Chequers Row Cottages is overgrown. Clerk to report.

Cllr C Brooks raised the issue of the church path from the gate to the edge of the gravel path being uneven. The issue will be raised it at the next PCC meeting.

The footpath between Low Road and the A1094 has been ploughed up and not reinstated. Cllr Simpson will talk to the farm manager. He will also ask if it's possible for him to cut the grass at the junction of Mill Road as it is obscuring the view of oncoming traffic.

The footpath that runs parallel to Grove Road behind the properties on Grove Road is overgrown. Clerk to report to County.

The path that runs from the Village Hall to Grove Road – Church Path the surface is very uneven. Clerk to report to County.

Cllr Burch reminded Cllrs and asked the Clerk to include in the minutes that anyone can report a Highways or footpath problem at www.suffolk.gov.uk and click on the report! option.

113/19 Queen's Birthday benches – Cllr Simpson has been unable to check whether these are ready yet. He will do so as soon as he is able.

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114/19 Play area – Norse had provided a cost of £1098.50 for repairs to the play equipment. Cllr D Brooks had received a quote from Eastern Play Services for replacement items totalling £12289 including fitting.

The Council agreed that new items would make more financial sense as the report had given the repairs a 3 – 5 lifespan.

Cllr D Brooks will enquire as to who fitted Knodishall's play equipment and the Clerk will ask Halesworth and Wenhaston who supplied theirs as they are both relatively new.

The Clerk will also check the value of the sports and play pots at the District Council and the time limit for spending it. She will also take advice from SALC on installing new equipment on the Green under the terms of the current lease.

115/19 AOB/Correspondence – The Clerk had received an invitation the AGM at the Leiston and Saxmundham CAB, Cllr Caplin said he would probably be able to attend on behalf of the Council. The Baptist Church had asked whether there was a clash of events on the 13th July which meant they would be unable to use the green for parking. Cllr C Brooks thought it was also the Bowls Club Fete that day. Clerk to check with Bowls Club contact and confirm to the Baptist Church.

116/19 Date of Next Meeting – 22nd July 2019 - 7.00pm

Phillippa Welby

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