



## Friston Parish Council

### **Draft Minutes of the Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

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

There were five members of the public also present.

**117/19 Apologies for absence** – Apologies received from Cllrs Simpson and Schedrin.

**118/19 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations** – There were none.

**119/19 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were agreed and signed.

**120/19 Open Forum** – The new Assistant Curate at St Mary's introduced himself and was welcomed by the Council.

A member of the public suggested that a welcome letter for new residents would be helpful. Cllrs agreed. Cllr Jackson will find original letter for an example and the Clerk will put together an up to date one. It was suggested that these could be held in the pub and the church if permission was given. The Clerk also added that a lot of information can be found on the village website [www.friston.onesuffolk.net](http://www.friston.onesuffolk.net).

**121/19 Report from the SASES group** – Michael Mahony gave an update on recent SASES group activity. Members of the group and Council attended the Therese Coffey MP meeting at Leiston and the SPR workshop.

The SASES group has written a joint letter to SPR from the SASES group and Council in reply to the workshop. Cllrs had read the letter and agreed to the Chair signing it on behalf of the Council. There will be a village meeting, potentially on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, to bring residents up to date.

**122/19 County and District Councillor Reports** – The Clerk has circulated the reports previously. Cllr Bond asked the Council what they would like to see in the ward report. Cllrs will consider this and report back. The leader of the District Council will be conducting ward visits in August and will be available to meet Cllrs. More detail to follow.

#### **123/19 Accounts**

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

**124/19 Planning** – None received this month.

**125/19 Sizewell C** – The stage 4 consultation has begun. There are drop in sessions, see [edfenergy.com](http://edfenergy.com) for details. Planning Aid England have also organised planning sessions for Cllrs to help write a response to stage 4. The Clerk has circulated the dates for Cllrs to check.

**126/19 Village Parking**- This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**127/19 Notice Board and Village Gates** – The noticeboards are ready for delivery. The email from Highways was disappointing regarding the traffic calming measures suggested. Clerk to reply asking for clarity on the road narrowing possibilities and to share speed data.

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**128/19 Village Hall** – The Clerk suggested that she could write to SALC and ask them to put out a Countywide email to other Parish Councils asking if any of them were in a similar situation to Friston regarding the Village Hall and what their leases contained. Cllrs agreed.

The terms and conditions for the projector and screen have been updated and will be emailed to the Village Hall Committee for use when the equipment is borrowed.

The VHC had submitted a quote for the fire alarm update. There needs to be two more quotes before the Parish Council can consider it to comply with the financial regulations.

**129/19 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors** – There are still two vacancies on the Council.

**130/19 Allotments** – No updates this month.

**131/19 Highways & Footpaths** – The footpaths that were overgrown have been cut by the County Council. Cllr C Brooks reported a road sign that had been knocked over on the Snape Rd. Clerk will report. Cllrs Burch and Jackson reported that two footpaths that have not been reinstated properly. Clerk to report.

**132/19 Queen's Birthday benches** – Cllr Simpson has got the plaques and will replace.

**133/19 Play area** – It is possible for the Council to renegotiate the lease before it ends, with the other party's agreement. The Council are unable to force a renegotiation. This would mean the Council could start a new lease with new play equipment to save repairing the existing pieces and then buying new equipment when the lease is up. Cllrs agreed to allow the Clerk to explore this option with the landowners. Cllr D Brooks asked the Clerk to check on the legality of the Council investing money in equipment under a short term lease arrangement.

**134/19 AOB/Correspondence** – as determined by the Chairman. No decisions can be made – None.

**135/19 Date of Next Meeting** – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 7.00pm

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