



Friston Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting 10th February 2020

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

There were two members of the public also present.

23/20 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Simpson and Schedrin

24/20 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations - None

25/20 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 13th January 2020 were agreed and signed.

26/20 Open Forum.

The Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator has retired. If anyone is interested in taking over this role, they should contact Neighbourhood Watch directly via their website.

A member of the public reported standing water on the road into the village from Sternfield on the bend before Church Rd near to the 'The Lindens'. Clerk to report.

Another member of the public mentioned the footpaths 33 and 21 which are badly rutted. They will forward photos to the Clerk to report.

The issue of noise when the feed deliveries are made to the pigs has been dealt with directly with the contractor.

27/20 County and District Councillor Reports

A report had been received from the District Cllrs and forwarded to all Cllrs. It is also available on the Parish website. Cllr Bond reminded those present that from the 6th April the District Council will take on parking enforcement in the region rather than the Police. Cllr Bond has also asked the District Council to support the Energy Alliance letter that a number of Parish Councils signed in opposition to the energy projects planned for this region.

Cllr Bond will also support the Play Pot and Sports Pot application that Friston have made in relation to the new play equipment.

28/20 Report from the SASES group

The deadline for submissions to the Planning Inspectorate have now passed. There were around 750 submissions. The SASES group have met with Therese Coffey MP and given her a briefing note so she is up to date with all developments in the SPR projects. She will be meeting with Kwasi Kwarteng (Minister of State for business and energy) and also hoped to meet Ofgem regarding National Grid.

The Ramblers Association have also put in a submission following a recent SLAFF meeting.

The planning inspectors have made one site visit and there is another planned.

The preliminary hearing meeting will probably be held in Ipswich possibly at the end of March. It would help if as many people as possible could attend. They may be another bus organised from the village.

There has been no response from National Grid Ventures to the questions emailed to them after the meeting before Christmas. SASES are now working on a questionnaire to establish how many people will be directly affected by the project in the village.

29/20 Meeting dates

The meeting dates agreed are as follows.

23rd March – Annual Parish Meeting – invite Giles Hanglin, SASES and National Grid Ventures for an update.

4th May – Council's Annual Meeting, 15th June, 20th July, 7th September, 19th October, 30th November, 11th January 2021, 22nd February 2021 and 29th March 2021.

30/20 Play Equipment

Cllr R Brooks had a site meeting with Playquip to discuss the layout to ensure the best use of the existing safety material. The equipment should be ready in around 5 – 6 weeks with a 1 week job time.

Cllr Burch pointed out that the Village Website needed updating in regards to the play equipment. Clerk to do.



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31/20 Accounts

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

32/20 Sizewell C

No updates this month.

33/20 Planning

DC/20/0343/FUL Enlargement of first floor dormers and rendering of façade – Cherry Lodge, Aldeburgh Rd, Friston
No objections.

34/20 SALC

Cllr Simpson had circulated a short report from the last meeting at which opposition to the energy projects in the region was agreed.

35/20 Speeding

No updates this month.

36/20 Village Green and Mill Rd Dog Bins

The dog bins have still not been fitted. Clerk to chase Norse.

The sign for the Village Green was discussed and it was agreed to go for the A2 size as it was thought this would be more visible from vehicles.

37/20 Update on Vacancies for Parish Councillors

There are still two vacancies on the Council.

38/20 Allotments

The rent notices have gone out. The allotment society will be holding their annual meeting at the end of February.

39/20 Highways & Footpaths

The directional sign on the B1069 at Blackheath Corner has fallen down. Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr Jackson gave update from Martin Williams (SCC) regarding the footpaths they walked in the village.

Paths 25 & 26 – the surface is fine but the farmer has been contacted and asked to replace electric fencing signs, there is no legal duty however for them to do this.

Path 30 – this path has large deep holes in. The landowner has been asked to make good.

Path 22 – the surface is acceptable. The first field is fine. The second field will be checked to ensure the path is fully reinstated after the next cultivation.

Path 28 – the sign directing from the Aldeburgh Road between the end of Council Houses and two cottages has been knocked over. Clerk to report.

41/20 AOB/Correspondence – as determined by the Chairman. No decisions can be made

Simon Ive asked for use of the Village Green for parking for various village events – this was agreed.

Mary Shipman had sent the Clerk a link regarding the proposed alterations to the coastal footpath due to Sizewell C. Clerk to make a submission.

40/20 Village Hall

Cllr Jackson proposed that this item be held in camera due to the confidential nature of the solicitor's advice. This was seconded by Cllr Caplin.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will run the Village Hall under their local authority powers (LGA 1972 S133) as advised by the solicitor. It was agreed that the Parish Council will not become trustees of the Village Hall Management Committee Charity. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee and explain the decision.

42/20 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 23rd March 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting.