



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 8th February 2021 (held via Zoom conference)

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Caplin (in the Chair), S. Jackson, C. Brooks, M Schedrin, A Simpson and R. Brooks

In attendance: County Cllr Reid, Phillippa Welby (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

23/21 Apologies for absence – Cllr Burch

24/21 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – Cllr Simpson in respect of 29/21

25/21 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meetings 11th January and 28th January 2021 were approved.

26/21 Open Forum – A member of the public asked whether a meeting between ESC and the Parish Council had been arranged. Cllr Caplin replied he had and was waiting for the meeting invite to be sent through. It was asked whether a SASES member may also attend or that questions from SASES members be including in the meeting. Another member of the public asked Cllr Reid for SCC's strategy for Suffolk with regards to economic, social and environmental future development. He also asked that the Council consider discussing mitigation in relation to the potential SPR development with the village soon.

27/21 County and District Councillor Reports

None of the District Cllrs were able to attend this evening. The Clerk had circulated their report prior to the meeting. Cllr Reid had also submitted a report but the Clerk was yet to circulate.

A member of the public reiterated that the footpath diversions suggested by SPR were not appropriate. Cllr Reid agreed and will feed this back to the PROW team.

Another resident informed Cllr Reid that one of the hedges proposed by SPR for removal was paid for by lottery money. He asked for details to be sent to him.

In answer to the resident's question in the open forum regarding future development in Suffolk, Cllr Reid said SCC have been developing a policy to pull together how they will respond to large developments in the future.

A resident also gave thanks to all volunteers concerned and related to the C19 vaccination effort.

28/21 SASES Update – Liz Thomas gave the update on behalf of the SASES group. The group have been busy unpicking SPR's published documents. They arrive very close to the deadline dates which means the group have limited time to interpret them. The Open Floor Hearings were well attended especially by a younger demographic. The agendas for the Issue Specific Hearings 7, 8 and 9 have been published. ISH 9 is important as it is the draft DCO. Site visits by inspectors have taken place and some have been based on information given by SASES.

A member of the public warned that ESC were trying to take the responsibility for flooding away from SSC. Cllr Simpson will speak to Matt Williams the SCC flood engineer.

Another member of the public asked how the Council intend to canvass village opinion on the subject of mitigation. The Clerk suggested starting the conversation in the Swift and continuing it at Zoom meetings. Possibly small discussion groups for those not comfortable talking in a large group. There would be the opportunity for residents to write in to the Council for those not able to meet virtually. Village consultation would be bought up at the next SASES meeting.

29/21 Planning - DC/21/0359/FUL – The Council discussed the application at length and listened to members of the public who had concerns.

It was decided that although the Council had no objections to the development itself (there was some concern over the zinc roof), there was enough concern from residents about the access onto Donkey Lane that the Clerk would clarify with the Planning Officer whether this was the most appropriate entry to the property. It is necessary to determine whether this was the original vehicular access to the property.



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30/21 Village Hall – One quote for decorating had been completed and is on its way to the Clerk. Cllr Simpson has also arranged for another local decorator to give a quote. The Clerk has got the contact details for another firm to obtain a quote from. The Clerk has also asked for clarification from ESC regarding the grants received for the Hall.

31/21 Footpaths - The tree blocking the footpath from Low Rd round the Whin has been removed.

32/21 Village Sign – Cllr Haworth-Culf's husband has agreed to remove the sign to allow the carpenter to give a more accurate quote for repairs. He has also kindly agreed to move the sign forward on the green to make it more visible when it is repaired.

33/21 Highways – The Clerk was still trying to get Flagship housing to take responsibility for the hedge on Mill Road. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Reeve for clearing snow in the village. The Clerk will write a formal letter of thanks and mention it in the Swift next month.

The Clerk had started filling in the form for the sign costings for the Quiet Lanes application. Cllr Jackson and the Clerk will walk the proposed lanes to find suitable spots for signs. Once the costing is complete a public consultation will take place. The Clerk was waiting for a response from Knodishall PC regarding the shared application for Grove Rd.

34/21 Accounts – There had been an increase in the Clerk's expenses due to the invoice for the Swift being received. Cllr R Brooks will investigate the option of online banking for the paying of some invoices. Clerk to send him bank account details.

Cllr Simpson will remind those allotment holders with outstanding invoices to pay as soon as possible. Clerk to email tenant who is currently abroad.

35/21 Financial Risk Analysis – The analysis was agreed by the Council and will be signed by the Chair.

36/21 Asset Register – With the addition of 1 football goal and 1 dog bin the asset register was agreed. The Clerk will ask for advice over the inclusion of the contents of the Village Hall.

37/21 Correspondence – Thank you letters for the all the grants given this year have been received by the Clerk.

38/21 Date of Next Meeting – ~~15th March 2021~~ – **Next meeting date 22nd March – amended after meeting.**

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