



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 19th October 2020 (held via Zoom conference)

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Caplin (in the Chair), S. Jackson, C. Brooks, M Schedrin and J. Burch

In attendance: District Cllrs J Bond and TJ Haworth-Culf, County Cllr A Reid, Phillippa Welby (Clerk) and three members of the public

94/20 Apologies for absence – R Brooks. Cllr Simpson had tried to join the meeting via telephone but appeared to be unsuccessful. The Clerk will contact him to establish what the issues were.

95/20 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None.

99/20 SASES Update – This was moved to the top of the agenda to allow Michael Mahoney to attend another meeting. MM started by setting out the examination process. The preliminary hearing had taken place where the schedule of meetings was set and an explanation as to how the examination process would take place. The first round of Open Floor Hearings has also taken place, there will be two more sessions in November and early in the new year. MM thanked those residents who had spoken so far. He also stated he thought the MP Therese Coffey had also spoken well, using emotive phrases such as ‘dumped on’ to convey the strength of feeling locally. He did ask Cllr Reid to convey his disappointment in the County Council speakers, in that although they have to use balanced language, they had no strength of feeling in their statements.

The next part of the process is the written representations which need to be submitted by Monday 2nd November.

He asked that the Council state support for the SASES representations in its own representation to which the Council agreed. He will supply the Council with a summary of the written representations made by SASES.

The next set of hearings are the Issue Specific hearings which take place in early December. Anyone is able to speak at these but the emphasis is placed on consultants and those with particular expertise.

96/20 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting of the 19th September 2020 were approved.

98/20 County and District Councillor Reports

The Clerk had circulated the Cllrs reports.

Cllr Haworth-Culf thanked those members of the public that took part in the Open Floor Hearings for the SPR development. There are three new consultations in progress at East Suffolk currently. The draft Cycling and Walking Strategy, the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the draft Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) Supplementary Planning Document. Residents are encouraged to take part in these and all details can be found on the ESC website. Cllr Haworth-Culf stated that it is not known whether there will be ‘circuit-breaker’ style lockdown yet but encouraged everyone to stick to the ‘Hands, Face, Space’ guidance issued by the Government, especially when supporting our local high streets. She also urged caution if residents decide to hold home bonfire parties as no professionally organised ones are taking place. Cllr Bond also added her thanks to those residents who took part in the OFH. She asked that if residents felt there was anything the District Cllrs should add to their written representation on behalf of residents to contact them before the submission deadline.

Cllr Reid will feed back MM’s comments about the OFH to those County Council members concerned. He announced a £300000 fund set up by the Council for electric charging point in rural Suffolk. The archaeological work has started on the third crossing in Lowestoft (called the Gull Wing bridge). The County Council have rejected the SZC plans and are working with EDF to find solutions to the problems the CC have identified. There will be a change to electoral boundaries in May 2025 meaning East Suffolk will lose 2 County Cllrs. There will be a change to Cllr Reid’s area. Residents are encouraged to look at the Boundary Commissions website and take part in the consultation.

Cllr C Brooks asked whether it was possible to look at rationalising signage during roadworks. Cllr Reid asked that any incidents of poor signage be reported directly to him so he can take action.



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97/20 Open Forum – Items 101/20 and 101/25 were also discussed at this point. A member of the public present asked that the Council write to East Suffolk Environmental Health dept. to ask how they came to the conclusion that the dust and flies was not a statutory nuisance. There is no clear reasoning set out in their response emails. Cllr Haworth-Culf asked that she and Cllr Bond be copied in to any correspondence. She also reminded residents to take as many photos and videos as an evidence log.

The member of the public also reported on social distancing not being adhered to by users of the Village Hall whilst waiting outside. The Clerk had spoken to the Dance Class teacher who had in turn spoken to the parents of her pupils, reminding them of the rule of six and asking them to return to their cars whilst the class was on. The member of the public also asked whether the hall was being cleaned between users. Cllr Burch said that all Hall users agree to the new terms and conditions which stipulates that users have to 'Covid' clean before and after their bookings.

100/20 SPR written response – this was covered in the SASES update

101/20 Blackheath Farm Dust and Run Off – This was dealt with in the Open Forum.

102/20 Accounts – The Clerk had shared this month's authorisation to pay and the Council agreed the expenses with the addition of an invoice from Cllr Burch for expenses occurred whilst kitting the Village Hall out to be C19 secure.

103/20 Quiet Lanes – The idea was discussed by Cllrs and the Clerk agreed to write to QLS to put forward the possibles of Grove Rd, Mill Lane, Chases Lane, Church Rd and School Rd (although part of this is in Knodishall). Cllr Jackson reported that were continuing issues in Low Rd with residents parking in passing places and on the side of the road meaning vehicles are finding it difficult to pass. The Clerk suggested putting a reminder to 'please park considerately and for residents to use their driveways if their house possesses one' in this month's Swift newsletter. This was agreed by Cllrs.

Cllr Burch asked if it was possible to apply for 'SLOW' to be painted on the road in Mill Lane and Chases Lane. Clerk to contact Cllr Reid and bring in Cllr Simpson as he is the Cllr with responsibility for Highways.

104/20 Village Sign – Cllr Haworth-Culf's husband had looked at the village sign and agreed that he could lift it down from the post. This will then make it easier for the restorers to have a look at what work needs to be done. It still hoped that the sign can be restored rather than replaced.

105/20 Village Hall – The social distancing was dealt with in the public forum. Cllr Burch is still looking for a regular cleaner for the hall, having taken on the duties himself currently. He also bought the Council's attention to the fact the tap in the disabled toilet needs attention. Cllr C Brooks will pass on plumber's details to Cllr Burch. She also stated that her cleaner had expressed an interest in the cleaning job at the Hall and was already in Friston on a Monday so might be able to take on the hall which would fit round the Hall's current schedule. She will approach her again for a definitive answer.

106/20 Footpaths – The footpath across the Reeves field was still not clear enough to pass easily and there is now a large furrow at the graveyard end which makes traversing it difficult. Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Reeve.

107/20 Correspondence – as received by the Clerk or Councillors

The Clerk had received an email from a resident in Melton who had experienced the intricacies of opposing a large development locally and was looking to share information amongst Town and Parish Councils about planning applications that affect a wider area than the initial development. He had only recently heard about the SPR proposed development. The Council agreed to join the mailing group.

The Clerk was waiting to hear on the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday regarding wreath laying and asked if she had the Council's agreement to purchase a wreath and confirm the arrangements on their behalf. The Council agreed.

Cllr Burch had received an email regarding the Church Lane road sign which is currently pointing down Grove Rd. He has reported this several times on the SCC website but with no results so he will straighten it himself.



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108/20 Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Monday 30th November and Monday 11th January. This will be via Zoom. The Clerk will also look in to the 'half and half' style meetings where Cllrs meet in the hall (allowing those not able to take part via Zoom to attend) and the meeting is then broadcast via Zoom to members of the public.

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