



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 30th November 2020 (held via Zoom conference)

Minutes

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

In attendance: District Cllrs J Bond, County Cllr A Reid, Annette Robinson (SCC) Phillippa Welby (Clerk) and five members of the public

109/20 Apologies for absence – Cllr R Brooks

110/20 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None were received.

111/20 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 19th October 2020 were approved.

112/20 Open Forum – A member of the public thanked the Council for their input into resolving the pig field issues. There does appear to be a solution reached for the problems experienced this year. The resident has asked East Suffolk Council Environmental Health for an explanation of the criteria used when determining whether something is a nuisance. The Clerk had also written but not yet received a reply. Cllr Bond asked any correspondence to be forwarded to her so she could find out who to chase.

113/20 County and District Councillor Reports

The Report from the District Councillors had been received and circulated by the Clerk. There were no further questions for Cllr Bond.

Cllr Reid had sent his report in to the Clerk who will circulate it after the meeting. The report focuses on C19 issues with the county entering tier 2 after the 2nd December. There are details in the report of what's permitted in these restrictions. Residents can also find details on the Government website www.gov.uk/coronavirus. The third crossing in Lowestoft has had funding approved from Central Government.

Cllr Simpson reported a blocked drain on the Aldeburgh Rd – Cllr Reid asked for the works number so he can follow it up. Cllr Simpson also reported Flood warning signs left in Low Rd for 13 months and asked Cllr Reid if he could get them removed.

114/20 SASES Update – Michael Mahony gave a SASES update. The examination process has begun. This week are Issue Specific Hearings. SASES will be represented by a barrister. Michael Mahony and Chris Wheeler from the group will also be speaking. Mike Caplin will represent the Parish Council.

115/20 SPR Footpath Proposal – Annette Robinson (footpath officer from SCC) attended the meeting to hear the Council's views on the footpath proposal from Scottish Power concerning path six. During construction the proposed reroute will cross the haul road. SPR want to close this path temporarily and provide residents with an amenity field.

Cllr C Brooks joins the meeting at 19:39

There was a robust discussion of why these proposals were not acceptable from the Council and members of the SASES group. Annette Robinson stated that there were many disagreements in the Statement of Common Ground, which will probably result in further dialogue with SPR. She will feed back the Council's opinion to SPR.

116/20 Parking on the Village Green – It was agreed to allow attendees of the dance class to park on the Green facing the B1121 next to the trees to avoid them having to park on the road. This was agreed to be safer for the children exiting the cars and other road users. The Clerk will write to the Dance Teacher to inform her of the decision. Cllr Simpson agreed to meet parents on the first class back to show them where to park. This has also been cleared with Blackheath Farms. It was stressed that this was for the Dance Class parents only and that parking on the Green is not encouraged.



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117/20 Friston Swift/Parish Magazine – The Swift has received very positive feedback and the Clerk thanked residents for their time and effort in their submissions. There was a discussion on how to reach the outlying houses that weren't covered by the deliverers. Cllr Jackson suggested posting them. It was agreed to put a message on the website and in the next edition so that anyone who knew of someone not receiving it could contact the Clerk and they could receive an electronic copy.

The Parish Magazine has hopefully found a new distributor in the village. There is a worry for the future of the magazine in Friston and it was hoped that people would continue to receive it and submit information to it (as well as the Swift) as it was a useful directory for information and news in other Parishes. It was reiterated that it was not a Church magazine.

118/20 Village Hall – Cllr Burch gave an update on bookings. There are some groups that are permitted to meet in the Tier 2 restrictions. The Council agreed to having the Hall deep cleaned again before bookings start. Cllr Burch to organise. Cllr C Brooks also arranged for a cleaner to meet with him to discuss cleaning the hall regularly. The Clerk had received specifications to quote for decorating the hall. It was agreed to approach Rusty Hill, the firm who recently decorated Wenhaston Village Hall and another tradesperson that had been used to paint the play equipment. Clerk to contact Cllr R Brooks for details.

Cllr Schedrin has details of Village Hall funding that she will forward to the Clerk.

119/20 Footpaths – Cllr Jackson reported that there are many footpaths in the village that are becoming lost or unmarked. She will compile list of paths and signs for the Clerk to report.

Cllr Simpson reported that there are hedges in the village that are becoming a problem in the village, especially some down Mill Lane. Cllrs will create a list of hedges and perceived owners to send to the Clerk.

120/20 Village Sign – Cllr Simpson had rung TJ and left a message about taking the sign down. Clerk will email her a reminder.

121/20 Accounts - The Clerk had shared this month's authorisation to pay and the Council agreed the expenses.

122/20 Budget – This was to be looked at over the next month and discussed in the January meeting when the Clerk will have received the District Council's agreed tax base.

123/20 Audit – The external audit had been read and agreed by the Council. The Clerk had rectified the issue raised by the auditors. It was also proposed by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Jackson that Heelis and Lodge are appointed as the internal auditors for next year. All agreed.

124/20 Correspondence – There had been several attempted break ins in the village and one of the residents had contacted the Clerk to ask for CCTV footage for the weekend of the 14th/15th November. If any residents have any footage they are able to share, please contact the Clerk. Cllr Jackson had checked hers but it hadn't shown anything of one of the break ins in Low Rd.

125/20 Date of Next Meeting – 11th January 2021 7pm via Zoom unless Government guideline change.