



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 7th March 2022 held in Friston Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Phillippa Welby (Clerk), Cllr Mahony via Zoom and 3 members of the public

Minutes

181/22 Apologies for absence – Cllr Mahony had joined the meeting via Zoom in order to give the SASES update. All the District Cllrs and County Cllr unfortunately had other meetings this evening.

182/22 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None.

183/22 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 24th January 2022 and of the Planning Meeting 14th February 2022 were accepted as a true record.

184/22 Open Forum – A member of the public thanked Council for enabling the Village Hall to be decorated. Cllr Simpson brought up the fact that the Green Bin collection had missed a week and it would have been useful if a District Cllr was in attendance tonight to explain why. Cllr Jackson had seen on Facebook that customers would be receiving a week's credit for this.

185/22 County and District Councillor Reports Cllr Reid had submitted a written report that the Clerk had circulated before the meeting.

186/22 SASES Update – Cllr Mahony gave an update from the SASES group. SASES had given their response on flooding. SPR's position on the flood risk posed by the development is not accepted by SASES or SCC. They are working on a 1 in 30 years occurrence where as a 1 in 100 years is thought to be more appropriate. The mitigation for a 1 in 30 years occurrence is not acceptable.

There is no indication that the deadline for the decision on the 31st March will be extended.

Given the current wider political context it is difficult to see that consent will not be granted.

The concern is that the term 'coordination' will be taken to mean coordination of all other projects in the pipeline (North Falls, Five Estuaries, Nautilus) at Friston rather than the coordination of the original SPR projects. There has still been no cumulative impact assessment been completed for this.

If the projects are consented, then SASES will look at judicial review on policy non compliance and legal issues.

Both Coronation Wood (SZC) and the Vanguard project in Norfolk went to judicial review but were quashed. The developer simply addressed the issue at review.

The Offshore Transition Network Review talks about regional coordination which unfortunately leads back to combining all the projects at Friston.

The NGET project Sealink has been confirmed that it will connect at Friston which means that North Falls and Five Estuaries will most likely also. National Grid has not made a connection offer on these projects.

Cllr Mahony said that residents mustn't forget that their combined effort has made the project better than it was.

That it has improved since the original application. The village has highlighted the poor and incompetent way these projects are done.

A village meeting on the 7th April at 7pm has been scheduled for after the decision has been made. This will inform residents of the next steps and routes forward from here. It was agreed to request the presence of Local Cllrs and our MP.

Cllr Mahony and the Clerk will discuss a letter to ESC and SCC asking them to protect the community if the projects go ahead.

The Council also need to request the ASC from SPR asking what the onshore preparations will be and how they intend to carry out these works.

Signed by the Chair _____ Date _____



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187/22 Bus Shelter – The bus shelter will cost approximately £10000 for a bespoke build. This is comparable to the off the shelf ones once delivery and ground works are included. Cllr R Brooks proposed that the Council went with Cllr Simpson's design, subject to Council approval. He will draw this and send to the Clerk to circulate. This was seconded by Cllr C Brooks. All in favour.

The Clerk is still waiting for information regarding accessing the central CIL money at District Council to help fund this.

188/22 Queen's Jubilee – The Jubilee Oak Tree has been planted at the back of the church yard past the War Memorial by Cllr Simpson who is also going to continue to water it. The Clerk has the plaque and will arrange a photo opportunity for the Chair and members of the PCC to record the moment and to send to ESC.

The beacon on the Village Green will be lit on the evening of 2nd June.

On the 3rd June there is a service of Thanksgiving and on the 4th June there is a Party at the Palace. Both these events are being broadcast on television. It was suggested that people may like to come to the Village Hall and watch them on the big screen through the projector. People could bring their own nibbles and drinks. Clerk will look at the licence needed for this.

The 5th June is the Jubilee lunch and street party day. A suggestion was that people could bring their own picnic on to the Green. It was suggested that people would need a focus to bring them to the Green and that perhaps a band could be found. A suggestion was the music group that used the Village Hall to rehearse in.

A small group was really needed to bring this altogether. Clerk to put another advert in the Swift.

189/22 Footpaths – The path from the Mill is seriously overgrown and difficult to get through. Clerk to report.

190/22 Highways – The Church Path sign advising no vehicular access has been put into position. Thank you to Cllr Simpson for doing this. Hopefully this will stop any more cars attempting to drive down here.

Clerk to chase whether the ANPR camera will be deployed at Friston.

The Council asked the Clerk to check on the possibility of just the 30mph part of Mill Rd to be a Quiet Lane. Cllr C Brooks pointed out that Priory Rd Snape is a Quiet Lane but that is national speed limit. Mill Rd is part of the Suffolk Cycle route and the Sandlings Walk.

191/22 Village Hall – Cllr Shipman had received a quote from a company who had looked at alleviating the damp problem on the west side of the Hall. Two more contractors were recommended. Cllr Shipman to contact them for comparable quotes and to find past customers of the firm she had already found.

The Clerk had been contacted by someone in the village who would like to take on the cleaning regularly. The Council agreed on £12 an hour and that currently cleaning the toilets, kitchen and floors once a fortnight would be enough. The person had said they could be flexible to also include coming in on a Monday morning if the Hall had been used at a weekend and that they would also be open to increasing their hours as the Hall got more use.

Clerk to contact potential cleaner to offer rate and hours.

192/22 Talking Bench – Council has decided to site the sustainable, free of charge, ESC Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham Community Partnership's seating bench called "talking bench" at the northern end of the village green and replace an older one there. The bench is made of recyclable materials and will be easier to maintain. The idea behind the provision of a "talking bench" is that around the world it has been shown to help promote friendliness, sociable companionship and foster goodwill in an open, natural environment within local communities. We hope it will be enjoyed and made good use of when it arrives.

193/22 Allotments – There are still two plots free.

194/22 Financial Risk Assessment – The analysis was agreed by the Council and signed by the Chair.

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195/22 Annual Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – There were no update to these from NALC and no Cllrs had requested a revision to them.

196/22 Asset Register – The Council agreed the Asset Register with the addition of the No Parking and No Vehicular Access signs recently purchased. The steps to platform were removed as they were part of the old play equipment. Clerk to adjust.

197/22 Donations – It was proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr C Brooks to keep the donations to St Mary's PCC, CATS (Coastal Accessible Transport Scheme), DAS (Disability Advice Service), CAB (Leiston and Saxmundham Citizens Advice Bureau) the same as last year. All in favour. Clerk to arrange cheques.

198/22 Accounts – The authorisation to pay was agreed by the Council and the monthly accounts were signed by the Chair.

199/22 Correspondence – None.

200/22 Clerk's Salary Review – Due to the confidential nature of this is item, this was discussed In Camera without members of the public present, the Clerk also left the room.

After the Council had discussed the matter, the Clerk returned to the room and it had been agreed that the Clerk should move up one salary point and her hourly rate be bought in line with the current 21/22 pay award recently published by NALC. It was also agreed that the Clerk should have a performance review in January of each year.

201/22 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 25th April 2022

Signed by the Chair _____ Date _____