



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 9th August 2021 held in the Village Hall, Friston.

Present: Cllrs Caplin (in the Chair), S. Jackson, C. Brooks, A Simpson, M. Mahony and M. Shipman
In attendance: Phillippa Welby (Clerk) Cllrs T Daly (ESC) and T Cooper ESC. Cllr R Rainger (ESC) arriving at 7.30pm

Minutes

99/21 Apologies for absence – Cllrs R Brooks and M Schedrin.

100/21 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None.

101/21 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 28th June 2021 were accepted as a true record.

102/21 Open Forum – There were no members of the public.

103/21 County and District Councillor Reports – Cllr Cooper reported that East Suffolk Council has purchased 175 more 'Grandpads' that are available to help keep isolated people connected via video conferencing. They are easy to use and have their own Wi-Fi. Anyone who knows someone that may benefit from borrowing one of these should contact Cllr Cooper in the first instance.

Cllr Daly introduced himself as the ward's new District Councillor along with Russ Rainger. Cllr Daly represents the Green Party. He is working with the Lib Dems and independent Cllrs to try and persuade ESC off their neutral stance towards the SPR developments. He has also raised a question at full Council regarding this which will appear in the minutes.

104/21 SASES Update – Cllr Mahony gave an update on behalf of the SASES group. The examination period ended at the beginning of July. SASES have put forward a strong case against the development. This was an expensive and time consuming process and many individuals have been generous with funding and their time. The next stage is for the examiners to write a report for the Secretary of State. On the basis of this, a decision could be made on the development or extra information could be called for.

There is also an OFGEM consultation – the Offshore Transmission Network Review – SEAS and SASES will submit a joint response.

National Grid Ventures have booked the Village Hall for the end of September for an information day for residents regarding the possible development of interconnectors in Friston. They will also do an update meeting for the Council and SASES.

Cllr Shipman has been monitoring SPR communications and they appear to bear little resemblance to what is actually happening in the village and surrounding area with regards to their archaeological works or traffic movements.

The Chair read a draft letter from the Parish Council to ESC and SCC nominating Cllrs Mahony and Shipman as the point of contact for update and information regarding energy projects in the local area. These Cllrs do not have any decision making powers on behalf of the Council but should be the point of contact for the Parish Council. The Council agreed to this. Clerk to send email.

Simon Ive had written a detailed correspondence setting out the case for a village meeting in September as update to residents on the proposed energy products. The Council agreed that due to C19 and the lack of face to face meetings, people may have become disconnected from the process. It was discussed that Church may be a better choice of venue as it can hold many more than the Village Hall. Cllr Mahony suggested that the meeting could be live streamed for those that are still avoiding gatherings of people. The Church already live stream their services so hopefully this would make live streaming the meeting an easy option especially if those involved in the Church livestream were willing to help. Clerk to contact Simon Ive.

105/21 Village Hall – The painters recommended by Wenhaston had a plasterer they were able to use. The Clerk was still waiting to hear from Rusty Hill for his plastering quote. The door quotes were yet to be received.



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106/21 Footpaths – Footpath 21 is overgrown with waist high weeds. Clerk to report. The Church Path/Gove Rd footpath sign has gone missing recently. Clerk to report.

107/21 Wooden Village Sign – The Cllrs had received the quote and agreed it seemed reasonable for the amount of work involved. Cllr Cooper thought that Aldringham and Leiston had recently had new signs. Clerk to contact to compare. It was discussed that it would be preferable to keep the original as it has special significance as a resident made and carved it for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

108/21 Highways – Cllr Simpson met with a Highways representative and they have accepted responsibility for Church Path surface. This has now been marked out for some repairs to the surface.

Damage has been caused to Grove Road whilst the resurfacing works have taken place. Cllr Shipman to email the Clerk photos for her to report.

The diversion signs on the junction of Low Rd are obscuring visibility at the junction. Clerk to report.

The Clerk had received a quote for £1200 - £1500 to replace the 'Friston' sign at the village entrance from Sternfield. The Council agreed that now the sign had been painted this was not necessary at this time.

Cllr Simpson also reported on an ANPR machine that could be loaned from SCC to the village for a short while. This is a joint initiative between Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police and focused on education rather than punishment. The camera records number plates of speeding drivers. A letter is then generated informing the drivers that they have been caught speeding. Cllrs agreed that this would be a useful tool in combating speeding vehicles in the village. Clerk to apply.

109/21 Accounts – These were proposed for payment by Cllr Simpson and seconded by Cllr Jackson. All in favour. The Clerk had also received a reminder that the rent for the Village Green was due.

110/21 Grant Request – The Council unanimously did not agree to Southwold Summer Theatre's request for free ticket sponsorship for school children.

The Council were still considering the grant to Knodishall Playgroup and had some further questions for them. Clerk to email.

111/21 External Audit – The Clerk was still waiting for the external audit to be returned.

112/21 Planning - DC/21/3377/FUL - Create bedroom and bathroom above existing Studio. Form new solar roof on 'lean to' to rear of main building - Marsh Cottage , Aldeburgh Road, Friston – There were no objections to this application.

113/21 Defibrillator – The defibrillator had been taken from the phone box to be used in an incident but was not needed. Cllr Jackson asked that a reminder be put in the Swift to contact her if the defibrillator is removed, even if it is not used. She has to check everything is order and report it to the Ambulance Service to recommission it.

114/21 Correspondence – as received by the Clerk or Councillors – none received.

115/21 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 20th September 2021