



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 1st November 2021 held in the Village Hall, Friston.

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

In attendance: Phillippa Welby (Clerk) Cllr T Daly, Cllr R Rainger (ESC), Cllr A Reid (SCC) and 2 members of the public

Minutes

132/21 Apologies for absence – Cllr R Brooks

133/21 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations - None

134/21 Minutes of the previous meeting: The Clerk had corrected the minutes to reflect Cllr Schedrin had given apologies for the September meeting. Cllr Mahony revisited his question to Cllr Reid about the fire at the interconnector in Kent and whether Suffolk Fire and Rescue would be able to get 12 engines to Friston. Cllr Reid was positive this would be possible and cited two examples of large fires in Ipswich and Parham airfield that were attended by 12 and 14 engines.

135/21 Open Forum – A member of the public gave details of the Remembrance Service at Friston and invited Cllrs to attend. He also reminded Cllrs of the cost of maintaining the Churchyard and hoped that this would be remembered when the Council agreed their donations for the year.

136/21 County and District Councillor Reports – Cllr Reid had circulated a report prior to the meeting but will send an updated one. The independent review undertaken by Lincolnshire County Council into the Special Educational Needs department has been published. An action plan has been put into place to improve the way families are dealt with. Work has started on replacing 43000 Suffolk County Council maintained street lights in Suffolk with LED lights. The new archive The Hold has opened in Ipswich. Suffolk is now an ERA (enhanced response area) due to rising Covid 19 infections. This is a five week programme with funding from Central Government. SCC have responded to the National Grid Ventures consultation. Both Cllrs Shipman and Mahony picked up on the omissions included in the SCC and ESC responses, especially the southern cable route and the possible positioning for the converter stations which would mean Friston would be encircled by industry. Cllr Reid agreed to take back those details to SCC.

ESC and SCC have various consultations currently including an HGV survey and cycling and walking one. Cllr Mahony asked how these consultations fitted in with the ESC stance of neutrality towards the proposed energy projects. Cllr Rainger advised to use these consultations to Friston's advantage and highlight these issues. Cllr Daly gave a short update on District Council projects.

137/21 SASES Update – SASES and the Parish Council both responded to the non statutory consultation from National Grid Ventures. They have requested that ESC and SCC both put in a submission to the Secretary of State for a cumulative impact assessment.

138/21 Village Hall – Clerk to contact the booking Clerk in regards to the cleaner.

139/21 Footpaths – Church Path was discussed under this item. Cllr Shipman has contacted the Footpaths Officer at SCC to confirm what the Parish Council are able to do in respect of putting a post on Church Path and a sign to warn vehicles that it is not suitable. Cllr Simpson will get prices for 6' wooden post. Clerk to get a price for a 'not suitable for vehicles' sign.

140/21 Highways – A member of the public raised the issue of the verges being destroyed along Mill Rd and that the footpath between Donkey Lane and Mill Rd is very overgrown. Clerk to report.

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Cllr Shipman will contact Joanna Young from SPR regarding the state of the footpaths in the north of the village after SPR have completed their investigations.

Cllr Mahoney asked that the erosion of verges by HGV and farm machinery on the Sternfield Rd be included in the HGV survey. Clerk to complete.

141/21 Village Green – The recent safety inspection highlighted one minor issue with a bench which Cllr R Brooks and Simpson will attend to.

142/21 Accounts – The only late addition to the authorisation to pay was the invoice from Hetty's Little Copy Shop for the November Swift.

143/21 External Audit – The Clerk had circulated the External Audit with an explanation of the two points contained within it. The first point was a repeat of the issue highlighted in the Internal Audit of the wrong notice of public rights being published on the website. The Clerk had corrected this at the time. The second point was the Internal Auditors were dissatisfied with the Clerk's explanation of variance. The Clerk had provided more detail. The Council accepted the External Audit report and this has been published on the website.

144/21 Defibrillator – The training events are £175 plus VAT. It was agreed that it was important that residents knew where the defibrillator was located and the Clerk agreed to put an advert in the Swift.

145/21 Correspondence – as received by the Clerk or Councillors – the consultation received by the Clerk were dealt with at other points in the meeting.

Cllr Simpson also reported that the village sign has been collected by the carpenter.

146/21 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 13th December 2021

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