



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 13th December 2021 held in the Village Hall, Friston.

Present: Cllrs S. Jackson (in the Chair), C. Brooks, M. Schedrin, A Simpson, M. Mahony and M. Shipman
In attendance: Cllr T Daly (ESC), Phillippa Welby (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

Minutes

147/21 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from R. Brooks and M. Caplin

148/21 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – Cllr M Shipman stated that she had put in submissions regarding the bus shelter before becoming a Cllr, when it had been previously discussed at Council meetings.

149/21 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting of the 1st November 2021 were accepted as a true record.

150/21 Open Forum – A member of the public asked whether other agencies and organisations read the submissions from Friston villagers regarding the potential SPR development. He was interested to know whether they were aware of psychological effects of the development on Friston and loss of amenities. Cllr Daly said as a Green Party member he had read all the submissions and would ask officers at ESC if they were being read there. The member of the public was concerned that the message of Friston being damaged as a community was not getting through and the ability of the village to sustain itself if the development goes ahead. A community fund was not just the answer. Cllr Mahony asked whether anyone from the District Council was extracting the main issues out of the submissions so they can be addressed. Cllr Daly offered to follow up on this. Another member of the public asked whether the Council would consider writing to the RSPB regarding the bird population under threat at Friston from the potential SPR development. The RSPB are in strong opposition to the recently approved Boreas windfarm. The Council agreed.

151/21 Knodishall Playgroup – The manager of the trustees at Knodishall and District Playgroup gave a history of the playgroup and an outline of what the project hopes to achieve. As there are currently no children from Friston attending the playgroup the Council cannot give a grant currently but are happy to be contacted in the future when the project is underway.

152/21 County and District Councillor Reports - Only Cllr Daly was attending the meeting. He informed the Council about the approach by NVG to landowners for walkovers and archaeological surveys. Cllr Mahony was already aware of this. Cllr Daly also had details of approaches made by NGET for Sealink One for the same purposes. The SASES group were not aware of this and Cllr Daly will forward the details to Cllr Mahony. These are two other energy projects for this area that will add to the cumulative impact not taken into account by SPR and the District Council. Clerk to write to District Council to ensure that Cllrs Mahony and Shipman are being kept up to date regarding meetings.

Also it was agreed that 'update regarding SPR from District and County Cllrs' will be on the agenda each meeting to prompt discussion.

Cllr Mahony also raised the issue of large powerful rib boats using the River Alde without regulation. Cllr Daly will ask questions at District level regarding this.

153/21 Planning Application - DC/21/5113/FUL - Extension of an existing shed to form housing for plant, equipment and storage. Marsh Cottage, Aldeburgh Road, Friston – The Council had no objections to the planning application but the Clerk will ask that the PROW team's comments regarding the footpath on the land are taken into account.

154/21 SASES Update – The Secretary of State had asked for questions on flooding – river and surface flooding that SASES had responded to. SPR has not appeared to consider surface water flooding but after this round of submissions they appear to have changed their statement. SASES have the right to respond but have received no timetable for this. The group are also hoping to hear regarding the timetable for the 6th January decision.



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SASES also hosted a BEIS official with SEAS and showed them the development site at Friston. It was a worthwhile visit but the influence may be limited.

As mentioned the Boreas project has been approved but the RSPB may appeal on the grounds of the effects on offshore ornithology. The Boreas project is different to Friston as although the cable route is long, it connects to an existing substation by the A47 with good transport links unlike Friston.

155/21 Bus Shelter – Cllr C Brooks raised the request she had received from a family for a bus shelter on the Green side of the road as the children waiting for the bus in the morning are having to wait in the bad weather and are quite often arriving to school with wet clothes. It was agreed that Cllr Simpson and Cllr R Brooks who had previously looked at bus shelters will put together a proposal with costs and designs for January's meeting.

156/21 Footpaths – Cllr Shipman has had no response from SCC regarding footpaths and SPR. Cllr Simpson reported that on path 28 the bank had collapsed. Cllrs Shipman and Jackson to walk this and document the issues.

157/21 Highways – There was a proposal from Cllr C Brooks that an oak post be purchased and put at the Grove Rd end of Church Path. This will include a sign saying 'Church Path No vehicular access' this will be made reflective. This was seconded by Cllr Shipman. All in favour. The Cllrs hoped that this would be enough to stop vehicles getting down the path and ending up in the ditch. The post will be offset to allow buggies, wheelchairs and pedestrians to access the path but not vehicles.

Cllr Simpson to order the oak post and Clerk to order the sign.

158/21 Village Hall – The hall is still on track to be decorated in January with the new doors to also be fitted. Cllr Jackson will liaise with the decorators to agree a grey for the bottom half of the walls. There will also be a Committee meeting in the New Year to look at marketing the hall. It is hoped that residents will volunteer to join the Committee.

A member of the public asked for the emergency numbers to be updated and also displayed in the noticeboard – Clerk to do.

159/21 Accounts – The only bill for payment was the Clerk's expenses. The bill for the printing of the Swift is being paid directly by the resident kindly funding it.

160/21 Budget – The Clerk had circulated the budget prior to the meeting. Cllrs agreed the amounts put forward. The Council does have sizeable reserves due to the Covid support grants received from ESC for underpinning the Village Hall whilst in lockdown.

161/21 Allotments – Cllr Jackson and the Clerk signed three new contracts for the allotment holders. There are currently vacant plots. Clerk to advertise in the Swift.

162/21 Correspondence – as received by the Clerk or Councillors – The Clerk had received an email from ESC about applying for an English Oak tree for the village to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. As the Council has no land of its own this is not likely to be possible. Clerk to contact the PCC to see if they are aware of the offer.

163/21 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 24th January 2021

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