



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 20th September 2021 held in the Village Hall, Friston.

Present: Cllrs Caplin (in the Chair), C. Brooks, A Simpson, M. Mahony and M. Shipman
In attendance: Phillippa Welby (Clerk) Cllr R Rainger (ESC) and 3 members of the public

Minutes

116/21 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Jackson and R Brooks

117/21 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None received.

118/21 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting 9th August 2021 were approved with one change to the price of the sign as noted by Cllr Simpson. Clerk to alter.

119/21 Open Forum – A member of the public asked that his correspondence be brought up under Highways.

120/21 County and District Councillor Reports Cllr Reid had given his apologies and circulated a report prior to the meeting. Part of his report referred to the new Chief Fire Officer and Cllr Mahony wanted to ask Cllr Reid what he thought he would make of the interconnector fire at Sellindge in Kent that required the attendance of 12 fire engines and whether 12 fire engines would be able to attend if a similar fire happened in Friston if the NGV interconnectors were built.

Cllr Simpson asked Cllr Rainger whether there had been much push back regarding the change to the green bins. Cllr Rainger said there had been some confusion in the start but the message was if the waste was from your kitchen e.g. vegetable peelings then it can't go in the green bin. There is a potential issue of cross contamination with even uncooked food that has been processed in the kitchen.

121/21 SASES Update – National Grid Ventures has started informal consultation. A briefing note has been delivered to all houses in Friston. There have been significant changes to the original briefing. The converter station sites have moved away from the village. There is a new site south east of Hurts Hall in Saxmundham. There are three possible cable routes, one of which goes south of the village meaning Friston will essentially be encircled if the SPR development goes ahead. At the webinar last week, the question of whether the NVG projects will go ahead if the SPR ones are not granted planning permission was asked, with the answer of possibly not they do have other options.

There is an information event on the 29th September in the Village Hall in Friston from 10am – 2pm hosted by NGV. SASES have requested a meeting with Martin Moran from NGV.

There will be a community meeting in the Village Hall on the 27th September at 6.30pm. This will be the first chance to meet as village since the pandemic to get an update on the energy projects. You can also join by Zoom. There will be leaflet delivered to every house in Friston with more details. It is hoped that people will write to BEIS, energy minister, our MP, Richard Rout and Craig Rivett regarding the cumulative effect on Friston.

122/21 Village Hall – It was agreed that the Clerk should check the availability of the decorators as the prices were so similar. Ideally the work should be done in January when in theory the hall will be less busy.

The Council agreed to go with the Holmes Glazing quote for the front doors and hope that the decorating and front doors can be done at similar time.

The Clerk had arranged for a new key safe to replace the less secure one that was previously there. Thank you to Ian Shipman for fitting it.

123/21 Footpaths – Cllr Shipman reported that both footpath 17 and 13/15 were difficult to walk on due to cropping. Clerk to report to SCC.

124/21 Wooden Village Sign – Cllr Simpson proposed that the Council accept the quote from the sign writer and carpenter to restore the wooden village sign and make it double sided. This was seconded by Cllr Mahony. All in favour. Clerk to contact. When the sign has been restored the Council will explore moving it forwards to a more prominent position.



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125/21 Highways – Cllr Simpson asked that the Highways engineer who he had a site meeting with be contacted to thank him for the work done so far in the village.

The Clerk reported that the application for the mobile ANPR machine had been received and Friston were on the list for site checking.

A member of the public raised the problem of cars attempting to drive down Church Path. The Council agreed to explore the option of barriers rather than signage. Clerk to contact Highways engineer for advice.

Clerk to also write to Best of Suffolk asking that they advise their holiday let owners to provide clearer instructions to access holiday properties situated on Church Path.

126/21 Accounts – The accounts were accepted by the Council. Cllr Mahony asked if the Clerk could provide a monthly total for the spreadsheet.

127/21 Grant Request – The Council were sympathetic to Knodishall Playgroup's request for a grant but would still like more information, the Clerk was instructed to invite the spokesperson to a meeting.

128/21 External Audit – The Clerk was still waiting for the external audit to be returned.

129/21 Defibrillator – Cllr Jackson had reported that the defibrillator had been deployed again but thankfully not used. It has been checked by her and recommissioned by the Ambulance Service. Residents are reminded to ring Cllr Jackson if the defibrillator is taken from the cabinet, even if it is not used.

130/21 Correspondence – as received by the Clerk or Councillors – This was dealt with under Highways.

131/21 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 1st November 2021