



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 9th January 2023 held in Friston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs M Caplin (in the Chair), M Mahony, R Brooks, A. Simpson, C Brooks and M. Shipman
In attendance: Cllr T Daly (ESC), Phillippa Welby (Clerk), Ruby Shepperson and Sian Watson
(Reclaim the Rain) and 4 members of the public

Minutes

1/23 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Carlaw, Jackson and Schedrin.

2/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations – None.

3/23 Minutes of the previous meeting: With the addition of Cllr Schedrin in the attendees the minutes were approved.

4/23 Open Forum – There was a request for a possible village archive in the Village Hall. The Clerk will look at the fire proof filing cabinet to see whether this could be utilised.
A member of the public gave figures for the upkeep of the Churchyard in relation to the donation from the Council. There was also a report of an obstruction on Low Road which could be dangerous to pedestrians. The member of the public will take photos to send to the Clerk to report.
There was a request that the Council include safety on Mill Road and the potential loss of the footpath in the discussion on the planning application for DC/22/4829/FUL.

5/23 Reclaim the Rain – Sian and Ruby gave a short background to the project and update. There will be another drop in session on the 30th January in the evening for anyone who was unable to attend the daytime one or has more questions for the team. The survey that went out with the Swift is open until the 18th January.
Cllr Mahony asked how the project will work if the SPR development is built. The team are keeping themselves in the loop with developments and it might be that plans will alter if this is the case.

6/23 County and District Councillor Reports Cllr Reid had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Cllr Mahony asked if it would be possible to hear more about devolution. Cllr C Brooks suggested this might be a good topic for the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to arrange.
Cllr Daly reported on the housing strategy review being undertaken. There are an estimated 1000 empty properties in East Suffolk and 6000 second homes. ESC has been awarded £275 million as part of the shared prosperity fund to boost high streets and work on levelling up.

7/23 Energy projects update – The judicial review was refused on all six grounds. SASES were disappointed with the decision and the overall quality of the judgement. The group are now seeking leave to appeal from the Court of Appeal. The deadline for this is the 17th January.
Thanks to Cllr Shipman on the submission for the non statutory consultation for Sea Link, Euro Link and Nautilus projects. There will now be a statutory consultation in the summer.
Cllr Daly is putting forward a proposal at ESC to push for a rethink on the energy projects in the area in relation to the holistic approach.
Cllr Mahony asked that Cllr Daly feedback SPR's woeful communications with local communities.
Clerk to send Naomi Goold's report round as it was received too late for this meeting.

8/23 Planning applications - DC/22/4829/FUL – Erection of new dwelling, Land at Mill Road – The Parish Council have the following objections to this application. There is a possibility of the footpath (which is part of the Sandlings Walk) being obstructed.

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There is the setting of the listed Post Mill to consider. The house is set back from the building line on Mill Road which will enable the new building to look directly into the gardens of many of the houses on Mill Road. A four bedroom house is too large for the plot, with parking for three cars tight, this will impact the footpath.

DC/22/4755/FUL – *To place 20 solar panels on a ground mounted system (low rise), in the garden, within 5 metres of the boundary. To connect to a battery storage system to be placed in the garage. The Cider House, 82 Mill Road, Friston.* The Council have no objections to this application on the proviso that the Environmental Protection team at ESC were satisfied that there would be no noise concerns and that English Heritage have no concerns to their proximity to the listed Post Mill.

9/23 Footpaths – Clerk still to send open letter to landowners etc.

10/23 Highways – Cllr Mahony raised the state of Church Lane/Road. Cllr Simpson thought that the holes would not be big enough to be thought as in need of repair.

Cllr C Brooks raised the edges of Chases Lane. A member of the public will take photos for the Clerk.

11/23 Village Green – The Clerk had received an email regarding the parking for Classics on the Green. Cllr Simpson suggested going to Leiston Plant Hire as they have been known to hire cones in the past and even lent them for free for village events. The Clerk explained that to have an officially accredited volunteer to close a road definitely involves a resident attending a course at a cost to the village but was not sure if this applied to cones.

12/23 Bus Shelter – Cllr Carlaw was absent with any other possible quotes.

13/23 Village Hall – There is a committee meeting on Wednesday 11th January.

14/23 Village Sign – Cllr Shipman to contact LST again.

15/23 Allotments – the bills are ready to send and there are still two allotments free currently.

16/23 Donations – It was decided to deal with the donations at the budget meeting.

17/23 Accounts – The Clerk will take advice from SALC on homeworking allowance.

18/23 Correspondence – This was dealt with under 11/23.

19/23 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 23rd January 2023, 20th February 2023

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