



## Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 held in Friston Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Cllr A Reid (SCC), Cllr R Rainger(ESC), Phillippa Welby (Clerk),  
and 4 members of the public

### Minutes

28/23 Apologies for absence – received from Cllr Schedrin.

29/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations Cllr Carlaw for planning application DC/23/0359/FUL and Cllr Simpson for planning application DC/23/0284/FUL. Non pecuniary dispensations.

30/23 Minutes of the previous meeting: Cllr Mahony asked that the following corrections be made to the 9<sup>th</sup> January. That 'recommend approval' be changed to 'no objections' in regards to planning applications and that the reference to the judgement be changed to 'disappointed with the decision and quality of the judgement'.

The Chair signed the minutes from the 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

31/23 Open Forum – a member of the public thanked the Council for the Quiet Lane signs that have been put up in the village on Church Rd and Grove Rd. It was also asked whether anything was planned for the Coronation and whether funding was available. Council to discuss.

32/23 Cllr Reid will send his monthly report to the Clerk to circulate. He reported that SCC were planning to give the CAB more money in grants due to the higher number of people asking for help in the cost of living crisis. SCC have also kept the Fire and Rescue budget the same as last year. The consultation for the devolution deal will take place in the summer. Cllr Mahony asked questions regarding the Policing newsletter that had been circulated which mentioned shed and outbuilding thefts in one of the articles. He knew of shed thefts that had occurred in Friston and thought it would be of interest to Cllrs and residents if a representative from the Police could attend a Council meeting. The Clerk agreed to contact PC Simon Green and ask whether it was possible for someone to talk to the Council regarding this.

Cllr Rainger gave details of grants for Warm Rooms and Community Pantries. He also reported on details of the East Suffolk in Bloom project which allows communities to apply for 500 narcissus bulbs. Clerk to apply.

33/23 Planning - to consider the following planning applications:

DC/23/0284/FUL Single storey extension to the front elevation of the property to include entrance and utility/garden room, 8 The Meadows – The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

DC/23/0359/FUL Addition of porch, extension and modernisation of kitchen. New windows and doors to porch and extension, Peacehaven Donkey Lane - The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

34/23 Energy projects update – SASES are still waiting to hear from the Court of Appeal for the decision as to whether they have been granted leave to appeal. SEAS have permission for a judicial review which will most probably be at the end of May.

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There has been no contact or engagement from Scottish Power Renewables. A new Community Liaison Officer has been appointed and a request for a meeting has been made.

There was no update from Naomi Goad (ESC) this month. Clerk to request.

SASES have also written to the Minister of Energy Security and Net Zero – Graham Stewart to highlight the waste of tax payers money giving a grant to National Grid for a coordination project.

SASES will be looking to ensure Friston has a direct benefit if the projects go ahead as it is the community that suffers permanent change.

35/23 Footpaths – Cllr Shipman reported the footpath sign has fallen over pointing to footpath 4 – Clerk to report.

Cllr Jackson report that the paths have not been reinstated on Friston Common Field. Clerk to report.

Also the footpaths in the field in front of the wind turbine have also not been reinstated. Clerk to check numbers and report.

36/23 Highways – The surface of Church Rd is breaking up. Clerk to take photos of this and other problems to report to Highways.

Cllrs Simpson and R Brooks have installed all the Quiet Lane signs.

37/23 Village Green – No updates on the Green. The Environment Agency have done some work on clearing from the culvert to the ditch.

38/23 Bus Shelter – Cllr Carlaw had requested a quote from Glasdon for a readymade bus shelter. This was around £15000 including groundworks and VAT. Cllrs decided to leave this project until an alternative source of funding can be found.

39/23 Village Hall – Liz Thomas from the Village Hall committee gave an update as to the marketing project that was being undertaken. A group of residents had dressed the Village Hall for various functions and a professional photographer had taken photos that can now be used to advertise the Hall. Mrs Thomas is currently waiting for the photos from the photographer. These will also be used on the standalone website that is being developed for the Hall.

Easyfundraising is now live for the Village Hall. This is an online fundraiser that gives donations as you shop online. There is an advert in the Swift directing people to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

The broken wall water heater in the ladies toilets has been reported to a plumber who should be here within two weeks.

40/23 Village Sign – Cllr Shipman will again to contact LST regarding the sign. Cllr Carlaw also has a possible contact to try.

41/23 Allotments – there is allotment society meeting on Saturday. There is someone ready to take on the recently vacated plot. This leaves two plots still vacant.

42/23 Budget – the Clerk had split the budget out for the Village Hall and general Council expenditure. The coming year will see the Council using some of its reserves to cover the costs incurred by the Village Hall. Cllr Mahony proposed that the budget was accepted on the basis that the Council would increase the precept next year to cover Council expenditure fully rather than use reserves and that the Village Hall finances will monitored going forward. This was seconded by Cllr Jackson, all in favour.

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43/Asset Register – the Clerk had circulated the Asset Register for checking and with the addition of the Talking Bench at a zero value it was agreed.

The Clerk also went through the update to the Financial Regulations regarding contact finding. There were also no changes to the Standing Orders to be made.

44/23 Consideration of Donation to Leiston Library – Cllrs agreed to a £50 to Leiston Library (S137 LGA 1972). The Clerk will also put the details of the mobile library in the Swift.

45/23 Accounts – Statement of Accounts, Authorisation to Pay – Cllr R Brooks made the Clerk aware that Ipswich Building Society had changed its name to Suffolk Building Society.

46/23 Correspondence – The Clerk had received nomination papers from ESC for the forthcoming Parish Council elections. If anyone is interested in standing they can contact the Clerk for papers (although she only has a limited supply) or download them from the ESC website.

47/23 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> March – Planning Meeting  
3rd April Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting.

Signature of Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_