



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council meeting on the 3rd April 2023 held in Friston Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Phillippa Welby (Clerk) and 9 members of the public

Minutes

1/23 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Jackson and Mahony

2/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations - None

3/23 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meetings 20th February and the Planning Meeting 6th February 2023 were approved and signed.

4/23 Open Forum – A member of the public read an email from the owners of a cottage in the village whose resident had been involved in antisocial behaviour. The owner apologised for the inconvenience and asked that anyone whose property had been damaged to contact them. Another member of the public raised the short notice webinar that was taking place on Thursday regarding Community Benefit Schemes from major infrastructure projects. She was worried that the Parish may lose out due to lack of information and knowledge. Cllr Shipman would be attending the webinar and SASES would meet to then discuss details.

5/23 County and District Councillor Reports The Clerk had received a report from the County Cllr which she had circulated and would put on the Council website. There was nothing from the District Cllrs as it was the pre election period.

6/23 Energy projects update – Cllr Shipman had already given a SASES update at the Annual Parish Meeting.

7/23 Planning –

DC/22/4829/FUL Erection of new dwelling - Mill Rd – it appeared from the documents that had been submitted that a hedge was to be removed. Having checked the Land Registry it appears that the land and hedge belongs to Flagship Housing not SCC Highways. Clerk to write to Planning Officer.

DC/23/0721/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replace windows with metal casements to match existing. Replace doors with new timber painted. Fit new black cast gutters. Replace timber partition with brick wall in new position. Replace floating chipboard floor. Friston Hall Farm , Saxmundham Road – The Council had no objections to this application.

8/23 Village Green – The Clerk will approach RAW Consortium (used at Halesworth) for a quote to refurbish two wooden benches and to anchor the ‘talking bench’.

9/23 Footpaths – Cllr Shipman will take photos of the footpath sign opposite the Chequers for the Clerk to report to SCC Highways. If there are anymore broken or missing signs, it always helps to have a photo of the broken sign or empty space when reporting one to SCC Highways.



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10/23 Highways – Cllr R Brooks asked that the Clerk gave details on how to report potholes directly to Highways in the Swift.

11/23 Village Hall – The new purpose built website for the Village Hall (Friston Village Venue) is nearing completion. The Clerk is meeting with the Booking Clerk and designer to finalise the details. The Council had been asked that the Village Hall be rent free for a Coronation event that was being planned. This was agreed (despite the cost to the Parish Council for the utilities) for this one off historic event. Thanks to Marie Szpak to organising the event and Cllr Carlaw for helping with the streaming of the Coronation. There will be more details in May's Swift.

12/23 Village Sign – Cllr Simpson and the contractor had agreed on the 11th April for moving the sign. The question of what to do with the old one was raised. It would be appropriate to find it a home in the village.

13/23 Allotments – There are still two free allotments if anyone is interested in renting one.

14/23 Accounts – The Clerk had added the Village Hall cleaning to the statement to pay. It was discussed changing the Clerk's wages to monthly from quarterly. This was agreed by Cllrs. Clerk to change the standing order with the bank.

15/23 Correspondence – None

16/23 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **8th May** Annual Meeting of the Council followed by Parish Council meeting.