



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall, Friston on the 11th September 2023.

There were present: Cllrs S Jackson, M Schedrin, M Shipman, C Slack and M Mahony (in the Chair).

In attendance: P Welby (Parish Clerk), Cllr T Daly (ESC) and 2 members of the public.

Minutes

76/23 Apologies for absence – Cllr P Carlaw

77/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations - None

78/23 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 31st July 2023 were agreed.

79/23 Open Forum – A member of the public thanked the Council for the paragraph in the Swift regarding parking on the Green.

80/23 County Councillor Reports – Cllr Reid was not at the meeting but had circulated a report prior to the meeting. The Council had met with Cllr Reid to discuss various issues within the village and he is now meeting with the appropriate officers to follow up. Cllr Mahony asked that the actions from the meeting be an agenda item.

81/23 District Councillor Reports – Cllr Daly drew the Council's attention to the Community Hub grant. The Clerk is already pursuing this for the improvements to the Village Hall. She also thanked him for the grant from the Enabling Communities Budget that covered the cost of the new crockery and kettles for the Village Hall.

82/23 County and District Councillor – Energy projects update (EA1N, EA2, SZC, National Grid) – Cllr Shipman reported to Cllr Daly the issues she and the Clerk had experienced with the Planning portal alert system. Various applications had been missed including one with a traffic plan for Grove Rd as an HGV route. Cllr Shipman managed to comment on the application but this was not a helpful situation as it is impossible to check the portal daily and the email alerts can not be relied on. The Parish Council need to be consulted proactively. Cllr Daly will feed this back.

Cllr Mahony asked that ESC send a letter of support for a single process for the three interconnector applications. Cllr Daly will chase Naomi Goold re: letter.

Cllr Mahony will submit a question on behalf of the Council at the full ESC Council meeting asking for support in a single process.

83/23 Co-option – To vote on the co-option of Wendy Ireland – This was deferred to the next meeting as Mrs Ireland was unable to attend this evening.

84/23 Planning - The Council discussed DC23/0023/FUL Use of no. 4 Hazelwood Hall Cottages for short-term lets, business tourism and holiday accommodation - 4 Hazlewood Hall Cottages, Aldeburgh Road, Friston. The Council discussed the application and decided that this may be the first of many applications to take advantage of the energy projects and workforce that will be looking to stay locally. The Council discussed how this would take holiday properties out of the tourist sector and be damaging to this industry already under threat by the energy projects and therefore Council would not support this application.



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85/23 Energy projects update – Cllrs Carlaw and Jackson will attend the AEPA meeting on the 4th October. Cllr Mahony is attending from SASES. Cllr Mahony will also be attending a Community Benefits workshop on the 21st September. No agenda has been received for this yet.

86/23 Reports from other meetings – None this month.

87/23 Reclaim the Rain – Cllr Shipman reported that there is some frustration in the village that the proposals are not taking shape quick enough. She has fed this back to Sian and Ruby at RtR. They have promised a meeting soon to put forward ideas.

88/23 Village Green – The new recycled plastic bench is now in situ on the Village Green, thank you to Cllr Jackson for being on site to liaise with the driver. The Community Payback scheme will not take away any waste from site. Cllr Shipman will ask Pat Donnelly if he would be prepared to take it. He will also be cutting the Green this week if the weather stays dry.

89/23 Footpaths – Cllr Jackson had put together a list of footpaths that have not been put back after harvest etc. She will get photos and send them to the Clerk to report. The Clerk will also contact Blackheath Farms regarding Friston Common field which is covered in turf with no paths marked out.

90/23 Highways – The Council agreed that the Clerk could get prices for the village gateways for each end of the village to draw driver's attention to the start of the 30mph zone. They also agreed to support the 20's plenty For Suffolk campaign which is asking to move the speed limit in urban and rural residential areas where people and traffic mix to 20mph.

91/23 Village Hall – The committee had put forward the idea of an a lock on the internal door of the Hall for added security. The Council agreed to pay the quote put forward by Barry Smith plus the lock and key safe. The new crockery and kettles had arrived and the Clerk will bring to Friston on Thursday.

92/23 Allotments – The remaining long grass will be cut this week.

93/23 Accounts – These were agreed by the Council. The Clerk will look at getting the Village Hall valued for insurance purposes.

94/23 Correspondence – An email had been received from the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance asking for Friston to put their signature on a letter to Minister Bowie from the Dept. of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Council agreed.

95/23 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 16th October 2023