



## Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall, Friston on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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

In attendance: P Welby (Parish Clerk), Cllr Sarah Whitelock (ESC) and 7 members of the public.

### Minutes

**01/24 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Schedrin and Cllr Reid (SCC)

**02/24 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations** - None

**03/24 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were agreed and signed.

Cllr Ireland will contact the PCSO re: arranging a meeting.

Still waiting for a flooding protocol from Cllr Reid (SCC)

**04/24 Open Forum** – A resident reported on the two recent funerals. One had considerable parking on the Green. Cllr Mahony stated that the Green lease was up for renewal this year and that the Council would ideally like to add to the conditions of lease.

Another resident requested copies of the agenda for the public attending the meeting. Clerk to print more copies.

The issue of dog mess in the village was raised and problem areas identified. Clerk to put article in Swift.

Cllr Jackson and Ireland to discuss NFU signs and possible approaches to holiday lets.

**05/24 County Councillor Reports** Cllr Reid had sent his report in prior to the meeting which the Clerk had circulated. Cllr Whitelock highlighted the budget cuts from SCC. SCC need to save £64.7 million from their budget.

**06/24 District Councillor Reports** – Cllr Whitelock had nothing to add to the report.

**07/24 County and District Councillors** – Energy projects – The Clerk had circulated the update report.

**08/24 Energy projects** update – The judicial review hearing had taken place. The judgement should be received in January.

Together Against Sizewell C (TASC) were not successful in their judicial review.

Suffolk Energy Action Solutions (SEAS) have their judicial review in February.

The Council thanked Cllrs Mahony and Shipman for their work on the Council's submission for Sealink.

Cllr Shipman will follow up with Matt Williams (SCC Flood Management) on the discharge of requirement applications for SPR. The Council agreed that any discharge of requirement application that mentions Grove Rd should be responded to with the stock response that the Council do not want this used for an HGV route.

**09/24 Planning** - any comments on DC/23/4242/FUL Change of use of land for siting of a mobile container to be used as a 'drive-thru' cafe - and an extension and redesign of the existing car park. - Friday Street Farm Friday Street Benhall. The Council noted this planning application.

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**10/24 Reports from other meetings** – None.

**11/24 Budget** – The Clerk had circulated the suggested budget for 24/25. It was noted that costs had risen and there would be a shortfall if the precept was not raised this year. Cllrs voted to accept the budget.

**12/24 Precept** – It was agreed to increase the precept by £1500 to begin to cover the shortfall in the budget.

**13/24 Village Green** - The Community Payback Scheme had been back just before Christmas to continue to clear the ditch. Cllr Carlaw will ask them to clear the brambles and sapling trees that are also in the ditch when they return.

The grass cutting was discussed and it was agreed to look at other contractors if necessary. Cllrs Carlaw and Shipman to explore.

**14/24 Footpaths** – Cllr Ireland had reported the surface of Church Path and was informed by SCC Highways that it was not bad enough to warrant a repair or resurface.

**15/24 Highways** – The Council agreed in principle to place four white posts on either side of the road and at each end of the village at the beginning of the 30 mph. This was suggested as an alternative as there is not enough room for a village gateway. The cost for the posts will be around £3500 plus installation.

It was also agreed in principle to paint warning chevrons on the road to mark the beginning of the 30mph zone, SLOW at each end of the village and an extra 30mph in the middle of the village. Cllr Shipman to get quotes. Cllr Carlaw to check with the SCC engineer that the Council can use their own contractor for this. Cllr Slack reported that the grit bin on Grove Road was covered by domestic waste wheelie bins, she will move them to uncover it especially as the weather is likely to warrant the use of them currently.

Cllr Jackson asked the Clerk to request the Mill Rd dog waste bin to be emptied and to point out that it often gets left out of the collection rota causing it to become overfilled.

The Clerk had noticed that the street light at the top of Church Rd was out and will report it.

**15/24 Village Hall** – The Committee is still yet to meet. A request to consider the second key lock safe for the internal doors was put forward by a member of the public as this may prove an inconvenience for some users. A request to check the diary for bookings before engaging a contractor was also put forward to avoid clashes.

**16/24 Allotments** – No updates.

**17/24 Accounts** – The Council agreed the below payments:

	Service/Goods	Net	Vat	Gross
P Welby	Clerks Expenses	£40.78	£0.00	£40.78
P Welby	Salary	£476.10	£0.00	£476.10
Hetty's Little Copy Shop	Newsletter Dec	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Hetty's Little Copy Shop	Newsletter Jan	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Barry Smith	Work on Village Hall Roof	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00
RH	Village Hall Cleaning	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00
P Welby	Microsoft 365	£59.99	£0.00	£59.99

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## **Friston Parish Council**

**18/24 Correspondence** – Cllr Mahony has signed up for the SZC Community Forum on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April as advertised in the latest newsletter.

**19/24 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting** – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
After the meeting this was amended to the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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