



## Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall, Friston on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

There were present: Cllrs S Jackson, M Shipman, C Slack, P Carlaw and M Mahony (in the Chair).  
In attendance: P Welby (Parish Clerk), Cllr K Graham (ESC), Zoe Botten and Richard Knight (SZC) and 9 members of the public.

### Minutes

**102/23 SZC Deed of Obligation** – Cllr Mahony opened the meeting with the community liaison officers from SZC. They presented on the traffic management and the community benefits scheme. The slides from the presentation will be sent to the Parish Clerk. Cllr Mahony asked questions regarding applications for change of use in holiday lets to allow short term business lets (most likely to take advantage of migrant workers) and whether SZC would support ESC in looking to house workers outside of holiday accommodation. He also asked whether the traffic management centre on the side of the A14 would deal with construction traffic from all projects including SPR and National Grid. Richard Knight will contact Cllr Mahony with the answers. Friston Parish Council would also like to be part of the community forums and working groups set up locally.

**96/23 Apologies for absence** – Apologies accepted from Cllr Schedrin.

**97/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations** - None

**98/23 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were agreed and signed.

**100/23 Co-option** – Cllr Mahony proposed that Wendy Ireland be co-opted on the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Shipman. All agreed. Cllr Ireland joined the table.

**101/23 Open Forum** – A member of the public raised on going communication with residents especially as the Parish Magazine had now folded. Cllr Mahony stated that the Swift would continue supported by the Parish Council. Another member of the public asked for a list of Cllrs and contact details on the noticeboards. Clerk will put these together with a list of useful numbers.

The Grove Rd closure was raised by another member of the public. Cllr Shipman stated that it was closed due to badgers undermining the road and SCC Highways were waiting for a permit from Natural England to move the badgers.

The work done by the Community Payback team was commented on by a member of the public, Cllr Carlaw confirmed they were returning on the 27<sup>th</sup> October and once a month thereafter until the work was completed.

Cllr Graham (ESC) introduced a new system for residents to report instances of overflowing litter bins, weeds and general disrepair across the District. She will send the details to the Clerk.

**103/23 County Councillor Reports** to receive a report and any apologies from the County Councillor – Cllr Reid sent his apologies.

**104/23 District Councillor Reports** to receive a report and any apologies from the District Councillors – Cllr Graham had given her updates and left the meeting.

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**105/23 County and District Councillor** – Energy projects update (EA1N, EA2, SZC, National Grid) – none as all Cllrs had left the meeting.

**106/23 Energy projects** update – Cllr Mahony had attended five meetings since the last Council meeting.

- Community Benefits Workshop – waiting for a report from this.
- Sealink Webinar – statutory consultation begins the 28<sup>th</sup> October. First look at the real details of the project. SASES and the Parish Council will put in a short response.
- East Suffolk full Council meeting – Cllr Mahony asked a question about supporting a single consultation process for remaining energy projects.
- Site meeting with Cllr Reid and Steve Merry of SCC Highways regarding the capacity of A1094 and operational flood risk from the SPR project.
- Lionlink briefing – concerning the alternative landfall site of Walberswick and Southwold.

**107/23 Planning** - update on change of use of holiday lets – the point has been made to both SZC and ESC. Council will wait for a response.

**108/23 Reports from other meetings** – Cllr Carlaw with Cllr Jackson attended a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October with 36 other Councils. Three presentations were given by Marianne Fellowes, Fiona Gilmore and Alison Downes. A letter has been sent to Minister Bowie inviting him back to Suffolk for a follow up visit.

**109/23 Public Space Protection Orders** - The Parish Council supported the renewal of the three PSPOs.

**110/23 Reclaim the Rain** – Cllr Shipman gave an update. The group have decided to leave the north of the village until the appeal of SPR development has been decided. They are focusing on the east of the village, beginning with monitoring rainfall and water run off. There is a meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**111/23 Village Green** – Community Payback will return on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed to ask whether they would also clear the Low Road ditch.

**112/23 Footpaths** – This was discussed and alternative route was plotted for the first part of the path. Clerk to work with Cllrs Jackson and Shipman on the response.

**113/23 Highways** – There is not enough room for the gateway style 30mph signs but Cllr Shipman has looked at alternative using white posts to draw motorists eyes to the 30mph sign like a countdown and increasing the road markings.

Cllr Carlaw is meeting with a Highway's engineer to discuss this and the chicane without street lighting.

**114/23 Village Hall** – next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November

**115/23 Allotments** – No updates

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## Friston Parish Council

**116/23 Accounts** – These below accounts were authorised.

Name	Service/Goods	Net	Vat	Gross
P Welby	Clerks Expenses	£67.07	£0.00	£67.01
P Welby	Salary August	£320.10	£0.00	£320.10
RBL	Poppy Wreath	£23.98	£0.00	£23.98
Hetty's Little Copy Shop	Newsletter	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
RH	Village Hall	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
Efire	Fire Alarm Call Out	£115.00	£23.00	£138.00
SALC	Payroll	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00
Playsafety	Play Equipment Inspection	£78.50	£15.70	£94.20
HMRC	Tax	34.00	£0.00	34.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£793.65</b>	<b>£47.70</b>	<b>£841.29</b>

The Clerk informed the Council that accounts can now be paid via BACS through the new Unity Account but that Cllrs needed to log on to authorise them.

**117/23 Correspondence** – as received by the Clerk or Councillors - None

**118/23 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting** – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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