



Friston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall, Friston on the 31st July 2023.

There were present: Cllrs P Carlaw, 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 10 members of the public.

Minutes

56/23 Apologies for absence – None

57/23 Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations - None

58/23 Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting 26th June 2023 were approved.

59/23 Open Forum – A member of the public reported the potholes outside the village hall. Cllr Carlaw to photo and send to the Clerk to report.
Another member of the public reported their concern with the scaffolding on the Mill. It looks unsafe and unsecured. The Council have already spoken to the contractors and some adjustments have been made but it will continued to be monitored and further action may be taken. The resident was advised that a report to the HSE could also be made. Cllr Daly will also make enquiries as to the role of ESC as the planning authority in keeping listed buildings from falling into disrepair.

60/23 County Councillor Reports Cllr Reid had sent his apologies.

61/23 District Councillor Reports Cllr Daly gave details of a grant available for school uniform banks. This is available for community groups.
A new letting agency – East Suffolk Lettings has been set up with the aim of getting more people into private sector rented accommodation. It will provide guaranteed rents for landlords.
East Suffolk Services Ltd (LATCO – Local Authority Trading company) has been launched. This will replace Norse and will handle refuse collection and street cleansing etc.
The Tour of Britain cycle race comes to Suffolk on stage 5.

62/23 County and District Councillor – Energy projects update (EA1N, EA2, SZC, National Grid) – Cllr Mahony will forward the most recent minutes from the Planning Inspectorate from the 8th June meeting to Cllr Daly. There will be a full debate on the Energy Projects and associated issues at full Council in September or October at ESC.

63/23 Co-option – Cllr Schedrin proposed that Carole Slack be co opted on the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Jackson. All in favour. Cllr Slack joined the Council at the table.

64/23 Planning - DC/22/4829/FUL Erection of new dwelling Land At Mill Road – The dormer windows have been swapped for roof lights to lessen the overlooking of the neighbours' gardens. The plans still show the removal of a hedge to increase the visibility splay. There is not much of a hedge left here but rather a bank and this is private land not SCC Highways land. Clerk to reiterate this to ESC.

65/23 Energy projects update:

SEAS – their judicial review decision went against them. They will almost certainly apply for leave to appeal.
SASES – now have dates in early December for the appeal hearing, the result of which is likely to be available by late January, early February.

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Cllrs Mahony and Carlaw visited the Junior Minister Andrew Bowie at the dept of Energy and Net Zero. He listened to all the concerns from SASES and Friston Parish Council especially those highlighted regarding the Community Benefits scheme.

Cllr Mahony met Philip Ridley (head of ESC planning) and Naomi Goold (ESC Energy Projects Manager) at ESC for a discussion concerning the discharge of requirements for the SPR projects, chiefly those concerning noise as there are no 'experts' at officer level in the District Council. Naomi Goold stated ESC would bring outside help in if necessary.

The Planning Inspectorate are not receptive to amalgamating the consultations for Sealink, Lionlink and Nautilus. The statutory consultation for Sealink is likely to start in October.

66/23 Reports from other meetings – Cllr Shipman attended the planning meeting ran by ESC at High Lodge.

67/23 Reclaim the Rain – the team would like to put a scheme in place that would benefit the village besides the flood alleviation. Suggestions so far have been footpaths round new attenuation basins to make up for the loss of footpaths if the SPR projects go ahead, a grey water harvesting scheme for the village hall or Church.

68/23 Village Green – The Council agreed to purchase the Glasdon Elwood bench in dark brown to match the talking bench with the weighted ends. The donation received will cover most of the purchase price. Clerk to order and request delivery to the Village Green. Cllr Jackson will be on hand on delivery day to meet the driver and direct them to the correct spot.

Cllr Shipman has confirmed a four week mowing schedule with the contractor with exceptions made for Classic and Open Gardens if necessary.

69/23 Footpaths – The hedges on Church Path have now been cut making the path wider and easier to navigate.

Cllr Carlaw has provided the Clerk with a photo of the hedge on the Aldeburgh Rd that has grown over the pavement. Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr Carlaw is also investigating the footpath to the Mill as this is less than the requisite 1m wide.

70/23 Highways – The Clerk will reschedule the meeting planned for this evening with Cllr Reid regarding traffic calming solutions and the funding thereof.

Cllr Carlaw has looked at the surface of Church Path and the grass has grown over the tarmac. This needs to be cut back and will then increase the walkable surface of the path and ease of access for pedestrians.

71/23 Village Hall – The Committee are next meeting on the 14th August. The Clerk had applied for the ECB grant from ESC for the cups and saucers, side plates and new kettle.

72/23 Allotments – the grass is still waiting to be cut. There are still two free plots.

73/23 Accounts – These were agreed by the Council with the addition of the bench from Glasdon at £978 inc VAT.

74/23 Correspondence – None this month.

75/23 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – 11th September 2023

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