

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Chairman: Allan Mendum

Vice Chairman: Stannas Bellaby

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019

At Fritton Village Hall

Present:

Chairman - Allan Mendum, Councillors Stannas Bellaby, Judith Bosworth, Margaret Johnson, Jill Rose, Peter Storey, Keith Nunn, John Stephens, Parish Clerk Kate Palmer and three members of the public including Borough Cllrs Myers and Cameron and County Cllr Grant.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Burton and Dunn.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 25th July 2019 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Nunn, Seconded Cllr Johnson. All In Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

-Following details of the NCC Minerals and Waste Consultation being published Cllr Nunn reported he had received many enquiries from members of the public asking if they need to provide new objections in relation to the Waveney Forest site.

After speaking to Miss Jeffery she confirmed she will be using all the material that had already been submitted, therefore all that is required now is to confirm that all previous objections still stand, and that all fully support the conclusions listed and the omission of MIN38 from the list of preferred options.

The Fritton Action Group however are urging for fuller replies and will be commenting upon later issues such as the loss of forests in Brazil and elsewhere.

- Following the last meeting Cllr Johnson stated she had looked into the location of the footpath that runs from the Herringfleet Road to the river, which was once used as access to the old railway line and moorings. It was generally agreed firstly it needs to be determined if this footpath, plus any others in the villages are listed on the definitive map because if they are not they will need to be registered by 2025. It was agreed that County Cllr Grant will email a copy of the map covering both villages to the Clerk, to then be passed onto Cllr Johnson.

-It was agreed for the Clerk to send another email to NCC Highways concerning the sinking of the big bridge in St Olaves, the dips in the road are getting worse as you travel over the bridge into St Olaves.

-Cllr Bellaby reported the re-patching of the road outside Herron's Flight on Church Lane has still not be undertaken by NCC Highway.

-Cllr Storey stated he felt that a SAM2 post is needed to be installed further down New Road nearer to Wildwood as this is the stretch where vehicles travel at speed down the road. The Clerk explained Cllr Dunn had already spent time with the Highways Engineer to agree locations in both villages, however if a new location along New Road needs to be looked at this can be done once the sign is up and running.

-It was generally agreed that the grass verges and bushes need to be cut back along the Beccles road so that pedestrians can walk from one village to the other. Land ownership would need to be determined to confirm if the works would be the responsibility of NCC to undertake or the relevant neighbouring landowners

5. VILLAGE SIGN MAINTENANCE

After some discussion it was agreed to contact Fiona Cowan to find out if there is any money left in an old fund for maintenance of the St Olaves Sign and flower bed planting.

6. GREATER YARMOUTH TOURISM & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Cllr Stephens reported it has now been agreed for the scheme is to run for a further five years, it would be good to see some of the funding being allocated to some of the outer areas in the Borough.

It was generally agreed it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to apply for some funding for a project which may include village sign maintenance, therefore the item will be on the next agenda for members to report what project they would like to be considered as only one application can be submitted. It will also need to be considered who will undertake the project if an application is successful.

7. BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Borough Cllr Myers reported he has attended speed watch sessions with Cllr Stephens, and has also been trying to set up a meeting with the Police Commissioner Lorne Green. Following seeing the Commissioner at GYBC he has informed him that where the speed count cables had been put in place in Fritton on the bend would give an inaccurate reading as at this point all the vehicles naturally slow down. Since then the cables have now been moved further away from the corner so the new figures will be very different.

-Concern was raised that now shelters have been added to the pig farm, this may increase the problem with flooding on the A143. County Cllr Grant stated the pipes and drain were cleaned out about 6 months ago therefore the area will be monitored in the next three months to see if this has resolved the problem, or if any further action is needed.

-Following a very successful clean up day in Belton, Cllr Myers stated he would help the Parish Council or any local volunteers to undertake a similar event in Fritton and St Olaves. All equipment used was provided by GYBC.

8. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

To propose the payment sheet below Cllr Nunn, Seconded Cllr Bellaby. All In Favour.

Invoice Number	Cheque Number	Detail	VAT	Amount
20	DD	BT – Broadband (August invoice pd by DD in Sept)	£5.98	£35.88
21	DD	BT – Broadband (Sept invoice pd by DD in October)	£6.36	£38.16
22	10040	K. Palmer- August Salary		£343.71
23	10041	K. Palmer -September Salary		£343.51
24	10042	HMRC -Tax from K. Palmer –		£171.80
25	10043	K. Palmer refund for stamps 21.96 and stationary 2.50	£0.42	£24.46
26	10044	Fritton Village Hall – meeting hire		£27.00
		Total	£12.76	£984

To Propose Cllr Bellaby as a new signatory on the Parish Council bank mandate. Proposed Cllr Johnson, Seconded Cllr Nunn. All In Favour.

It was reported Fritton Village Hall Committee would not contribute 50% of the broadband charge for the hall therefore the service will be disconnected and a monthly payment of £10 will be paid to the Clerk to cover telephone and broadband usage.

9. RELOCATION OF THE DEFIBRILATOR TO THE BELL ST. OLAVES

It was reported the defibrillator at GDC can not be relocated as it does not belong to the Parish Council. It was agreed a new machine is needed so it can be accessed 24 hour a day as the current one can only be access when the shop is open.

It was agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting to discuss funding options and to agree where a new machine should be installed.

10. PLANNING

06/19/0514/F Red Oaks, New Road, Fritton Timber framed annexe with car parking spaces

It was agreed to submit no objections for the application above providing sufficient off street parking is available.

An application has received by GYBC planning stating an application has been received to remove five trees from Friar's Walk, Priory Rd, St Olaves (Ref TPO/2019/30). The reasons for removal is due to the trees being dead or diseased. Replacement trees will be a condition of consent for removal if the application is granted.

11. BROADS AUTHORITY /SOCIETY

Cllr Johnson reported she had received the following update from the Broads Society on the findings of the Glover Report into National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Beauty. The report stated they are not satisfied with the current structure. Each park runs individually and are therefore ineffective. Some of this failure comes from the fact that our protected landscapes have not been given the tools, the funding and the direction to do the job we should now expect of them. Our system of landscape protection today is fragmented, sometimes marginalised and often misunderstood. They will be making proposals to address this, and will explore the potential for a National Landscape. They have suggested the current system of governance for National Parks should be reformed. Suggestions being to provide a Ranger Service in all Parks, more affordable housing, more public transport and increased tree coverage, meaning greening of areas.

-It was reported the current dog bin located at Fritton Woods is not big enough as once emptied it is full again within a matter of days.

It was agreed the Clerk will find out how much a larger bin will cost and if changed will the annual emptying charge of £70 be increase.

-It was suggested would Highways install a crash barrier to protect the houses in Fritton that are continuing to be hit by vehicles when accidents occur on the bend opposite the Village Hall?

County Cllr Grant stated he will make enquiries with the Highway Engineer to see if this would be possible and will report back.

12.TIME & DATE PLUS ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th November 2019, 7.30pm at St. Olaves Village Hall.

The meeting was opened up for the public section to commence at 8.42pm

PUBLIC SECTION

Following a request from Borough Cllr Myers it was agreed for future meetings Parish Councillors will be seated around tables laid out in a U-shape making it generally easier to hear discussion during the meetings.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm