

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Chairman: Allan Mendum Vice Chairman: Stannas Bellaby

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th November 2020

Remotely using zoom.

Present:

Stannas Bellaby, Keith Nunn, Judith Bosworth, Margaret Johnson, John Stephens, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, and John Burton and Parish Clerk Kate Palmer.

The meeting commenced at 7.03pm

PUBLIC SECTION

There was no public section.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mendum and Rose, Borough Cllrs Myers and Cameron and County Clr Grant. To accept the apologies Proposed Cllr Bellaby, Seconded Cllr Johnson. All In Favour. It was agreed Vice Chairman Bellaby would Chair this meeting as Cllr Mendum was unable to attend..

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 24th September 2020 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

A number of emails had been received following last weekend concerning the volume of cars that had been parked along New Road as members of the public visited Fritton Woods. Cllr Nunn reported he had also received a further letter from a parishioner. The correspondence showed vehicles parked back to back along the grass verge, it also looked as some though some of the vehicles were causing an obstruction. Cllr Storey reported he did call the Police at the time but no action had been taken to help alleviate the problem. Cllr Storey asked what can be done to try and prevent the same problem reoccurring this weekend and during future weekends ?

After some discussion it was generally felt the problem been made worse due to the current covid restrictions, however it was agreed action does need to be taken.

To tackle the immediate concern around this weekend it was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Civil Parking Enforcement Officers, to request they send out a uniformed officer to attend New Road during Saturday and Sunday to monitor the area. It was also agreed for the Clerk to notify the Police to request they also visit New Road to monitor the volume of traffic and to take action against any vehicles that may have been parked causing an obstruction. The Clerk will enquire with PC Simmons if she has any contact with an Officer at the local Fire Station as it was suggested the service may also have some type of enforcement powers when it comes to obstruction.

Moving forward it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Newcombe Estates to request that they reopen part of the car park. It was felt that reopening the car park would greatly alleviate the problem with the amount of cars parking on the grass verge. It was also agreed to ask Borough Cllrs Myers and Cameron and County Cllr Grant, that if the request to reopen the woods is unsuccessful, can GYBC purchase a small part of the car park from the current owners. This could then be open for the public to use as the land in question has been classified for many years local as amenity land. The vote was then taken, to agree the amenity land should be purchased, Yes:7 Abstain:1. Carried.

It was also agreed to ask for signage to be put up on the site to remind members of the public to discard of their dog waste in the bin provided.

Following the last meeting Cllr Johnson confirmed the large tree next to Buckworth Garage does have a T.P.O place on it. The Garage had applied for permission to trim the tree back which was granted, and the tree has now been trimmed back.

5 .ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

CQ Number	Detail	Amount
100677	K. Palmer- October Salary £439.91, less tax £88, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance.	£361.91
100678	K. Palmer – Refund expenses for ink cartridges	£37.00
100679	K. Palmer -November Salary £439.91, less tax £88, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£361.91
100680	HMRC -Tax from K. Palmer – October & November wage	£176.00
100681	St Edmunds PCC – Graveyard Maintenance	£330.00
100682	St Margarets PCC – Graveyard Maintenance	£165.00
100683	Active Med Supplies Ltd (£333vat plus £20 shipping)	£353.00
		Total £1784.82

To propose payment for the above sheet Cllr Bosworth, Seconded Cllr Bellaby. All In Favour. The Clerk asked members would they like to up grade to the Pro version of Zoom which would mean future meetings would not have a time limit placed on them. It was agreed by all members not to purchase the Pro version and to remain as they using the service frr of charge.

6. LOCATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

Following the last meeting confirmation had been received from Borough Cllr Myers stating that he and Borough Cllr Cameron could fund the purchase of a new defibrillator for the Parish Council using their ward budget.

Due to time restrictions with the ward budget having to be spent by the end of October a vote was then taken via email. It was agreed by the majority of Cllrs to purchase the defibrillator using £1000 of Borough Cllr Myers ward budget and £645 of Borough Cllr Cameron's ward budget. The remaining £353 will be paid by the Parish Council, £333 is VAT which will be reclaimed at the end of the year which means the Parish Council only having to fund the £20 shipping cost.

The Clerk confirmed the defibrillator had been delivered and is ready to be installed at the agreed location. Several locations had been put forward by Councillors but were not possible options, these being:

1. Fritton Village Hall - This option is not possible due to the strength of the outside walls.
2. Decoy Tarvern, Fritton – The landlord of the Tavern confirmed this would not be possible.
3. The Bell, St Olaves – The landlord of the Bell has confirmed the mobile phone signal strength is poor at this location.

The following options were also put forward:

4. Decoy Barn, Fritton – Cllr Stephens stated he would be happy to have it installed on his outside wall however the mobile phone signal strength is poor so it was agreed this location would not be suitable.

5. Buckworths Garage, St Olaves – After some discussion it was agreed this would be the best location in the two villages. Cllr Johnson confirmed she and Cllr Bosworth had spoken with the owner of the garage who has stated he would be happy to have the machine installed on site. It is also helpful that the site is covered by CCTV, it is well lit and there is a good amount of space to park up. The vote was then taken to agree to install the defibrillator at Buckworths Garage in St Olaves, Yes:7, No:1. Carried. Cllrs Johnson and Bosworth also reported they had spoken to Cllrs Mendum and Rose who were not able to attend this meeting, they too had said they would like to see it installed at the garage. It was agreed signage will need to be placed next to the machine stating if there is any problem with a mobile phone signal, to stand next to the big tree where there is the best reception. It was also agreed to place an article in the Village Voice when the unit is in place to advertise a new unit has been installed in the village. The Clerk will also put notices up on the notice boards.

It was generally agreed a second defibrillator is still needed to be purchased for Fritton however more thought will need to be given as to where it would be sited.

7. 2021-2022 PRECEPT

	Budget	2020 – 2021			2021 - 2022 Budget
		Actual Apr-Sept	Estimated Oct-Ma	Forecast	
Parish Clerk's remuneration	£ 5,307	£ 2,640	£ 2,640	£ 5,280	£ 5,300
Hire of village halls for meetings	162	0	54	54	162
Hire of office and electricity	175	175	0	175	175
Parish Council Insurance	350	331	0	331	350
Parish Clerk's expenses inc tele/broadband/mileage	120	100	60	160	120
Contribution to Village Halls (bi-annual payment)	300	0	0	0	0
Graveyard Maintenance Payments	495	0	495	495	495
Norfolk ALC & Broads Society Subscriptions	195	180	15	195	195
Training exps including mileage	50	0	0	0	0
Accounting & Audit fees	70	65	0	65	70
Blocka Run Grass Cutting	80	0	0	0	80
Donation Community Car Scheme	0	0	0	0	0
Village Maintenance- village signs & notice boards	150	0	150	150	50
Stationery /Advertisements	40	0	40	40	60
Postage	35	0	0	35	35
Contribution to purchase Permanent Speed Sign	0	0	0	0	700
Contribution to purchase Defibrillator	300	0	300	300	300
Maintenance for SAM2 Speed sign	100	0	0	0	50
GYBC - Annual payment to empty dog bin -Fritton Woods	70	70	0	70	70
Sundry	50	0	0	0	0
	8,049	3,561	3,754	7,350	8,212
Less					
Council Tax Support Grant	105				105
Concurrent functions Grant	550				550
Total Precept Submitted	7,394				7,557

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the above precept above showing a 2% increase to all members prior to the meeting. The budget included £300 towards purchasing a second defibrillator and £700 to go towards the a new speed sign. To Propose to accept the draft precept Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Bellaby. All In Favour.

8. NCC PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Following the last meeting the Clerk had contacted both Paul Sellick at NCC Highways Dept and Roy from Westcotec to enquire would the Parish Partnership Scheme fund a purchase of a new permanent speed sign or SAM2 speed machine which would be installed on the A143 in Fritton. Mr Sellick confirmed a bid to purchase either machine would be considered under the scheme. The following prices had been provided by Westcotec, (all members had received the email containing the prices along with photos of the units prior to the meeting):

-Sign 1 showing 30mph with slow down £4150 plus vat

-Sign 2 showing 30mph with two spot above £4270 plus vat

(Both above options would include a further £2000 to be paid to NCC for 10 years maintenance of the sign.)

-SAM2 mobile speed sign £2800

It was generally agreed due to the cost involved to go ahead with the bid to purchase a new SAM2 sign, it was felt the cost involved to purchase a permanent sign is too high. The vote was then taken to apply to the Parish Partnership Scheme to fund a new SAM2 machine, Yes:7, No:1. Carried. Cllr Stephens added he is continuing to push the Police to have the speed camera deployed to the A143 in Fritton.

9. PLANNING

The following comments had been submitted to GYBC prior to the meeting for the following application:

06/20/0457/F Firdale, Beccles Rd, Fritton Replace existing conservatory with garden room
It was agreed to submit no objections to the above application subject to neighbours comments.

The following application has been approved:

06/20/0257/F Cirrus, Herringfleet Rd, St Olaves Single storey double garage

The Clerk confirmed Highways has been notified of the 30mph road sign which had been damaged due to being hit by a vehicle has now been taken away.

The road signs along New Road still have not been cleaned even though this has been reported a number of times.

Cllr Bosworth stated some of the hedgerow has been cut back by contractors from the Somerlayton Estate as you walk from Fritton to St Olaves, but does stop when you reach The Pippins. Cllr Bosworth confirmed she will speak to Doug Youngs to obtain information on who owns the next piece of land near to The Pippins.

Cllr Stephens will also speak to Doug Youngs as he has been approached by the Somerlayton Estate Manager who would like to rent a piece of land which is thought to be owned by the Poorlands Trust.

10. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on Thursday 28th January 2020 remotely using zoom.

With no further business the meeting was then closed at 8.33pm