

FRITTON WITH ST OLAVES
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on **Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7.00pm**
Remotely using zoom

In Attendance:

Vice Chair Stannas Bellaby, Parish Councillors Judith Bosworth, Margaret Johnson, Jill Rose, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, John Burton, John Stephen, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock and four members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.02pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from R. Ceiley (Fritton Institute), D. Youngs (Fritton Relief in Need Charity & St Edmunds Church), D. Sewell (Fritton Village Hall Committee), R. Chater (St Olaves Village Hall Committee) and L. Crisp (Herringfleet Poorland committee).

2. MINUTES OF THE 2019 PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2019 at St Olaves Village Hall were confirmed as correct and the Chairman was authorised to sign them. Proposed Cllr Johnson, Seconded Cllr Bellaby. All In Favour.

3. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK.

Due to covid 19 the past year has been a very difficult time for most people.

At the start of the first lock down in March 2020 the Parish Council had to cancel their 2020 APM and also the March Parish Council meeting. Parish Council meetings resumed in May remotely using zoom. From May, meetings continued to be held bi-monthly throughout the year. Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council meetings are usually held on the last Thursday of the month, with the exception of the forthcoming May meeting this year. This meeting has been brought forward and will be held on Thursday 6th May, the decision to bring the meeting forward was recommended by Norfolk ALC because the legislation to permit local councils to meet remotely concludes on Friday 7th May 2021. Unless legislation is extended the Parish Council will have to make arrangements with both St Olaves and Fritton Village Hall Committees to ensure meetings can be held in person in the village halls starting from the July meeting.

When all vacancies are filled the Parish Council has 10 members. Allan Mendum has served as the Chairman for the Parish Council for a number of years and Stannis Bellaby as Vice Chair. Since the last Parish Council meeting a letter of resignation has been received from both Allan Mendum and Keith Nunn. Both Keith and Allen have been members of the Parish Council for many years, and as such valued members they will be greatly missed. A letter will be sent to both Keith and Allen following the meeting thanking them for their many years of service to the Parish.

During the past two years the Parish Council has continued to work closely with County Cllr Andy Grant and Borough Cllrs Adrian Myers and Tracie Cameron. Since the 2019 AGM County Cllr Grant successfully obtained grant money from his NCC Highways budget which funded a new SAM2 speed sign for the villages. The sign is moved regularly around the agreed locations by a group of volunteers. Last year the Parish Council managed to obtain a new defibrillator for the villages which was again fully funded by both Borough Cllrs Myers

and Cameron from their annual ward budget. The Parish Council would like to thank County Cllr Grant and Borough Cllr Myers and Cameron for this funding to purchase these highly important pieces of equipment. The defibrillator has now been installed at Buckwroths Garage in St Olaves, and again the Parish Council would like to give thanks to Mr Les Buckworth for paying for the defibrillator to be installed on site by an electrician.

The Parish Council's finances remain in good order. The Annual return for both 2019 and 2020 were given a clean report by the Internal Auditor. The Council is no longer required for the year end accounts to be inspected by the External Auditor as it falls under the exempt category due to its turnover being under £25,000.

Matters dealt with during the past year:

Traffic speed on the A143	This continues to be a persistent problem. The Parish Council have submitted an application under the Parish Partnership Scheme to purchase a second SAM2 speed sign which would be used at the agreed location on the A143 in Fritton only .The current SAM2 would then continue to be rotated between the other agreed locations in both villages. Confirmation has not been received as yet from NCC as to whether the application has been successful.
Fritton Woods	The volume of visitors to the area is continuing to cause a problem with many cars being parked along the grass verge some times back to back. Some residents have reported difficulty in being able enter and exit their properties as vehicles are being parked overhanging their driveway. The Police have been notified of the problem as have NCC Highways Dept, the matter is ongoing.
Application for Mineral Extraction at Waveney Forest	The Initial Consultation document contained a conclusion for each of the 41 sites submitted to the County Council for consideration for mineral extraction. The initial conclusion for Waveney Forest was: "The site is considered to be unsuitable for allocation because the harm to the significance of Waveney Forest."

4. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received from the following local groups and organisations:

- St Olaves Village Hall
- St Edmund's Church Fritton
- Fritton Poorlands Report
- Fritton Village Hall
- Herringfleet Poorland Trust

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

-Cllr Dunn reported he had received a complaint from a local farmer that farms the fields at the end of New Road. The complaint being that access to drive along New Road has become very restricted due to traffic and parked cars.

The meeting closed was then closed at 7:11pm