

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Vice Chairman: Stannas Bellaby

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th March 2021

Remotely using zoom.

Present:

Stannas Bellaby, Judith Bosworth, Margaret Johnson, John Stephens, Jill Rose, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, and John Burton, Clive Julian, Keith Leggett, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock and three members of the public including Borough Cllr Myers.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm, it was agreed by all members to move the public section to the end of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Borough Cllr Cameron and County Cllr Grant.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Storey declared an interest for agenda item 4, Councillor Co-option due to being related to one of the candidates, Mr N. Doncaster.

3. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

The Clerk reported she had received letters of resignation from both Allen Mendum and Keith Nunn, both resignations were accepted.

It was agreed to move Councillor Co-option further down the agenda as one candidate was yet to join the meeting.

4. MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 28th January 2021 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Bellaby, Seconded Cllr Storey. All In Favour.

5. MATTERS ARISING

-The Clerk reported she had received an update from NCC concerning the Parish Partnership Scheme application. The update stated the Safety Camera Partnership Team who help to fund the Parish Partnerships SAM2 machines have not yet met to discuss the 2021/22 funding, therefore there is a delay of 2-3 months before confirmation of the funding is received.

6. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

The Clerk reported there are currently two Councillor vacancies and four candidates have put themselves forward to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. All candidates had provided a brief letter explaining a little about themselves, the letters had been circulated all all Parish Cllrs before the meeting. The names of the four candidates are Mr Keith Leggett, Doctor Catherine Richards, Mr Neil Doncaster and Mr Clive Julian.

The Clerk and the Chairman gave thanks to all four candidates for put themselves forward for co-option. The co-option procedure was explained, there are two vacancies to be filled, each vacancy shall be voted on separately. To fill vacancy one, members will be asked to raise their hand when the name of the candidate is read out that they are voting for. When that vacancy has been filled (co-opted) a second vote will be taken with the remaining three candidates

The vote was then taken to fill the first Parish Councillor vacancy:

Keith Leggett: 4 votes Catherine Richards: 3 votes Neil Doncaster: 0 votes Clive Julian: 1 vote
Mr Keith Leggett was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The vote was then taken to fill the second Parish Councillor vacancy:

Catherine Richards: 3 votes Neil Doncaster: 1 vote Clive Julian: 4 votes.

Mr Clive Julian was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

5. MATTERS ARISING (cont)

-The Clerk reported she has been contacted by a member of the Village Voice Board asking if Parish Councillors would be happy to prepare a small article about themselves for the magazine. A basic introduction about themselves including their interests, how they think they can help members of the community, any specific responsibilities on the Council and their contact details. All members confirmed they would be happy to prepare an article for the magazine.

7.ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

CQ	Detail	Amount
100687	K. Ruddock- February Salary £439.91, less tax £87.80, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance.	£362.11
100688	Fritton Institute – Annual Rent for office	£100.00
100689	K. Ruddock – Refund for defib signage 13.39 and stamps 11.88	£25.27
100690	K. Ruddock - March Salary £439.91, less tax £88, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£361.91
100691	HMRC -Tax from K. Ruddock – February & March wage	£175.80
	Total	£1025.09

To propose payment for the sheet above Cllr Bellaby, Seconded Cllr Johnson. All In Favour.

8. BANK MANDATE & ONLINE BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Due to Allen Mendum and Keith Nunn resigning from the Parish Council two new signatories are needed for bank mandate. Cllrs Burton and Julian stated they would be happy to become signatories for the Parish Council accounts. Proposed Cllr Storey, Seconded Cllr Bosworth. All In Favour.

The Clerk reported many Parish Councils have already signed up to online banking. The Parish Council would no longer have to pay all accounts by cheque, they would be able to make future monthly payments by bacs instead. The Parish Council signatories would have this access along with the Clerk who would act as service administrator. Dual access would be required, the Clerk as service administrator would set up the monthly payments which would then be checked and authorised by one of the signatories. It was agreed by all members the Parish Council move onto online banking with the Clerk as service administrator, and the four signatories have online access. Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Burton. All In Favour.

9. ST OLAVES NOTICE BOARD

After some discussion it was generally agreed to purchase a new notice board for St Olaves as the current one is such a bad state of repair. The new board will be sited in the same place as the original one, the Clerk will report back to the Parish Council once a quotation has been obtained.

10. NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS

-Following the heavy snowfall last month a resident residing at Low Farm Cottage on New Road has requested a grit bin be installed. The resident has stated they would be happy to

have it sited on the corner of their land/property if this was agreed. Cllr Dunn stated this would not be possible as this is not an official roadway NCC Highways will not fill it with grit. It was agreed clarification is needed where the existing grit bins are on the road. The Chairman stated he would check this and will find out if they are being filled by NCC.

-It was reported there is still a problem with sand on the A143 in Fritton near to the Caldecott Hall junction. The Clerk confirmed the matter had been reported to NCC but no update had been received. It was thought the land owner had been trying to undertake some work on this area but before the works had been completed heavy rainfall caused the sand to run into the road.

-Cllr Storey reported there is a twisted road sign outside the turning to the Round House on New Road. The passing places have still not been marked out, and there is a real concern that emergency vehicles can not access New Road due to the number of vehicles being parked on the verges.

Borough Cllr Myers confirmed County Cllr Grant had arranged for new signage for New Road which NCC Highways have agreed to. After looking into Government legislation new Public Space Protection Orders have been implemented in London which prevent members of the public being able to park on verges. If the legislation goes through Borough Cllr Myers stated he would make an application for the same legislation to be implemented in the local area.

Cllr Storey asked Borough Cllr Myers if he knew anything about Suffolk County Councils quieter roads scheme. Borough Cllr Myers confirmed he would look into this.

11. PLANNING

Comments for the following applications had been submitted to GYBC before the meeting due to the consultation deadline.

BA/2020/0457/FUL Burwin, Priory Rd, St Olaves

Replace quay heading with steel piling & timber capped quay heading

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours' comments for the above application. With the condition that the current quay heading does not project any further into the river from the previous wooden structure as this could impede navigation on a busy waterway.

06/21/0038/F Redwings Horse Centre, Fritton 13.4 x 33m asphalt pad

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application with the condition the pad is only to be used by staff and visitors.

06/21/0039/F 21 Priory Road, St Olaves First Floor extension above garage

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the application above

12. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th May 2021 remotely using zoom.

PUBLIC SECTION

There was no public section.

With no further business the meeting was then closed at 8.10pm