

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Chairman: Allan Mendum

Vice Chairman: Stannas Bellaby

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th January 2021

Remotely using zoom.

Present:

Stannas Bellaby, Judith Bosworth, Margaret Johnson, John Stephens, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, and John Burton and Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock and three members of the public including Borough Cllrs Myers and Cameron.

The meeting commenced at 7.02pm

PUBLIC SECTION

A member of the public was present at the meeting to address the Council voicing concerns about the ongoing problem with parking along New Road leading up to Waveney Forest. Even the currently the amount of visitors to the Forest has decreased recently due to the current lock down, it is highly likely to again be a problem when the current restrictions are lifted. It was felt a possible solution to this would be to install double yellow lines along some sections of New Road.

The Clerk reported she had received some further information on this topic from NCC Highways Engineer Paul Sellick, and from County Cllr Andy Grant. It was agreed to report this later in the meeting as this subject is on the agenda.

Borough Cllr Myers reported new finances have been received from central government. Some Officers at GYBC have been deployed to undertake different roles to their normal duties to help support vulnerable people. There are grants available to help those that have to self isolate, GYBC is also supporting some food banks that are issuing food parcels.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.11pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mendum, Rose and Nunn. To accept the apologies Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Johnson. All In Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 26th November 2020 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Johnson, Seconded Cllr Bellaby. All In Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 .ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

| CQ Number | Detail | Amount |
|------------------|--|----------------|
| 100684 | K. Palmer- December Salary £439.91, less tax £88, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance. | £361.91 |
| 100685 | K. Palmer - January Salary £439.91, less tax £88, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance | £361.91 |
| 100686 | HMRC -Tax from K. Palmer – December & January wage | £176.00 |
| | Total | £899.82 |

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

6. INSTALLATION OF NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported the new defibrillator has now been installed at Buckworth's garage. Thanks was given to Les Buckworth that used his electrician to install the unit and for registering it with the ambulance service. Jayne Biggs from Heart 2 Heart Norfolk has been and checked to make sure it has been installed correctly, she has also provided some signage.

It was agreed further signage is needed to be placed around the villages which would direct members of the public to its location. Cllr Johnson reported the Manager of the Bell has agreed to have signage put up in the pub. The Clerk will put signs in the village notice boards.

It was agreed to add St Olaves notice board to the next agenda to be discussed. The current notice board is ow in a very bad state of repair and is in need of being replaced.

7. PARKING ALONG NEW ROAD IN FRITTON

The Clerk read out three pieces of correspondence concerning parking along New Road. The first was from Newcombe Forestry Ltd, it was explained the section of the Forest that had been used as a car park was permitted to do so through a temporary license under a Forest Commission scheme which ended some time ago. After taking legal advise this section of the forest has remained closed for vehicular access by the pubic to discourage trespassing and anti social behaviour. Newcombe Forestry are currently still in the process of taking legal advise in order to make a decision on whether to reopen the car park or not.

Correspondence had been received from NCC Highways Engineer Paul Sellick in answer to the question could double yellow lines be added to some sections of New Road. The reply explained this type of road in a rural location would not be considered for yellow lines. Even though there is an increased demand for walking in the country due to covid, which has meant the road appears to be more frequently used than in previous years, but like many other rural roads waiting restrictions would not be considered here. Mr Sellick confirmed he will however highlight the request to the civil parking enforcement team, but stressed he feels it is very unlikely they will support further restrictions on this road.

Lastly an email had been received from County Cllr Andy Grant which stated it would be very unlikely GYBC would be able to purchase this section of the car park even if the land owners were in agreement. The liabilities and state of repair of the car park would make it too costly for the Council with no chance of generating any income from it. Whilst GYBC and NCC may be able to support the Parish potentially in ownership it would depend on the owners being willing to sell it. The long term aim would be to form a community purchase, however the cost would be high and again it would be dependant on the current landowners being in agreement.

Borough Cllr Myers reported he had spoken to County Cllr Grant about this. There may be some signage that can be installed further down the road, but Highways are very reluctant to install double yellow lines which would require a road traffic order. A portfolio of all the photos and emails concerning this has been sent to Paul Sellick. Concerning GYBC purchasing the car park this would not be practical and as County Cllr Grant has reported would be too expensive to do so. Borough Cllr Myers confirmed NCC have not included Waveney Forest as a site for mineral extraction, the earliest they would be to reapply would be in 2035. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact NCC to get this confirmed. It was also suggested the Clerk should write to Brandon Lewis MP to seek a government solution on what can be done concerning parking on this stretch of road.

8. NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS

-There was general discussion on widening of the footpath that runs around the corner of the A143 in front of the Fritton Village Hall. This was generally considered not to be a good idea as it would create more space for lorries to mount the pavement when driving around the corner. NCC Highways have already been asked as to whether posts could be added to prevent this from happening but this had not been agreed to.

-There had been concerns raised by a resident concerning a section of footpath that is part of Angles Way that borders Somerlayton Estates as contractors had been seen clearing vegetation and replacing an old fence. Cllrs Bosworth and Dunn had taken a look and access to the footpath is still clear.

-An email had been received from a resident that is concerned that Somerlayton Estate may have proposed to install a gate on the bridal way between Fritton and Blocka Road which would then allow water buffalo to free roam along the track and in the wet woodland either side. No members were aware of any such proposals, therefore this will need to be investigated further.

-Cllr Bellaby reported there is a great amount of sand that continues to be washed up on the A143 during heavy rainfall which is coming from the trenches next to Red Wings/Angles Way access. It was agreed for the Clerk to report this to NCC Highways. There is also a great amount of flooding again on the A143 near to Cherry Lane which needs to be reported to NCC Highways.

-It was reported there have been private land signs erected on Blocka Lane which should not be there. It was agreed this matter needed further investigation.

9. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

10. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council will be held on Thursday 25th March 2021 remotely using zoom. Please note the Parish Clerk will now be using her married name Kate Ruddock.

With no further business the meeting was then closed at 8.09pm