

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Chairman: Stannas Bellaby Vice Chair: Margaret Johnson

Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 25th November 2021 at St Olaves Village Hall

Present:

Councillors Stannas Bellaby (Chair), John Burton, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, John Stephens, Judith Bosworth, Jill Rose Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock and eleven members of the public including Borough Cllr Myers.

At 7.30pm A plaque was presented to the Parishioners of Fritton and St Olaves by Revd. Hatton. The plaque being token of remembrance for the community to reflect upon what members of the public had achieved during the pandemic.

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm

PUBLIC SECTION

- A members of the public was present during the meeting to bring attention to the speed limit on the Herringfleet Road. Currently the speed limit is 40mph, concern was voiced that this is too high, as vehicles travel at speed down the road towards the junction with the A143.

The Chairman confirmed this has been an ongoing problem, there is now a SAM2 speed machine which a group of volunteers move around various locations in the village including on the Herringfleet Road. St Olaves residents are also forming their own Speed watch group. It is hoped both these will help alleviate the problem. Cllr Stephens added the Police have recently confirmed they will be taking an interest in speeding in both Fritton and St Olaves, in the run up to Christmas.

- A member of the public reported a lady has been seen trying to retrieve mail from postboxes which are fitted onto fences outside of some properties on New Road in Fritton.

- A member of the public was present at the meeting to discuss the Decoy Tavern planning application. Concern was voiced at losing the last public house left in Fritton. There was also concern about the amount of additional traffic which would have to use the already dangerous junction onto the A143. However it was noted something does need to be done to the site, the Decoy Tavern has already been up for sale for five years. It was suggested if this or any other planning application is approved, something need to be done so that members of the public can safely walk from Fritton to St Olaves if they want to visit The Bell.

The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council have already applied for funding from Great Yarmouth BID and NCC Parish Partnership Scheme to create a walkway, Cllr Stephens has also met with the Estate Manager from Somerlayton Hall about getting the hedge cut back. It is not know yet if the funding has been successful.

The Landlord of the Tavern expressed upset upon being notified that a resident on New Road has circulated a letter to neighbouring property owners about the planning application. The Landlord of the Decoy Tavern has formed a response to this letter which he passed to the Clerk, who will email to all members after the meeting.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.55pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Johnson, Julian, Leggett, Borough Cllr Cameron and County Cllr Annison. To accept the apologies Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Rose. All In Favour.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 30th September 2021 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Cllr Bosworth, Seconded Cllr Bellaby. All In Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

At 7.55pm the following item was opened up to hear information from members of the public.

5. ST OLAVES - PARKING

It was explained members of the St Olaves Village Hall Committee had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss possible options that may help to alleviate parking problems in St Olaves. The Chairman asked would it be possible for the committee to permit a limited number of residents to park their cars in the Village Hall car park for an annual fee, in the same way Fritton Village Hall does?

A member of the committee replied this has already been discussed, and the Committee feels there are too many points against being able to allow this. There has been comments from the Police and from NCC Highways which have stated this would not be suitable. There are issues surrounding security for both the Village Hall and neighbouring properties. Concerns that if additional keys are cut they could be copied and passed onto others. If the gate is left unsecured at any time there is the possibility travellers could access the car park and field behind the hall.

It was then suggested perhaps the owners of the Priory Restaurant could be contacted to find out if they would allow residents to use their car park.

Cllr Burton suggested the Parish Council should write a letter directly to any residents that are continually parking on the layby and grass verge to ask they move their vehicles.

This item ended at 8.05pm and the main meeting resumed.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheque Number	Detail	Amount
100712	K. Ruddock- October Salary £439.91, less tax £88.00, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance.	£361.91
100713	J. Bosworth – Refund for material used to install the new notice board in St Olaves	£9.82
BACS	K. Ruddock - November Salary £439.91, less tax £88, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£361.91
100714	Fritton Village Hall – September meeting hire	£27.00
100715	HMRC -Tax from K. Ruddock – August & September wage	£176.00
	Total	£936.64

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

7. PARISH PRECEPT

The Clerk reported she had circulated to all members prior to the meeting a copy of the budget to spend report, bank reconciliation and draft precept.

After some discussion it was agreed by all members to approve the 2022/23 precept which contains an increase of 1.6%. Proposed Cllr Bellaby, Seconded Cllr Burton. All In Favour
Please note a copy of the precept and the budget to spend report are attached to and do form part of the minutes.

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance as per statements as at 30th September 2021

Community Account	£12,241.72
Business Account	£ 3,636.04

	£15,877.76

Less unrepresented cheques as at 30th September 2021

CQ 100709	£ 176.00
CQ 100711	£3,360.00

Closing Balance as at 30th September 2021

£12,341.76

Cash Book

Opening Balance 1 st April 2021	£9,669.23
Plus Receipts	£9,965.35
Less Payments	£7,292.82
Closing Balance per cash book	£12,341.76

8. NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported there has been no update from NCC Highways Dept when the road surface will be repaired in St Olaves at the junction to the Herringfleet Road. There has been no update when the footpath will be repaired at the same location, next to Buckworths garage, and no update when the passing places signage will be installed on New Road in Fritton. The Chairman reported Highways are currently reinstating the old gullie on the A143 in Fritton next to the pig farm.

Cllr Bosworth reported the pothole near to her property on the A143 in St Olaves have now been repaired.

9. FRITTON DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported following a query with GYBC concerning the funding for the defibrillator. It has now been confirmed both Borough Cllr Myers and Camerons ward budget can be used to purchase the machine.

Cllr Dunn reported he had been in contact with the Fritton Village Hall Committee, it is now understood the wall did not get reinforced where the defibrillator is to be installed. Cllr Dunn stated he and one of the Trustees will undertake this work when the machine arrives.

Cllr Storey suggested an alternative could be to install it on two metal posts if there are any significant problems with the walls.

10. CHANGES TO THE BANK MANDATE

The Clerk reported Cllr Bellaby now has online access for the Parish Council bank accounts and the first payment has been made this month by BACS. Cllr Burton reported after contacting the bank there has been a problem with his paperwork and he has not been set up as a signatory. It was therefore agreed to run with three signatories for the time being. Cllrs Johnson and Julian will have online access in due course.

11. GREAT YARMOUTH BID/PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

The Clerk and Cllr Stephen reported the additional information has been sent to BID which contained photos and a map of the road where the walkway will be. The application form has been updated with the additional information and sent to Karen Youngs. The Parish Partnership Scheme application form has also been completed and submitted to NCC. Cllr Stephens confirmed he has met with Mr Johnson, the Estate Manager for Somerlayton Hall. He has stated they would be willing to undertake the first cut to get the hedge cut back, this can then be undertaken annually by NCC.

12. PLANNING

06/21/0899/F Decoy Tavern Public House, Fritton

Demolition of public house and erection of no. 5 dwelling houses with parking

It was agreed by all members to object to the above planning application due to the reasons listed below.

- Access from New Road onto the A143 is already dangerous, there is concern the proposed development will make the situation worse. As a small Parish Council we have tried to make improvements to this section of road by supporting the Fritton Speedwatch Group, and by purchasing a new SAM2 speed machine. It is believed this development would be detrimental to the area and will make the situation worse.
- There is concern the development would create even more of a problem with the amount of cars being parked along New Road, especially when there are visitors to the new properties.
- The Parish Council believe the proposed development is too large for the site, therefore the plot would be overdeveloped.
- There is already an existing problem with the sewage system. The current system can not cope with the existing infrastructure, it is feared this will be made much worse if an additional five dwellings are built on the site.

Borough Cllr Myers stated he has been contacted by a number of residents concerning the above application. He will be contacting Mr Glasson in the Planning Dept to find out if the application will be dealt with by the Planning Committee, or if it will be dealt with as a delegated application.

Borough Cllr Myers added he has looked into the possibility of registering the Decoy Tavern as a Community Asset. However the process to do so is lengthy, therefore it is unlikely this would be possible at this stage.

Lastly if there continues to be a problem with the vehicles being parked in the lay-by to let him know, he will then report this to the Environmental Dept at GYBC.

Planning applications that have been approved:

06/21/0740/TRE	White House, Priory Road, St Olaves	Tree Management
06/21/0599/TRE	Gold Wood, St Olaves	Tree Management

13. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th January, 7.30pm at Fritton Village Hall
With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm