

# **Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council**

Chairman: Stannas Bellaby Vice Chair: Margaret Johnson

## **Parish Council Meeting**

**held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at St Olaves Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Councillors Stannas Bellaby (Chair), Margaret Johnson, Clive Julian, Keith Leggett, Rowland Dunn, John Stephens, Judith Bosworth, Jill Rose, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock and four members of the public including Borough Cllr Myers.

### ***The public section commenced at 7.30pm***

#### **PUBLIC SECTION**

A member of the public reported ongoing concerns with road and footpath safety, in both villages, due to the amount of vehicles that continue to travel at speed, in particular along both the A143 and Herringfleet Road.

Following the Annual Parish Meeting it was again suggested would the Parish Council consider purchasing a new memorial bench to celebrate the Queens Jubilee, which could be sited next to the footpath, near to the Windmill and Broads Authority moorings in St Olaves. Borough Cllr Myers reported if there are any areas where large items have been fly tipped to let him know, he will report this to GYBC to arrange for the items to be collected.

Cllr Julian confirmed he will send photos to Borough Cllr Myers of items that have been discarded near Blocka junction in St Olaves to see if they can be cleared.

Borough Councillor Myers clarified the government rebate of £150 will be paid automatically into property owners bank accounts that pay for their Council Tax by direct debit. For those that do not pay by this payment method they will be contacted by GYBC to obtain bank account details. There are also payment schemes available for property owners outside the A to D bands with a limited income.

### ***With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.37pm***

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Storey and Burton, Borough Cllr Cameron and County Cllr Annison. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Bellaby, seconded Cllr Julian. All in Favour.

#### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 had been circulated by the Clerk to all members. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Cllr Bosworth, seconded Cllr Johnson. All in Favour

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## 5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheque Number	Detail	Amount
BACS	K. Ruddock- February Salary £439.91, less tax £88.00, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance.	£361.91
BACS	Fritton Village Hall- payment for January 2022 meeting	£27.00
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for replacement laptop charger and ink cartridge	£32.61
BACS	K. Ruddock - March Salary £439.91, less tax £87.80, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£362.11
BACS	HMRC tax from K. Ruddock February wage £88 and March wage £87.80	£175.80
BACS	Fritton Village Hall – Annual rent for Parish Office	£100.00
100716	St Margarets Church – Churchyard Maintenance	£165.00
100717	St Edmunds Church – Churchyard Maintenance	£330.00
BACS	Fritton Village Hall – Bi annual village hall donation	£150.00
BACS	St Olaves Village Hall – Bi annual village hall donation	£150.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,854.43</b>

To propose payment for the above sheet Cllr Bellaby, seconded Cllr Leggett. All in Favour.

## 6. INTERNAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Cllr Bosworth reported she had met with the Clerk and checked the payment sheets, cheque books, against the bank statements and invoices, and all items were in good order with no problems to report.

## 7. MAYORS VISIT

Borough Cllr Myers confirmed the Mayors visit will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April commencing at approximately 9.50am at Fritton Village Hall.

## 8. NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported she had received the following update from Paul Sellick.

●A section of hedge has been cut back the runs along next to the A143/Caldecott Hall. However there is still a large section which has not been cut back and is now overhanging onto the main road, can this be cut back?

[An Inspector will check to try to see which land owner has/ and has not cut back their private hedge.](#)

●A member of public has reported cars are still being parked on the grass verge on the Herringfleet Rd near to the turning into Priory Close. Can NCC install posts or bollards on the grass verge to prevent vehicles parking on it?

[Posts have now been installed by NCC on the grass verge.](#)

●What is the update on the passing places signage that County Cllr Grant was getting installed on New Road in Fritton?

Signs are not deemed suitable as most passing places are informal over run onto the verge, with some encroaching beyond the highway.

●The SAM2 pole that has been installed on the A143 near to Warren Loke has been hit by a vehicle and needs to be replaced.

I will order a replacement.

●There is again a dip in the road as you travel from Haddiscoe, and drive over the big bridge. This dip has occurred in the road before and has been repaired, but again it poses a potential safety hazard especially to motorcyclists.

I will ask the inspectors ( both south office and my inspector - the area boundary is at the small bridge so may, from description, be in the South depot area ) to investigate.

●The wording on the “Slow” sign at the top end of New Road in Fritton is barely visible therefore the sign needs to be replaced.

Is this a line marking or an actual sign please?

●The road surface at the A143 junction with the Herringfleet Rd in St Olaves has still not been repaired and is now in a terrible condition.

Works were identified and ordered and are with the contractor to sort necessary closures /traffic management to enable the work. I'll ask the inspector to check and make safe in the meantime between the closure/main patching work.

●Sommerlayton Estate have cut back the hedge next to the A143 where the informal walkway is to be. Can it be confirmed, as had been previously agreed, that Highways will now cut back the hedge to this point when undertaking future cuts?

●I'm pleased the estate cut their hedge, obviously it would be nice if they continued to do so themselves as it is their hedge, but as mentioned during our site meeting about a trod, as long as they wouldn't complain if we flailed it from time to time then, when needed if they are unable to cut themselves, then highways will to assist pedestrians when required..

●Some trees have self seeded in the verge next to the A143 in Fritton. As you travel towards St Olaves on the left hand side in front of the large house opposite the Village Hall. The trees have grown and are now starting to obstruct the road sign, they need to be removed before they get any larger.

I'll speak to the tree officer at GYB services to seek advice and a quote for their removal.

Report from County Cllr Annison:

Following a meeting it has been suggested there may be a possibility of getting the speed limit reduced on the middle section of the Herringfleet Road where it crosses into Suffolk. The matter is now with Officers from both Norfolk County Cllr and Suffolk County Council to progress.

It was generally agreed all of the Herringfleet Road should be reduced to 30mph, also the whole stretch of the A143 between Fritton and St Olaves should also be 30mph. After some discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting with Parish Councillors and Brandon Lewis MP to discuss this issue and speeding in the villages.

- It was reported there is a tree trunk on the left hand side of the A143, where the proposed walkway would be that needs to be removed. (travelling from Fritton to At Olaves).

- There are two potholes in the road on the A143 near to Caldecott Hall.

## **9. FRITTON DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk reported she had contacted GYBC and Jayne Biggs from Heart 2 Heart Norfolk and can confirm payment has now been made to the charity for the new defibrillator. The proposed location for the new machine was discussed with Mrs Biggs, this being on an outside wall of a property on New Road.

Mrs Biggs stated in her opinion be opposed to installing the machine at this location due to the following reasons.

- New Road itself is not the best location for a defibrillator in Fritton. The road is very dark being an unlit road, ambulance crews would find it very difficult to find the exact location of where the machine had been installed during the night time.

- You can not turn around easily at the end, therefore minutes would be lost when trying to access the life saving equipment.

- The database "The Circuit" which all defibrillators have to be registered on state the machines must be sited where the public can see it everyday. Therefore the advised location would be on the outside wall of the Decoy Barn Bed and Breakfast on the A143. Being such a busy stretch of road, members of the public would become aware that a new machine has been sited there, and taking into account the amount of road accidents that happen at this location would again confirm this is the best location.

- Defibrillators should be in the best location for the wider community, not just for the residents of the village.

- It is also recommended to house the machine in an unlocked case so it can be easily accessed.

Due to receiving this new information from Jayne Biggs the vote was then taken to install the new defibrillator on the outside wall of the Decoy Barn B & B rather than on New Road in Fritton. Yes:8, No:0. Carried.

Cllr Stephens confirmed he would be happy to have the machine installed on his outside wall. It was clarified there would not be an issue with mobile phone signals as emergency services can still be called from a mobile phone even if there is no signal.

## **10. GREAT YARMOUTH BID FUNDING FOR A143 WALKWAY**

The Clerk reported that NCC Parish Partnership have agreed to fund 50% of the works this being £3000 to install the walkway. The Parish Council now have to send the payment for the remaining £3000 to NCC, however this funding has not as yet been secured. The Clerk confirmed she is currently waiting to hear back from County Cllr Annison to find out if he will fund the remaining £3000 from his Highways budget.

Failing that it was agreed to try again to obtain funding from BID or look into Lottery funding.

## **11. PLANNING**

Comments to the following planning applications had been submitted to GYBC prior to the meeting.

06/22/0026/HH            Firdale, Beccles Rd, Fritton    Replace conservatory with garden room, attic conversion with dormer to rear

06/22/0184/M            Bridleway North of Blocka Run    Prior approval notification for proposed cattle underpass

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for both applications above.

**Applications approved:**

06/22/0026/HH Firdale, Beccles Rd, Fritton Replace conservatory with garden room, attic conversion with dormer to rear

06/22/0184/M Bridleway North of Blocka Run Prior approval notification for proposed cattle underpass (ag determination) permitted development.

The Clerk reported Cllr Johnson pointed out the planning department approved the Blocka Run application on the 18<sup>th</sup> March before the Parish Council had time to submit their comments to the consultation which asked for comments by the 24<sup>th</sup> March. Borough Cllr Myers confirmed he would look into this.

**Tree Preservation Order Granted:**

TPO 19 of 2021 – Tree on land south-west of Herringfleet House, Fritton and St Olaves

Cllr Bosworth reported a tyre has been flytipped on Blocka Run, Fritton end. Also after having had no response when asking for volunteers last year to undertake a village litter pick, she will again try to organise a village litter pick later this year.

It was reported the dog bin near to Fritton Woods had not been emptied by GY B Services this week.

**10. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7.30pm at Fritton Village Hall.

*With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm*