

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Chairman: Stannas Bellaby Vice Chair: Margaret Johnson

Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 28th July 2022 at St Olaves Village Hall

Present:

Councillors Stannas Bellaby (Chair), Margaret Johnson (Vice Chair), Clive Julian, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, Judith Bosworth, Keith Leggett, John Stephens, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock, and six members of the public including County Cllr Annison and Borough Cllr Myers.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SECTION

It was reported a farmer has started to use the track which leads to the Round House in Waveney Forest, to turn around into the woods. By doing so some trees and fencing have been knocked down creating a wide access area. There is concern this may create a track for members of the public to drive into the forest. Cllr Storey confirmed he would take a look at the area and report back to Newcombe Estates.

Cllr Storey reported a Fire Officer has visited New Road, some of the bracken at the side of the road is due to be removed to allow the fire brigade access to the river.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.40pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Rose and Burton. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Julian. All in Favour.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 26th May 2022 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. PLANNING

06/22/0341/TRE Heatherbrae, Herringfleet Rd, St Olaves Proposed works to trees T1 and T2
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application.

06/22/0508/F 2 New Road, Fritton Single Storey rear extension

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application with the comment where will the existing oil tank go if the extension is added.

06/22/0599/F Fairway Lakes, Caldecott Hall, Fritton 4 Nord Lodges, Beccles Rd, Fritton

After some discussion the vote was taken to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above planning application. Yes: 5, No: 3. Carried.

The meeting was open at 7.46pm to allow members of the public to discuss the following item.

Mr Jerry Stone, the agent for the Decoy Tavern P.H. planning application, was present at the meeting. Mr Stone stated he had agreed to an extension for the Parish Council to submit

comments for the application so it could be discussed within this meeting, however he was disappointed to have received notification from GYBC informing him that the Parish Council had applied for a community asset nomination for the Decoy Tavern. Mr Stone confirmed he has submitted objections to this nomination.

Mr Stone reported he had had a meeting with Planning Officers earlier that day. The planning application may be amended to create two larger properties rather than five smaller dwellings. It is thought the current application will be refused by GYBC.

Cllr Dunn asked Mr Stone about the fuel storage tanks which are located underneath the property. Mr Stone stated was not aware that there were any such tanks, a contamination report would be needed to evaluate the tanks and the Environmental Health Dept would deal with any possible contaminated land.

After some discussion it was agreed by all members to object to the current planning application, and to submit the same objections as before due to the planning application being exactly the same as the one discussed in November 2021.

06/22/0495/F Decoy Tavern PH, Beccles Rd, 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.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of Belton with Browston Parish Council Ken Botwright was present at the meeting to start discussion about the possibility of creating a joint a neighbourhood plan with both Burgh Castle and Belton with Browston Parish Councils.

A neighbourhood plan gives parishes the chance to record what development they would, and would not like to see with in their villages, because the plan would have to be adopted by GYBC and the Broads Authority it would hold weight with the planning department when any future applications are made. Currently there is funding available to create a neighbourhood plan. An initial grant of £10,000 is available however at the moment the deadline to obtain and to spend the funding is the 31st March 2023. Due to there being such a small amount of time left to obtain the funding a decision will need to be made by the Parish Council as soon as possible to decide whether to proceed with the project. Another meeting will follow with an Officer from GYBC who will be able to explain the process in greater detail, it is hoped the meeting will take place in the first week of August, the Clerk will confirm the time and date.

A Working Party will need to be created by all three Parishes to extract information for the plan, this can be made up of Councillors and residents.

After some discussion it was agreed for this item to be on the agenda at the September meeting for the decision to be made whether to proceed with the project.

With no further business the public section was again closed at 8.17pm

6. DECOY TAVERN P.H. FRITTON – NOMINATION AS COMMUNITY ASSET

Following on from the last meeting, the nomination application form has been completed and has been submitted to GYBC along with the Land Registry title plan.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

	Detail	Amount
BACS	K. Ruddock- June Salary £448.93 less tax £89.60 plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance.	£369.33
BACS	K. Ruddock - July Salary £448.93, less tax £89.80, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£369.13
BACS	HMRC tax from K. Ruddock June 89.60 & July wage £89.80	£179.40
BACS	Fritton Village Hall- payment for May 2022 meeting	£27.00
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for stationary 30.98 & laptop repair 58.00	£88.98
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for title plan	£6.00
	Total	£1,039.84

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

8. SPEEDING IN FRITTON AND ST OLAVES

Cllr Johnson reported she and Cllr Stephens had attended a meeting on the 31st May 2022 with Brandon Lewis MP and County Cllr Annison to discuss the ongoing problems with speeding in both villages. Prior to the meeting Cllr Johnson had supplied Mr Lewis with a document detailing the background information.

The meeting was very productive, and after it Borough Cllr Myers placed an article about the issues in the Village Voice magazine.

Following on from the meeting the Parish Council had been copied into an email from NCC to Mr Lewis which addressed the various points raised. NCC have stated the Parish Council have been invited to join a road safety trial. Norfolk Constabulary have recently invested in two additional mobile enforcement vehicles through the safety camera partnership and are looking to collaborate on prioritising their deployment based on an objective review of speeding data collected via SAM2 signs. This will be intelligence-led, prioritising time, days and road safety priorities around deployment wherever possible. The sites do not meet the road safety criteria for a permanent safety camera.

Cllr Johnson reported both she and Cllr Stephens have replied to the email expressing their disappointment.

Cllr Stephens stated NCC and the Police have already been sent a great amount of data detailing the dates and times of speeding vehicles collected by the Speed watch Group. The speed camera team currently only work between 9am and 5pm therefore can not be deployed to the village when the issue with speeding is at its worst, the request for average speed cameras has been refused.

County Cllr Annison stated he fully supports the Parish Council with trying to tackle this issue in the villages, however the Parish Council has to be realistic about what can be done. Average speed cameras cost an incredible amount to install, sadly at this time there is a real struggle to realistically get funding for these cameras to be installed.

9. FRITTON – NEW ROAD PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported she had received correspondence from GYBC asking for information from Parish Councillors concerning the existing play equipment of the small play area in New Road, Fritton. GYBC are running a consultation on Play Area Action Plan which is taking place to identify sites to be prioritised in a programme of works over the next five years. At this first stage they would like feedback from Councillors plus any existing consultations that Parish Councils may have already collected.

Cllr Dunn suggested to include the Parish Council would like to have new pieces of equipment installed that are inclusive and accessible for all children. It was also agreed the existing play equipment generally needs modernising, and the surface needs to be replaced.

Cllr Dunn reported he had entered a competition being run by Wicks which is for up to £10,000 of grant funding to purchase new play equipment, the results will be published on the 12th August.

10. NCC HIGHWAYS

- The Clerk reported she had received an email from a concerned resident stating garden waste is being dumped in the Waveney Forest by some residents on New Road. There is concern this could cause a potential fire hazard due to the high temperatures that are currently being experienced. It was suggested an article could be placed in the Village Voice about this.
- Cllr Storey reported the far end of New Road (Waveney Forest end) is due to be resurfaced. The side of the New Road next to the play ground needs to be filled in again.
- County Cllr Annsion reported the A143 junction with the Herringfleet Rd road surface is due to be repaired in autumn this year, a road closure will be in place while the work is carried out.
- The pot hole on the A143 in Fritton next to where the pond was on the pig farm needs to be repaired and was only partly repaired last time.
- County Cllr Annison confirmed he will find out if the footpath next to the Fritton village hall is going to be resurfaced and if so when. He will also get confirmation from the Highways Engineer that the funding for the informal walkway next to the A143 will pay for the whole stretch to be included in the scheme not just part of it.
- The Clerk reported Cllr Stephens has suggested to apply for BID funding again this year to part pay for the walkway just in case the funding from NCC does not pay for the whole of the scheme. It was agreed to submit a new application this year

11. JUBILEE BENCH

Cllr Johnson reported after making enquiries the Broads Authority have confirmed they do own the land where it has been suggested the new bench is installed, this being near the B.A moorings and the windmill in St Olaves, they have also confirmed that planning permission would not be required. The B.A do not have any funding to pay for a new bench at the moment but there may be another pot of funding which they may be able to help with.

Cllr Johnson stated she has spoken to the owner of the Priory in St Olaves, they have given permission for the Parish Council to access their private road to install the bench. Local businesses have been approached to ask if they will contribute to a new bench. GDC have stated they will donate £100, Buckworths Garage and The Bell and also stated they will make a donation.

12. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm at Fritton Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.04pm