

FRITTON WITH ST OLAVES
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on Thursday 31st March 2022 at 7.00pm
at St Olaves Village Hall

In Attendance:

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

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

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 Dunn, Seconded Cllr Johnson. All in Favour.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2021 PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th March 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 Johnson. All in Favour.

3. REPORT BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Having been in post since May 2021 there have been ups and downs during the past year. I am pleased to report that the two councillor vacancies were filled during the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2021, during which Cllrs Leggett and Julian were co-opted on the Parish Council.

Due to the covid pandemic Parish Council meetings had been held online by zoom, however we have now been back to meeting face to face since July 2021, which is much better and everyone is glad to be back to normal now. Meetings continue to be held bi-monthly throughout the year. Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council meetings are usually held on the last Thursday of the month.

Earlier this year I was informed of the very sad news that the previous Parish Council Chairman, and long standing Parish Councillor, Mr Allan Mendum had passed away. During the past year the Parish Council has continued to work closely with County Cllr Annison and Borough Cllrs Adrian Myers and Tracie Cameron.

The Parish Council has continued to move forward with various projects.

During 2020 the Parish Council purchased a new defibrillator for the villages which was fully funded from Borough Cllr Myers and Borough Cllr Cameron's annual ward budget, the defibrillator was installed at Buckworths Garage. A second defibrillator has now been ordered from Heart 2 Heart Norfolk which will be installed at an agreed location in Fritton. Again the machine was funded from Borough Cllr Myers and Borough Cllr Cameron's ward budget.

A second sam2 speed sign was purchased this year which was 50% funded through Norfolk County Councils Parish Partnership Scheme. The machine is located at two alternating locations on the A143, and is moved by members of the Fritton Speedwatch team. The Parish Council have also purchased two new notice boards. To replace one board in St Olaves, on the Herringfleet Road, and to replace a second on the Post Office wall in Fritton.

Burial ground donations continue to be made to annually to both St Edmunds Church in Fritton and St Margarets Church in Herringfleet.

4. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received from the following local groups and organisations please note the reports are appended to and do form part of the minutes:

- St Olaves Village Hall
- St Edmund's Church Fritton
- Fritton Poorlands Report
- Fritton Village Hall
- Herringfleet Poorland Trust

Cllr Stephens gave a brief report from Fritton Speedwatch group.

The Group continues to meet every 2 weeks outside the Decoy Barn bed and breakfast. During each session in general 1-3 vehicles are recorded at travelling at 60mph or over, 15 vehicles are recorded travelling at 50mph or over, 40 vehicles are recorded travelling at 40mph or over, and there are too many to record that travel in excess of 30mph, it is estimated over 60.

HGV are continuing to mount the pavement when driving around the bend next to the village hall, the road simply is not wide enough. A member of the Polices speedwatch team has been out for one session at 10am. It has been reported that another two Officers are due to be employed by Norfolk Police, one of which will be based in Great Yarmouth, therefore it is hoped the will be a greater presence in both villages.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A member of the public reported there are ongoing problems with speeding in St Olaves, in particular along the Herringfleet Road. There has not been any update on the new Speedwatch Group for St Olaves.
- It was 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 River Windmill Cottage in St Olaves.

It was agreed this will be looked into and added onto the next agenda. Cllr Johnson conformed she will contact the Broads Authority to find out if permission would be needed from them. The Clerk will find out how much a bench with plaque would cost.

With no further business the meeting closed was then closed at 7.28pm