

# **Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council**

Chairman: Stannas Bellaby Vice Chair: Margaret Johnson

## **Parish Council Meeting**

**held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Fritton Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Councillors Stannas Bellaby (Chair), Clive Julian, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, Keith Leggett, Judy Bosworth, John Burton, John Stephens, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock, and eight members of the public including Borough Cllr Myers.

***The meeting commenced at 7.30pm***

### **PUBLIC SECTION**

#### Haddiscoe Quarry

The question was asked what does the Parish Council intend to do about the new quarry in Haddiscoe? It was explained the Parish Council will back any comments made by Haddiscoe Parish Council concerning this issue.

#### Road Sweeping

It was reported the layby on the left hand side Beccles Road as you drive into St Olaves from Fritton is in need of being swept as there is a large amount of mud on the road. It was reported Herringfleet Rd, New Road and the whole stretch of the A143 also needs to be reported as all roads are extremely muddy.

#### St Olaves Caravan Park, Priory Farm, St Olaves – Planning Application

Members of the public were present at the meeting to voice concerns over the St Olaves Caravan Park planning application. Neighbouring property owners already have problems entering and exiting their properties, the increased amount of traffic the application would generate would make the problem much worse. The junction where the site located is already dangerous, there is concern additional vehicles accessing the site could result in more accidents. Local services already can not cope with the current infrastructure, the pumping station would not be able to cope with the additional capacity. Wildlife in the area has already been affected, more caravans on the site would make this much worse. It was also reported there are a number of very large trees that are overhanging neighbouring properties that need to be cut back. The Chairman thanked the members of public for raising their concerns, the Parish Council will make comments on the application within the planning item.

Cllr Myers reported:

- He has contacted NCC Highways Dept to request extra signage at for the Cherry Lane site to make the entrance to the site clearer.
- Concerning the over grown trees that all the photos and information are send over to him, he will then attend a site meeting to take a look with the property owners.

***With no further business the public section was closed and main meeting commenced at 7.55pm***

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Johnson and County Cllr Annison. To accept the apologies proposed Cllr Bellaby, seconded Cllr Dunn. All in Favour.

## **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3. MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 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 Julian. All in Favour.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

### Jubilee Bench

The Clerk reported Cllr Johnson has made further calls to the Broads Authority concerning the installation of the bench. They have quoted a new bench will cost in the region of £400 and installation will cost £400, they will arrange the installation and will maintain the bench once in place. Officer Dan Hoare has confirmed he will ensure the site visit will be chased up as a priority. Once one of the Authorities Rangers has undertaken the inspection and agreed the location for the bench Cllr Johnson will then make enquiries to find out if they too can make some contribution to fund the bench along with the Parish Council and local businesses.

## **5. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION**

The Clerk reported two applications had been received to fill the Parish Council vacancy. A letter from Dr Catherine Richards and Mr Bob Betts had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The vote was taken to fill the vacancy by co-option. Votes taken for Bob Betts to be co-opted onto the Council: 4, votes taken for Catherine Richards to be co-opted onto the Council: 4. The Chairman used his casting vote to co-opt Catherine Richards onto the Parish Council. The acceptance of office form was duly signed.

## **6. WAVENEY FOREST TREES**

Cllr Dunn reported no action has been taken by Newcombe Estates on the 2/3 trees which are over hanging trees a neighbouring property. The Clerk confirmed a second letter was sent to the Estates after the last meeting, no reply has been received. Since the other trees are been felled, there is concern the remaining trees may now be unsafe as they are not protected. Borough Cllr Myers confirmed he will contact the arborist at GYBC to ask the he undertakes an inspection of the trees.

## **7. NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS**

### ***Fritton with St Olaves – Informal Walkway***

County Cllr Annison has stated there is an update concerning the walkway which will be reported in due course.

### ***Fritton Village Sign – posts in grass verge***

Borough Cllr Myers stated he will go back to the Officer at GYBC about ownership if the Fritton Village sign grassed verge as the area previously identified was not the correct area of land.

***Speeding - The following update has been received from NCC Mr Bygrave  
Director of Highways, Transport & Waste***

Thank you for your email below and very sorry to hear about the recent fatality on the A143. I know our team will liaise with Norfolk Constabulary to understand the circumstances around this very sad incident and investigate whether any other highway related changes are required to help prevent future occurrences.

The Parish Council mention below a suggestion for a double white line system, which has been assessed and is already in the Council's programme for implementation. The proposal is to extend the existing lining by around 50m further south. This programme will depend on how much funding Government will allocate towards highway maintenance and improvements next year, which we should get confirmed in the coming weeks. If the actual funding levels are as predicted, then the works will take place next financial year. Just for your information, the fatality happened slightly further north at the Cherry Lane nursery, some 2km north of the Fritton 30mph speed limit.

In terms of current measures, Fritton already has a SAM2 sign and a VAS (southbound) and the local Highways team have installed some more repeater carriageway roundels to help reinforce the existing speed limit. I understand our Network Manager has also offered for the Parish to participate in a SAM2 data trial, where we capture their SAM2 data into a central repository and use this to prioritise the deployment of 2 new mobile speed camera enforcement vans, which the Council has funded through the Safety Camera Partnership (with Norfolk Constabulary) earlier this year. This may be something that the Parish may wish to consider further. If so, please can they contact Alex Cliff (copied in) direct.

I hope that helps reassure you and the Parish that we will liaise with Norfolk Constabulary and investigate the circumstances around the recent fatality, that we have some other road safety measures in the pipeline which should be implemented next year, and that there is a data trial which the Parish may wish to participate in.

Clr Stephens added additional data would be good, however progress is already now being made. Due to the area in Fritton being classified as a red zone, Police have been deploying their mobile speed unit much more regularly to Fritton, and there has been a significant amount of progress made in tackling the problem.

***Other Highway Items:***

- Pothole at the entrance to Fritton Hall, opposite Caldecott Hall entrance needs repairing.
- Pothole on the A143, opposite the junction next to Buckworths Garage, St Olaves.
- Pothole on the A143 in St Olaves, over the bridge heading towards Gr Yarmouth, on the left hand side opposite the Bell.
- New Road sign at the entrance to the road is damaged, it either needs to be repaired or replaced.
- The public footpath which runs next to the river in St Olaves running through to Waveney Forest is now very overgrown in parts.

Members of the public that move the Sam2 speed machine agreed the machine will be moved onto New Road when it is time to be moved again.

The Clerk reported there had not been any update concerning any repairs to the road surface at the A143 junction in St Olaves, or on New Road in Fritton.

It was agreed for the Clerk to again contact the agent dealing with the Decoy PH, as the harris fencing has still not been moved back to help with visibility when turning out of the New Road junction.

### 8. 2023-2024 PRECEPT

The Clerk reported GYBC have confirmed the council tax support grant will no longer be passed onto Parish Council's as from the next financial year. This is because the funding is no longer being passed onto the Borough Council from Central Government.

The concurrent function grant has been reviewed and the bus shelter element has also been withdrawn however the latter does not effect Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council. It has also been confirmed that during the 2023-24 financial year a Working Party at the Borough Council will be looking into the other elements of the grant funding which includes open spaces and burial grounds, therefore it is likely the Parish Council will see reductions to these in coming years.

Therefore with the council tax support grant being removed from the precept there is now a deficit of £105. If this is therefore added onto the 2023-24 precept the increase will rise from 7% to 8%.

After some discussion it was agreed to the precept will have to be increased to cover the withdrawn funding. Therefore the total precept will now be £8351, which is a rise of 8%. Proposed Cllr Julian, seconded Cllr Bellaby. All in Favour. Please note a copy of this precept is appended to and does form part of the minutes.

### 9. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	Detail	Amount
BACS	K. Ruddock- December Salary £483.59 less tax £96.80 plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£396.79
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for stationary	£20.70
BACS	K. Ruddock - January Salary £483.59 less tax £96.80, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£396.79
BACS	HMRC tax from K. Ruddock December £96.80 & January wage £96.80	£193.60
BACS	St Olaves Village Hall- payment for November 2022 meeting	£30.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,037.88</b>

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

### 10. PLANNING

06/22/1006/F St Olaves Caravan Park, Priory Farm St Olaves

Proposed stationing of 30 static touring caravans, construction of internal road and shower block

It was agreed by all members to object to the application above due to the following issues. There is great concern about the increase in traffic that would be generated in this area of the village should 30 caravans be located at this site. The junction where the site is located is already dangerous, there is concern additional vehicles accessing the site could result in more accidents.

Local services already cannot cope with the current infrastructure, the pumping station would not be able to cope with the additional capacity. Wildlife in the area has already been affected, more caravans on the site would make this much worse. There is concern noise generated from the site would negatively affect neighbouring properties

06/22/1029/HH Squirrel Dreys, Herringfleet RD, St Olaves  
Demolition of garage, first floor extension and new garage  
It was agreed yo submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application.

#### Planning Inspectorate Appeal Notification

APP /U2615/W/22/3304467 Decoy Public House, Beccles Road Fritton

#### Applications Approved:

06/22/0814/VCF Ivy House, Beccles Road, Fritton Variation of cond 2 pp 06/20/0106/F

#### GYBC Consultation Emerging Local Plan – call for sites

Having received information from GYBC the Clerk reported there are six sites that have been listed a potential sites for development in Fritton, none have been listed for St Olaves. Three of the sites have been listed for leisure and tourism the locations being two next to Caldecott Hall, and one on land between Beccles Rd and Fritton House. Three sites have been listed for potential housing development, one being opposite the Decoy Bed & Breakfast and there are two further sites on the right hand side of New Road.

The Parish Council has an opportunity to comment on all listings, comments have to be submitted to GYBC by the 17<sup>th</sup> February. Due to the limited amount of time to enter comments for the consultation it was agreed for Cllrs to send all comments over by email to the Clerk.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

A public meeting is being held at St Olaves Village Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 1.30pm where further information can be obtained about the progress of the plan.

The first meeting of the steering group is due to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. 7.00pm at New Road Sport & Leisure Centre in Belton.

- Cllr Julian confirmed he will contact the property owners of Longacre, Priory Road to obtain an update on the flooding issue that is being dealt with by the Broads Authority..

#### **11. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at St Olaves Village Hall. The APM will also be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

- Cllr Bosworth confirmed she will forward an article onto the Clerk for the Village Voice asking for volunteers to help with the forthcoming litter pick.
- It was reported the issue of flooding is again starting to reoccur on the A143 near to Cherry Lane Garden Centre.

***With no further business the meeting was closed at 9.07pm***