

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Chairman: Stannas Bellaby Vice Chair: Margaret Johnson

Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 16th March 2023 at St Olaves Village Hall

Present:

Councillors Stannas Bellaby (Chair), Margaret Johnson, Peter Storey, Rowland Dunn, Judy Bosworth, John Stephens, Catherine Richards, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock, and eight members of the public including County Cllr Annison and Borough Cllr Myers.

PUBLIC SECTION

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

A member of public voiced concerns about the installation of the new trod (informal walkway) along the A143 between St Olaves and Fritton. Concern being the trod is not wide enough for pedestrians to safely walk along it.

It was explained prior to any works taking place the NCC Highways Engineer had inspected the area and therefore had given consent for the works to be undertaken. The installation of the trod was funded by NCC, 50% from County Cllr Annison's Highways budget, and 50% from the Parish Partnership Scheme.

Cllr Stephens added he was very pleased to see the work has now been done but would have liked to see a higher quality of material used for the trod. Concerning the Fritton footpath improvements, would it be possible to have flexible posts installed on the footpath to prevent HGV's from mounting the pavement? If that is not possible can a couple of cones be placed on it as they may also act as a deterrent to lorry drivers.

The Clerk reported she had made the request to NCC concerning the flexible post, and had also forwarded Cllr Stephens comments onto the Highways Engineer about the material used for the trod.

County Cllr Annison stated he was very proud to have been involved with being able to get the new trod created, and that the project had been delivered. The pathway was always going to be a trod and not a proper footpath as the latter would cost in the region of £200,000 to £300,000. The material that has been used is recycled tarmac plainings which is the same material now being used for bridleways.

County Cllr Annison confirmed he will pass on the concerns regarding the footpath and the request for the flexible posts.

Concerning the resurfacing of the A143 Herringfleet Road junction, he is still waiting to be advised when this works will be started.

In relation to the posts being installed on the grass verge where the Fritton village sign is sited, NCC still require permission to be obtained from the land owner even though it has been reported that the land in question is not registered.

It was suggested possibly the Parish Council could adopt the piece of open space land, after doing so they could then give permission to NCC.

Borough Cllr Myers reported there had been some discussion at the Borough Council concerning some of the 2023/24 parish precepts. Some Parishes in the Borough have had to increase their precepts by up to 300%.

Borough Cllr Myers reported he is still chasing NCC Highways about the new Cherry Lane warning signs.

With no further business the public section was closed and the main meeting commenced at 7.58pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Julian and Burton. 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 12th January 2023 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 Richards. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Bosworth reported the St Olaves layby on the left hand side heading towards Buckworths garage has still not been swept.

5. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

The Chairman reported a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Leggett. The vacancy will not be filled by co-option due to the Parish Council elections being on the 4th May.

6. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

To confirm the Parish Council Election nomination papers must be submitted to GYBC between the 27th March and no later than 4pm on the 4th April. Nomination papers must be checked (by appointment) by a member of the elections team 01493 846327.

7. NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS

- The Clerk confirmed she will inform GYB Services that the road name sign on New Road in Fritton has been knocked down and needs replacing.
- It was reported there is manhole cover that needs replacing on the A143 heading to Great Yarmouth before the turning to Caldecott Hall.
- It was reported someone has stolen a gate post from the far end of New Road next to the entrance that leads into Waveney Forest.
- It was reported the SAM2 pole on New Road has now been straightened, the Clerk confirmed she has notified the volunteers of this and has asked the machine is sited there when it is next moved.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman reported the period to return the neighbourhood plan survey closed on the 28th February, 347 surveys had been completed from the three Parishes which is a return rate of 14%, which is extremely good. The Steering Group will be meeting on the 21st March to continue their work on the next stages of the plan.

Cllr Richards added the group is working very well, the response from the public has been very good.

9. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	Detail	Amount
BACS	K. Ruddock- February wage £483.59 less tax £96.60 plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£396.99
BACS	K. Ruddock - March Salary £483.59 less tax £96.80, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£396.79
BACS	HMRC tax from K. Ruddock February £96.60 & March wage £96.80	£193.40
BACS	Fritton Village Hall- payment for January 2023 meeting	£27.00
BACS	Fritton Village Hall- Annual rent for Parish Office	£100.00
BACS	St Margarets Church – Churchyard maintenance	£165.00
BACS	St Edmunds Church – Churchyard maintenance	£330.00
BACS	Fritton Village Hall – Annual donation	£75.00
BACS	St Olaves Village Hall – Annual donation	£75.00
BACS	K. Ruddock – refund for ink cartridge	£16.70
BACS	Heart 2 Heart Norfolk – replacement pads for St Olaves defib	£50.00
	Total	£1,826.08

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

It was agreed by all members to pay the Clerk one additional hour per month to act as Secretary for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which is in line with Burgh Castle and Belton with Browston Parish Council's. Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Johnson. All in Favour.

10. PLANNING

Comments already submitted to GYBC

06/22/1029/HH Squirrel Dreys, Herringfleet Rd, St Olaves

Demolition of garage, provision of first floor extension, new garage and gym

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application.

06/23/0137/O Forestry Cottage, New Road, Fritton

Subdivision of garden for 1 detached self build dwelling with parking

It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application with the condition that consideration is taken into the design of the driveway. A lot of vehicles are already using this space for parking, the road must still be accessible for emergency services access.

Planning Applications Approved:

06/22/0855/VCF Fritton Lake, Fritton

Variation of cond 06/18/0682/F Enlargement to leisure area, change in design of bar & restaurant

06/22/0862/F Caldecott Hall, Beccles Rd, Fritton

Conversion of 3 no. Existing barns to 606/22/1029/HH

06/22/0986/F Fritton Lake, Fritton

Retrospective app, to 2 no. swimming pool changing rooms, gable to hipped roof & reduction in size of building

06/22/1029/HH Squirrel Dreys, Herringfleet Rd, St Olaves

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The Clerk reported she had forwarded two letters of complaint from residents concerning the approval of planning application 06/22/0159/F, Erection of 4 Nord Lodges for holiday use. The Parish Council complaints procedure, along with a copy of the minutes from the July 2022 Parish Council meeting when the application was discussed, has been sent to the complainant. It was also explained that Parish Council's are not a planning authority, the decision to approve or refuse any application is made by either GYBC or the Broads Authority depending on the location in the Parish.

Cllr Johnson reported permission from the Broads Authority has still not been granted to install the Jubilee bench on an area of their land next to the river in St Olaves. They are currently in the process of reviewing their policies on benches and bench maintenance. They have however stated the Parish Council would have to pay for all costs to do so which will include the initial purchase of the bench and concrete pad, the installation and any future maintenance. The bench will have to be transported either by boat on the river or accessed from the neighbouring land owner

Borough Cllr Myers stated he had looked into the issue of the overhanging trees in St Olaves and unfortunately the trees in question do not come under the high trees legislation. However the property owner can be written to requesting they are cut back as they are a statutory nuisance. Lastly the Fritton play area improvements have now commenced.

11. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Due to the Parish Council Elections the next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May 2023, 7.30pm at Fritton Village Hall, which is also the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm