

Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council

Chairman: Stannas Bellaby Vice Chair: Catherine Richards

Parish Council Meeting

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

Present:

Councillors Stannas Bellaby (Chair), Bob Betts, Nigel Barns, Catherine Richards, Rowland Dunn, John Wadeson, John Stephens, Hayley Carruthers, Parish Clerk Kate Ruddock, and three members of the public including County Cllr Annison and Borough Cllr Murray-Smith.

The meeting commenced at 7.10pm

PUBLIC SECTION

- The Clerk reported GY Services had replied stating the mechanical road sweeper will be used to sweep Priory Close annually. However due to employee shortages they will be deploying sweepers to these areas as soon as they have the manpower and resources available.
- A member of the public reported he had cleaned out two of the drains on Priory Close, however all the remaining drains also need clearing. County Cllr Annison confirmed he would report this NCC Highways are they are responsible for cleaning the gullies on the Highway.
- County Cllr Annison reported the resurfacing works on the A143 Beccles Road carriageway have now commenced and the A143 Fritton Double White Line Extension Safety Scheme will be completed in the following days. This will comprise of an extension of the double white lines westbound of Cherry Lane Garden Centre. Plus additional works including refinement of existing double white lines, trimming back overhanging trees, and the implementation of 4 new SLOW markings leading up to the Cherry Lane Garden Centre junction.
- County Cllr Annison reported the Highways Engineer is due to have a meeting with the pig farmer to discuss what possibilities to try and prevent the ongoing flooding on the A143 next to the pig farm field, one option may be to install new gullies on that section of the road.
- The Clerk stated Borough Cllr Carpenter is currently looking into a possible 40mph speed reduction on the A143 that would run from the Belton roundabout all the way along the A143 through to Fritton. County Cllr Annison reported both he and Borough Cllr Murray Smith are will also be working with Borough Cllr Carpenter to try and achieve this.

With no further business the public section was closed and the main meeting commenced at 7.21pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on 21st September 2023 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Cllr Carruthers, seconded Cllr Stephens. All in Favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported he had spoken to an employee at GDC to discuss the possibility of the key to the St Olaves Priory being kept in the office. The Clerk had contacted English Heritage suggesting this option however it is thought they have not followed this up with GDC as yet.

5. INTERNAL CONTROL OFFICER

It was agreed by all members for Cllr Carruthers to be appointed as Internal Control Officer for the Council .

6. NCC HIGHWAY MATTERS

- The Clerk reported Cllr Stephens has requested that NCC be contacted to find out if it would be possible for the double white lines extension on the A143 to be continued down as far as the bend where the pig farm is where it always floods?
The NCC reply being, “the double white line system runs past the pig farm access area (where it floods), so the markings will be painted over.”
- NCC were also asked when the road is closed next week for the resurfacing to the A143 in Fritton/St Olaves is there any chance a kerb stone could be installed at the same time starting at "The Warren" through to St Olaves, and would it be possible for any crushed tarmac to be spread on the existing trod to top it up?
No reply had been received concerning the above requests.
- It was reported there is a large pot hole on the A143 near to the bend where the pig farm is.
- The Chairman reported there give way road sign which has been knocked down near to the Fritton Village Sign has still not been repaired. County Cllr Annison reported he would chase this up with Highways Dept.
- Cllr Stephens reported the Police had caught over 100 vehicles speeding on the A143, they are now looking to purchase two more small white vans so the speed cameras may be deployed more often to the villages in coming months.
- Cllr Wadeson reported vehicles are bring parked across the footpath on the A143 between Fritton and St Olaves. There are a number of elderly residents that live in the houses in this area of the village and do use the footpath. By parking the vehicles here is not only inconsiderate but also potentially very dangerous.

7. FRITTON & ST OLAVES FLOODING

A143 corner next to pig farm

It was generally agreed by all members that more needs to be done to slow down the traffic on this section of road which is exceptionally dangerous during heavy rainfall which causes flooding. It was agreed that by having the speed limited reduced to 40mph would greatly improve the situation.

Low Farm, New Road, Fritton

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an email and accompanying photos from a resident of Low Farm Cottage, New Road, Fritton. The pig farm in Fritton is causing significant issues the main concern being the farm field is prone to flooding, and when

the water eventually drains, it flows directly down flood the residents driveway and as a result damages the drive every time it rains.

The resident has asked can the Parish Council investigate the situation to determine if any action can be taken to prevent the flooding and subsequent damage to their property, such as improving drainage systems or implementing measures to divert the water away from their drive?

During some discussion it was suggested could the resident look to install a hump on his driveway that may divert the water, it was also unclear if NCC would be able to assist as it is thought this section of road may be unadopted.

County Cllr Annsion confirmed he would raise the issue with Paul Sellick to try and obtain some advise for the resident.

8. PRECEPT 2024/25

The Chairman reported he had attended a meeting at GYBC and it is thought that some or all of the concurrent function grant may be cut next year.

The Clerk added the Parish Council receives £550 a year of which is spent on contributions to both Fritton and Herringfleet Church towards their burial ground maintenance (grass cutting), and also towards maintenance of Blocka Run.

It is not known at this stage if the funding is definitely going to be cut, and as the Pariah Council does not meet again until the 18th January the Clerk has produced two drafts of the 2024/25 precept. Draft one includes the concurrent function grant and therefore has an overall increase of 4.8% from the following year. Draft two has the concurrent function grant removed and therefore has an increase of 11.4% increase.

It was therefore agreed to accept both drafts, the Clerk will submit the relevant precept to GYBC when she receives the final update on the concurrent function grant. Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Bellaby. All in Favour.

9. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

	Detail	Amount
BACS	K. Ruddock- October wage Inc 1 hour neighbourhood plan meeting 10 th October £497.54 less tax £99.40 plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£408.14
BACS	K. Ruddock - November Salary Inc 1 hour neighbourhood plan meeting 28 th November £533.11 Plus backdated pay increase of £1 per hour from 1 st April = £533.11 Total = £780.37 less tax £156.20, plus £10 monthly tele/broadband allowance	£634.17
BACS	HMRC tax from K. Ruddock October £99.40 & November wage £156.20 & employer nic £3.09	£258.69
BACS	K. Ruddock – Refund for stamps	£18.00
BACS	Fritton Village Hall- payment for September 2023 meeting	£27.00
	Total	£1,346.00

Bank Balance after the September payments:

Community Account £ 25.00

Business Account £13,419.24

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To propose payment for the sheet above Cllr Betts, seconded Cllr Barnes. All in Favour.

10. PLANNING

06/23/0665/HH 1 Priory Road, St Olaves Front porch & two storey side extension
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application.

Applications Approved:

06/23/0496/HH Hill House Heath Road St Olaves
Proposed demolition of existing two-storey extensions, helicopter shed and surrounding ancillary buildings; Erection of new two storey extensions; Construction of new swimming pool, gym and home leisure building;

Cllr Stephens reported the developer of the Decoy P.H. had invited neighbouring residents to a brief meeting to discuss possible new proposals for the site. The developer is now thinking of building three chalet style bungalows on the site, and after discussions the neighbours generally seemed happy with the new proposals. No new planning application has been submitted at the current time to GYBC, the developer just wanted to consult with the neighbours at this stage.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was agreed to split the cost for postage and stationary equally between the three Parish Councils due to there being no funding for this within the grant funding.

The Clerk confirmed the following dates and times for the public consultation drop in sessions:

Burgh Castle Village Hall	Monday 11 th Dec	1pm to 4pm
St Olaves Village Hall	Tuesday 12 th Dec	10am - 1pm
Belton New Rd Centre	Friday 15 th Dec	4pm - 8pm
Fritton Village Hall	Saturday 16 th Dec	11am - 2pm

It was agreed to approve the Parish Pit on Herringfleet Road in St Olaves, and Horse Common including the play area in New Road, be listed as open green spaces within the plan.

Cllr Richards added there has again been a problem with motorbikes being driven at speed in Fritton Woods using the dips as a type of track which is incredibly dangerous. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Newcombe Estates to inform them.

12. TIME & DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th January 2023, 7.30pm at Fritton Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7.57pm