

Minutes of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 27th November 2019** at **19:30**
in the **New Frost Hall**

Present: G. Fearn (Chair) L. Riddett K. Hambrook
C. Ferris J. Duck C. Taylor

In attendance: Clerk and three parishioners

Apologies: S. Stilgoe

054. Declaration of Interests: None.

055. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 16th October 2019: Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by K Hambrook and seconded by J Duck. Approved.

056. Matters arising:

- **Land on Stringers Lane:** Broadland DC had advised that the land was intended as an open play area (a condition of planning) and that the land is owned by BDC. However, there is documentation to suggest it was transferred to the Parish Council. It was suggested that, if owned by BDC, they should be maintaining it.
Action: Clerk to continue to liaise with BDC over ownership.
- **Football Clubs:** The Clerk reported that Longham and Briston had been unable to find a workable solution to the proposed groundshare and, as the incumbent team, Longham would continue to utilise the facilities. Longham expect to move their reserve team up to Foulsham in the near future.
- **Bus shelter:** Hydrotech have offered to undertake a clean of the bus shelter, free of charge, as their contribution to the village. It was suggested that the shelter be relocated to Guist Road, subject to it being cost effective.
Action: Clerk to obtain quote(s) for relocating the shelter.

057. Accounts:

57.1 INCOME

-	None	£ 0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	£ 0.00

57.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	E.On (Street Lighting – Oct19) – Inv H17C8A7111		£ 158.97
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (17.10.2019 to 27.11.2019) (6 wks)	£ 240.00	
	Internet & phone expenses (Oct/Nov 19)	£ 20.00	£ 260.00
-	Flowershed (Oct/Nov 2019)		£ 40.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£ 458.97

Approval of the accounts was proposed by C Ferris and seconded by K Hambrook.

058. Councillor Vacancy: Clive Taylor has been co-opted onto the Parish Council, bringing membership up to the full compliment of seven councillors.

Action: C Taylor to submit completed acceptance of office and declaration of interest forms to the Clerk.

059. Street Light Survey: Following the recent survey of streetlight condition, G Fearn and the Clerk had met with Westcotec to discuss options and the cost of repair/upgrade. It was noted that the worst condition lamps (mostly on wooden posts) would cost in the region of £300 each to replace with LED fittings, including bracketry. There are seven such lamps identified on the survey report.

Action: Clerk to identify alternative contractors and obtain prices.

060. Parish Precept for 2020/21: It was agreed by a unanimous show of hands that the Precept for 2020/21 should remain at £10,000.

Action: Clerk to complete and submit Parish Precept Form to Broadland DC.

061. Dates of Meetings for 2020: The Clerk circulated a list of meeting dates for 2020.

062. Comments from the public: Ownership/responsibility for the verges alongside the New Frost Hall was questioned. It was confirmed that The New Frost Hall was responsible for maintaining the vegetation overgrowing the verge and that the Parish Council could not utilise public funds to maintain private property. It was noted that NCC were due to attend the area on, or before 2nd December. It was also confirmed that there is still a tree leaning on another within the Frost Hall land.

063. Any other business:

- A request has been received to publish the names of the Parish Councillors in the Parish Magazine and to identify attendees at each meeting.

Action: Clerk to submit list of members and contact numbers for publication annually. Details of meeting attendees to be included monthly, subject to available space.

- The recently repaired potholes on Bintree Road and Hindolveston Road are reappearing. The drain at the junction of Station Road/High Street and Claypit Road is blocked once again.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways.

Meeting closed at 20:05

The next meeting is on Wednesday 8th January at 19:30 in the New Frost Hall