

Minutes of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 2nd February 2022** at **19:30**
in the **New Frost Hall**

Present: G. Fearn (Chair) S. Stilgoe J. Duck

In attendance: Parish Clerk Cllr. G. Peck

Apologies: K. Hambrook C. Taylor C. Ferris L. Riddett

060. Declaration of Interests: None.

061. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 15th December 2021: Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by J Duck and seconded by G Fearn. Approved.

062. Matters Arising: None.

063. Accounts

063.1 INCOME

-	None	£ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME		£ 0.00

063.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	New Frost Hall – meeting room rental for 2021	£ 52.00	
-	Westcotec (invoice 13145) – Phase 3 street light upgrades	£ 2,046.00	
-	Npower (invoice IN02384447) – Street light electricity for Jan 2022	£ 283.88	
-	Ray Lake (invoice 4615) – Christmas tree lighting	£ 378.00	
-	Leeroy's Services (invoice LRBFPDOCT-DEC2021) Grounds mtce Q4	£ 1,225.00	
-	Eastern Play Services (invoice INV-1591) – Playground repairs	£ 2,045.28	
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (16.12.2021 to 02.02.2022) (7 wks)	£ 420.00	
	Internet & phone expenses (Dec/Jan)	£ 20.00	
	Cable ties for signage	£ 4.86	
			£ 444.86
-	L. Riddett – reimbursement for flowers	£ 35.00	
-	Royal British Legion – wreath for remembrance Sunday	£ 50.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			£ 6,560.02

Approval of the accounts was proposed by S Stilgoe and seconded by J Duck.

The Clerk advised that npower had now taken over billing for streetlight electricity and that they adjust their charges seasonally, hence the increase in charges for December.

064. Marketplace lamp post

The Clerk reported that the lamp post at the southern end of the marketplace had been damaged on or before 12th January by a large vehicle. The lamp post has been inspected by Westcotec and deemed to be safe. The original manufacturer is no longer in business but Westcotec will endeavour to find a suitable replacement and advise on the cost.

Action: Clerk to obtain cost of replacement lamp post.

065. Repairs to play equipment

The Clerk reported that Eastern Play Services had undertaken the majority of repairs on the 17th January and were due to return in February to repair the skateboard ramp and basketball hoops. The Clerk also reported that he had installed the new signage at either end of the footpath between Bexfield Road and Sneck Lane.

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractor.

066. Planning applications (new website member's forum)

The Clerk reported that he had developed a member's forum on the PC website to allow Councillors to share their comments on planning applications and all councillors are encouraged to sign up to the forum.

067. Platinum Jubilee

J Duck proposed that the Parish Council organised a street party on the Sunday to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and suggested that this be held on Market Hill and the Marketplace to avoid having to close off any main thoroughfares.

Action: J Duck to attend Jubilee planning meeting on 22nd February.

068. Comments from the public

G Peck reported on the Government's "levelling up" agenda and explained how Norfolk County would be affected. It was noted that Norfolk did not propose to have an elected mayor. It was also noted that NCC had a new Highways Engineer, Richard Pearson, following the departure of Ben Rayner. NCC have proposed an increase in council tax of 2.99%.

069. Any other business

There was discussion about the GNLP, in particular GNLP0605 which proposes to develop the land behind Foundry Close and Aubrey Rix Close. It was noted that sites identified within the GNLP plan would not necessarily be developed, but were sites with the potential for development.

There was also discussion about planning application 20212145 to develop the land adjacent to Twyford Lane. It was noted that the applicant had successfully applied for a 21 day extension whilst they explore an alternative access strategy.

It was noted that there are no road markings to indicate priority at the junction of Foundry Close and Stringers Lane.

Action: Clerk to enquire of Highways

Meeting closed at 20:25

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 19:30