

Minutes of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 3rd March 2021** at **19:30**
on **Zoom**

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

In attendance: Clerk Mark Stilgoe Sue Catchpole (Lib Dem)

Apologies: None

In view of Government Covid19 advice, this meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform. The meeting was advertised on the Parish Council website and noticeboards.

128. Declaration of Interests: S Stilgoe declared an interest in respect of GNLPO605 as the owner of an adjacent property.

129. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 20th January 2021: Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by K Hambrook and seconded by C Ferris. Approved.

130. Matters Arising: None.

131. Accounts

131.1 INCOME

-	Norfolk County Council (recycling credits)	£ 277.78
	TOTAL INCOME	£ 277.78

131.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	E.On (Street Lighting – Jan 21) – Inv H19720D8DB	£ 158.97
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (21.01.2021 to 03.03.2021) (6 wks)	£ 240.00
	Internet & phone expenses (Feb)	£ 10.00
		£ 250.00
-	Ray Lake Electrical (Christmas Lights) – invoice 4360	£ 431.76
-	G Fearn – 3 x Hornbeam trees, stakes and ties	£ 69.30
-	Westcotec – 2 x battery for SAM2 monitor	£ 192.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 1,102.03

It was noted that the increase in cost for Christmas lights was due to additional cabling, timer and weatherproofing for the three sets of lights on the small trees at the southern end of the marketplace. The cost for Christmas lighting in 2019 was £306.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by L Riddett and seconded by C Ferris.

132. GNLP

There was discussion on the subject of the GNLP regulation 19 consultation. It was noted that it was unclear how to submit responses to the consultation on the GNLP website and that the deadline was 22nd March.

Action: Clerk to investigate how to make a submission and circulate to councillors.

Action: Clerk to submit a new response on behalf of Parish Council.

133. SAM2 speed monitor

The Clerk reported that the SAM2 speed monitor had been out of service for some time whilst Westcotec were investigating a fault. Two new batteries have been purchased and the radar module was also found to be faulty and has been replaced free of charge (as it had been replaced last year).

G Fearn advised that he has been managing the monitor since it was purchased (swapping the battery and moving the monitor between locations every month or so) and invited volunteers to undertake this role for the next 12 months. No offers were received.

134. Any Other Business

K Hambrook reported that there were a number of potholes since the recent bad weather. This includes Station Rd, opp Foundry Close and the Bintree Road. J Duck advised that some had already been reported on the highways website.

Action: Clerk to check/report potholes.

Post meeting note: NCC have advised that the potholes on Twyford Lane do not meet their intervention criteria.

L Riddett asked if anything more had been done about the burger van. G Fearn reported that he had spoken to the owner about installing a bin, but much of the litter was dropped away from the van, throughout the village. The Clerk is looking for suppliers of suitable signage. L Riddett advised that there is a village litter pick arranged for 29th March.

J Duck raised the question of grit bins following the recent issues caused by snow and ice. The Clerk advised that he had sought advice from Norfolk County Council regarding the purchase of additional grit bins for outlying areas of the Parish, but their only advice was to review the locations of existing grit bins.

G Fearn reported that the 3 hornbeam trees were due to be planted on Twyford Lane this week.

There was discussion about the latest planning application for the Old Pharmacy and concerns about access and services were raised. It was noted that there appeared to be some misinformation surrounding some aspects of the application and the councillors were urged to review the facts for themselves. It is understood that a revised application may be forthcoming in respect of this.

135. Comments from the public

Mark Stilgoe raised a number of concerns in respect of the GNLP consultation. These included some misinformation in respect of footpaths leading to the old T H Blyth site on Claypit Road and the flood risk assessment in respect of the aquifer. It was also noted that, in order to gain access to the proposed site GNLP0605, it would be necessary to destroy a section of hedge which is believed to pre-date 1850 and is therefore of 'importance' under the Government's Hedgerows Regulations 1997. Removal of such a hedge would require approval from central government. G Peck requested that Mark forward all information to him.

Meeting closed at 20:50

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th April at 19:30