

Minutes of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 16th September 2020** 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

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.

095. Declaration of Interests: None.

096. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 5th August 2020: Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by L Riddett and seconded by K Hambrook. Approved.

097. Matters Arising

Lorries speeding through the village: The Clerk had previously circulated the results of the speed monitoring exercise undertaken by the police which shows maximum vehicle speeds of around 35mph through the 20mph zone. It was reported that hauliers had previously been asked to limit their activities so as to avoid school pick-up and drop-off times and had initially been successful. It was suggested that this approach may be worth revisiting subject to identifying the relevant hauliers.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Chair to identify hauliers and make contact.

Green Laners (Fox and Hounds Lane): It was reported that modified 4x4 vehicles have made the lane inaccessible to walkers, cyclists and horse riders. It was noted that NCC are responsible for maintaining the lane to a minimum width of 2m, but that funding was limited and there is nothing to stop the lane being damaged again if repaired. It was also noted that some residents wouldn't wish the lane to be improved to the point where it becomes a cut through. It was suggested that it may be possible to reclassify/downgrade the lane to make it unusable by vehicles. Discussions with NCC and local police have been held and are ongoing.

098. Accounts

Invoices for approval:

98.1 INCOME

-	None		£ 0.00
		TOTAL INCOME	£ 0.00

98.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	E.On (Street Lighting – Jul 20) – Inv H18C2AAFD0		£ 158.97
-	E.On (Street Lighting – Aug 20) – Inv H18E0AC5E9		£ 158.97
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (06.08.2020 to 16.09.2020) (6 wks)	£ 240.00	
	Internet & phone expenses (Aug 20)	£ 10.00	
			£ 250.00
-	J S Pulford (Flowershed) – Jul / Aug 2020		£ 80.00
-	URM (Glass collection)		£ 30.24
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 678.18

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

Accounts Audit / reserves:

The Clerk reported that the 2019/20 accounts are currently with PKF Littlejohn for external review. The auditor has noted that the Parish Council has significant reserves and has requested a breakdown of these. It was noted that, if all streetlights were upgraded, the cost would be in the region of £7,500.

099. Trees for Twyford Lane

Five varieties of trees were offered for consideration:

- Marabella Plum (red/yellow)
- Hornbeam
- Ginko Biloba
- Birch
- Mountain Ash

It was suggested that the Ginko Biloba would be an appropriate species for a memorial and that plum trees could cause a lot of mess. It was also noted that Birch and Mountain Ash are relatively short lived. It was suggested that November would be an appropriate time to plant the trees.

Action: Clerk to confirm species and locations with the Chair.

100. Re-wilding of land on Wallers Lane

The Clerk presented an email received from a resident, proposing to re-wild the plot of land at the junction of Wallers Lane with Guist Road (behind the trees). The proposal was well received and it was agreed to proceed.

Action: Clerk to liaise with resident to confirm exact area and ongoing maintenance.

101. Any other business

Several Councillors voiced their dissatisfaction with the maintenance of the marketplace flowerbeds, noting that they contain quite mature weeds. It was agreed unanimously to serve notice to terminate the maintenance agreement at the end of the current term and to re-advertise for a new contractor for the next year.

Action: Clerk to serve notice and advertise for new contractor in Parish Magazine.

It was reported that there was still frequent dog barking late at night from the Dawsons Lane area. It was agreed to repeat the note in the next Parish Magazine politely asking owners to be responsible and to follow this up, if necessary, with a report to the Environmental Officer at Broadland.

Action: Clerk to include in next Parish Magazine report.

Concerns were voiced about the burger van which is situated at the entrance to Station House. It has caused a number of traffic issues with customers vehicles parked near the junction with Bintree Road, Station Road and Gunn Street. Concerns were also voiced about it drawing business away from the village pub.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Broadland Enforcement Officer.

Action: Chair to discuss with owner or Station House.

It was noted that the lettering on the war memorial was in poor condition. The Clerk confirmed that it was last renovated in January 2015.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quote to repaint the lettering.

Meeting closed at 20:40

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28th October at 19:30