

Minutes of Foulsham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018, 7.30pm in the New Frost Hall

Present: G. Fearn (Chair) S. Stilgoe K. Hambrook
R. Hendry P. Slapp L. Riddett
N. Walker G. Peck PC. Devlin

In attendance: Clerk and a number of members of the public, including Mr & Mrs Levien

Apologies: None

Declaration of interests: None

99. Presentation from Mr & Mrs Levien - Mr & Mrs Levien outlined their proposals to erect a new house on their plot of land (bounded to the north and east by Reepham Road and Green Lane respectively). Architects drawings and photos were circulated. The proposed construction method of using cob formed from local clay to minimise environmental impact was described. The proposals were received favourably by the Parish Council.

100. Minutes of meeting held on 24th January 2018: N. Walker proposed that these be accepted, seconded by L. Riddett. Motion carried.

101. Matters arising: GF introduced Mike Smith as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

102. Accounts:

Income:	No.2 Account	
	Paper re-cycling	£ 56.22
	Glass re-cycling	<u>£ 209.64</u>
		£ 265.86

Expenditure:	EON - Foulsham football hut	
	Electricity charges	£ 296.93
	URM (UK) Ltd glass collection	£ 21.60
	E. Bridgland salary & expenses:	£ 257.20
	Community Heartbeat new pads for defibrillator	£ 45.60
	Community Heartbeat signs for telephone box	<u>£ 33.60</u>
		£ 654.93

29.01.18 - Cheque paid to Geoff to repay the cost of the new Parish Clerk advert in the newspaper.

Archant invoice total	£ 318.24
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K. Hambrook proposed accounts be accepted, seconded by N. Walker. Motion carried.

- 103. Paper bank relocation:** GF reported that the landlord of the Queen's Head had requested the removal/relocation of the paper bank. It was suggested that there may be just enough room for the paper bank to be relocated next to the bottle bank. John McManus kindly offered the Village Hall as an alternative site, should it be needed.
- 104. Foulsham bus service:** GF reported that Stagecoach has withdrawn their bus services throughout Norfolk and this includes the X29 bus service through Foulsham. First Bus operate a service along the corridor, but this excludes Foulsham. The County Council are currently exploring options for the village and are inviting ideas. There was discussion about the condition and width of Guist Road and its suitability for use by busses. PC Devlin advised that potholes can be reported on the Norfolk County Council website <https://my.norfolk.gov.uk> and that all potholes should be repaired within 48 hours of being reported.
- 105. A.O.B.**
- **Police Report:** PC Devlin presented the Police Report for the months of January and February. In January, just two crimes were reported, one public order offence and one theft. In contrast, there were 23 reported crimes in February, 14 of which were connected. There were no speeding vehicles reported during January and one during February.
 - **Planning:** GF reported on the Greater Norwich Local Planning Consultation. There are proposals to build 20 houses on the paddock adjacent to Twyford Lane and 15 to 18 houses on the land to the west of Foundry Close. The consultation also includes a proposal to build 20 to 25 houses on the triangle of land adjacent to the sewage works on the north side of Bintree Road and 11 houses on the land between Chapel Lane and the New Frost Hall. Concerns were voiced about the width of Twyford Lane, Stringers Lane and the level of flooding experienced on the land by Chapel Lane (photos were circulated). GF urged individuals to register their comments on these proposals using the GNLP website: <http://www.gnlp.org.uk/have-your-say/> by the 22nd March.
 - **Collaboration:** GP reported that Broadland District Council is working collaboratively with South Norfolk District Council, sharing a number of administrative functions.
 - **Power Cut Posters:** GP issued some posters giving advice on what to do in the event of a power cut. Clerk will display these on the village notice board. Also issued was a booklet detailing Easter activities for children living or attending school in the Broadland Council area. Clerk will publicise on notice board and will contact Parish magazine.
 - **EON Electricity Invoice:** GF presented an EON invoice for the sum of £296.93. This is a standing charge for the supply to the Football Club hut which has not been used. If not paid, there will be an additional £40 fee added. LR proposed that this be disputed and not paid, seconded by NW. GF to contact EON.
 - **Bus Stop rubbish bin:** KH raised the issue of litter around the bus stop and asked if a rubbish bin could be provided. GF advised that this had been requested previously but the Council was not able to fund the emptying of the bin.

- **On street parking:** KH raised concerns about the level of on-street parking on Station Road, citing one property which has 5 vehicles, only one of which can be parked on the property.
- **Meeting minutes:** KH requested that a copy of the Parish Council meeting minutes be displayed on the village notice board. Clerk to arrange.
- **Norfolk Day:** KH advised that Norfolk Day was on 27th July and asked if the village would be participating.
- **Blocked Drain:** KH reported that the drain on Station Road, opposite the Old Post Office was blocked and causing floods. Clerk to notify Norfolk County Council.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

The next meeting is on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 7.30pm in The New Frost Hall