

Minutes of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 18th August 2021** at **19:30**
in the **New Frost Hall**

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk

Apologies: S. Stilgoe Cllr. G. Peck

022. Declaration of Interests: None.

023. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 7th July 2021: Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by K Hambrook and seconded by L Riddett. Approved.

024. Matters Arising: J Duck advised that she had suggested a candidate for the Foulsham Relief in Need Charity to Andrew Macnair and that he would be meeting with them.

025. Accounts

025.1 INCOME

-	None	£ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME		£ 0.00

025.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	E.On (Street Lighting – Jun 21) – Inv H1AD631F10	£ 153.85	
-	E.On (Street Lighting – Jul 21) – Inv H1A2280A7A	£ 158.97	
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (08.07.2021 to 18.08.2021) (6 wks)	£ 240.00	
	Internet & phone expenses (Jul)	£ 10.00	
		£ 250.00	
-	M Payne – maintenance of marketplace flowerbeds (Jul/Aug)	£ 100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£ 662.82	

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

It was noted that E.On are increasing their energy prices from 1st September. The current rate is 22.10p per kWh and the new rate will be 25.40p per kWh.

026. Comments from the public

The Clerk reported that there had been complaints about the condition of the recently re-wilded area on the corner of Wallers Lane / Guist Road. It was also noted that someone has hung feeders from the trees and that there had also been complaints about these attracting rats to neighbouring gardens. It was agreed that the area should revert to being maintained and that the nettles be cut back.

Action: Clerk to notify neighbouring residents.

The Clerk reported that the recreation facilities were to be inspected on the 19th August and that a condition report could be expected within a week. The inspector has provided details of two local companies who can undertake repairs and maintenance.

Action: Clerk to circulate report upon receipt.

The Clerk reported that he had received complaints of speeding vehicles on the Reephams Road approach to the village. This had also been raised with Greg Peck and the resident advised that it is a police matter. The Clerk advised that there were no other suitable posts on which to mount the SAM2 monitor in the area, but would endeavour to download vehicle speed data from the monitor.

Action: Clerk to download data from monitor.

027. Any other business

The Clerk advised that footpath FP11 (Dawsons Lane) continued to be closed, but that NCC have now obtained a license to repair the two bridges. It was noted that the land owner or occupier has recently erected an electric fence, completely blocking access to the footpath.

The Clerk advised that Longham FC's first team had folded due to lack of player commitment and would no longer be using Foulsham's facilities. It was suggested that the facilities be advertised to other potential teams (eg. via NALC).

Action: Clerk to advertise facilities.

L Riddett advised that the Gunn Street nameplate at the end of Claypit Road had come off and needed repair.

Action: Clerk to report to BDC.

It was noted that the bus shelter glass had been broken by a ratchet handle which had come loose from machinery. Options for the future of the shelter were discussed and it was suggested that NCC be asked if they could re-utilise it, perhaps on the A1067 bus stop.

Action: Clerk to enquire of NCC

The burger van was discussed again and it was noted that it had now been accompanied by a white van and a Portaloo, although the burger van was not currently operating.

Action: Clerk to draft a letter to Mr Myhill.

Several councillors reported difficulties in reviewing the electronic planning applications and asked if BDC had any plans to resume issuing hardcopy plans and documents.

Action: Clerk to enquire of BDC.

Following guidance from NALC, it was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £15p/h in line with published NALC pay scales and that this should be backdated to the start of the year.

Meeting closed at 20:15

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29th Sept 2021 at 19:30