

Minutes of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 16th March 2022** at **19:30**
in the **New Frost Hall**

Present: C. Ferris S. Stilgoe C. Taylor K. Hambrook

In attendance: Parish Clerk Cllr. G. Peck

Apologies: G. Fearn L. Riddett J. Duck

Note: In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Clerk.

070. Declaration of Interests: None.

071. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 2nd February 2022: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Action: Clerk to have minutes signed by the Chairman.

072. Matters Arising: None.

073. Accounts

073.1 INCOME

-	Norfolk County Council Recycling Credits for 2021/22	£ 227.83
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TOTAL INCOME £ 227.83

073.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	Norfolk ALC (including NALC) subscription 2022/23 – Inv 117	£ 201.16
-	Eastern Play Services (INV-1674) – playground repairs #2 of 2 (pre-paid)	£ 2,364.00
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (03.02.2022 to 16.03.2022) (6 weeks)	£ 360.00
	Internet & phone expenses (Feb)	£ 10.00
		£ 370.00
-	URM – Glass collection fee (invoice 1014580) – paid by DD	£ 19.80

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 2,954.96

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

Signed: _____ (Chair)

074. E.On / npower electricity contract migration

The Clerk reported on the ongoing issues with the migration of the streetlight electricity contract:

- Npower's failure to migrate the existing direct debit mandate has resulted in the account being in default and several demand letters have been received.
- Npower have declined to provide details of their seasonal weighting, despite several requests.

The Clerk has raised a formal complaint against npower and discussions are ongoing.

075. Pavilion electrical installation

The Clerk reported that an inspection of the electrical installation at the pavilion had identified a number of issues, including the need for a new consumer unit and an emergency lighting system. The Clerk presented quotations for the works, and it was agreed to go with Wyer Electrical.

Action: Clerk to instruct contractor.

076. URM Glass Collections

The Clerk reported that URM are proposing to increase their fee for the collection of glass from £15 + VAT per tonne to £36 + VAT per tonne and they require the PC to approve this if they wish for the service to continue. The Clerk was asked to find out if there was room for negotiation on price, but that as long as more was generated in credits than spent on collections, the service would be worth continuing.

Action: Clerk to check what arrangements are in place at the New Frost Hall.

Action: Clerk to negotiate price with URM.

077. Trees on recreation ground

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by a resident of Guist Road in respect of an oak tree on the boundary of the recreation ground. The tree has had a cursory inspection and has an historical fracture which would benefit from some remedial pruning. It was also noted that other Parish Council owned trees in the vicinity would benefit from an inspection, and it was suggested that this be undertaken by an independent tree surveyor.

Action: Clerk to instruct an independent tree surveyor to undertake an inspection of trees on the recreation ground.

078. Platinum Jubilee Street Party

The Clerk presented an update from J Duck on the plans for the Jubilee Street Party. It was suggested that Richard Ravencroft may be able to assist with parking space on Reepham Road, as this had been used for events in the past. There were questions regarding who dictates the alternative routes for the road closure, what signage will be required and who provides this. The priority will be to secure alternative parking for residents and to notify those living around the Marketplace.

079. Dog signage for the recreation ground

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from residents that dogs were being walked on the recreation ground and, when challenged, claimed that there was no signage. It was noted that there is a sign at the Sneck Lane entrance and this has been recently cleaned, but the other entrances don't have signage.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotes for additional signage.

080. Recreation ground update

The Clerk reported that all instructed repairs to the play equipment had been completed to a good standard. With regard to the outdoor gym equipment, the Clerk reported that he was in negotiations with the supplier as it transpires that the warranty on the bearings is only 2 years rather than the 25 years originally quoted and is conditional on having regular maintenance visits, neither of which were advised at the time of purchase. They have however been persuaded to make a special visit to resolve the seized plates in due course.

Action: Clerk to continue to liaise with supplier.

081. Comments from the public

None

082. Any other business

It was noted that Longham FC were continuing to be invoiced for electricity at the pavilion.

Action: Clerk to notify E.On.

It was agreed that the pandemic commemorative plaque would be best placed in the Village Hall.

Action: Clerk to liaise with the New Frost Hall committee.

The Clerk advised that he and the Chairman were to meet with Richard Pearson (Highways) on the 23rd March @ 10am to discuss road surfacing and other issues.

Meeting closed at 20:15

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