

Minutes (draft unless signed) of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 2nd August 2023** at **19:30**
in the **New Frost Hall**

Cllrs Present: G. Fearn (chair) L. Riddett J. Duck M. Payne
C. Taylor

In attendance: Parish Clerk Cllr. G. Peck Cllr D. Thomas PC Colin Bailey

Apologies: S. Stilgoe C. Ferris

17/23 Declaration of Interests: None.

18/23 Minutes of previous meeting, held on 21st June 2023: Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Cllr Payne and seconded by Cllr Duck.

19/23 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the plastic poppies for lamp-posts were available from the Royal British Legion for £5 each and that fixings are included. It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase 6 poppies to be put up around the marketplace about a week prior to Remembrance Sunday and taken down and stored afterwards.

Action: Clerk to place order

The ownership of the willow tree by the bridge on Claypit Road was discussed and it was noted that the land on which it is growing is Parish Council owned although the PC doesn't currently hold documentary evidence of this. Highways are still investigating the drainage issues and have instructed a camera survey.

20/23 Accounts

EXPENDITURE

-	Taverham Nursery Centre (shrubs for marketplace)		£ 167.00
-	Margaret Payne – Flowerbed maintenance – Jun/Jul 2023		£ 120.00
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (22.06.2023 to 02.08.2023) (6 weeks)	£ 360.00	
	Internet & phone expenses (July)	£ 10.00	
	Stamps (2 nd class x 8)	£ 6.00	
			£ 376.00
-	Ravencroft Tree Services Limited (as per quotation 18/08/22)		£ 594.00
-	Npower – Electricity for street lights (Jun 2023)		£ 191.75
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£ 1,428.75

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Cllr Riddett and seconded by Cllr Duck.

21/23 Parish Partnership Scheme

There was discussion about utilising the Parish Partnership Scheme to part fund vehicle speed control measures. Village gates were discussed again and it was noted that they cost £3k per pair and so would cost the Parish Council £1.5k. Cllr Peck advised that he may be able to assist with this cost. There was also discussion about installing chicanes in a couple of locations on Station Road and it was agreed that Cllr Peck would liaise with Richard Pearson of Highways to see what this would cost and would arrange a site visit.

Action: Cllr Peck to liaise with Richard Pearson.

22/23 Annual Play Equipment Inspection

It was noted that the annual play equipment inspection was due in September and the quote from the previous inspector was the same as the previous year at £150 + VAT. It was agreed to instruct the inspection to go ahead.

Action: Clerk to instruct inspector.

23/23 Comments from the Public

PC Bailey advised that he had been in discussion with the school about the possibility of creating a car park at the rear of the school to take staff vehicles off the high street and provide a safe area for dropping off children. Concerns over access via Stringers Lane were voiced. It was agreed to include this proposal in discussions with Richard Pearson.

In response to a request from the Parish Council, PC Bailey confirmed that there would be increased surveillance of the recreation ground.

The Clerk advised that a resident had complained about the overgrowing foliage and kerbside weeds around the village. It was noted that the hedges had not been cut during the nesting season. It was also noted that the hedges overgrowing the Reepham Road have still not been cut back.

Action: Clerk to request trimming of perimeter hedges and follow up with Highways re the hedges on Reepham Road.

24/23 Any other business

The Clerk reported that the SAM2 speed monitor was still out of action having been damaged by a large vehicle. It was noted that Cllr Fearn has the special tool required to release the lamp-post clamp.

Action: Cllr Fearn to locate the tool.

Cllr Payne reported that there were still potholes on Chapel Lane. The Clerk confirmed that these had been reported, but the ticket had been closed.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

It was noted that the edge of Guestwick Road had begun to collapse.

Action: Cllr Peck to include in discussions with Richard Pearson.

Cllr Peck advised that his £11k budget allocation for parishes now includes environmental projects.

Cllr Thomas provided an update on the GNLP consultation on Gipsy and Travellers sites following a Planning Inspector meeting. Whilst the meeting could only focus on the GNLP specific aspects, it was noted that there were outstanding breaches of planning which were currently in the process of being addressed via retrospective applications. Concerns were also raised about drainage and surface water. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council was still awaiting a response from Planning Enforcement to its letter in respect of the outstanding issues on the site.

Meeting closed at 20:35

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th Sept 2023 at 19:30