

Minutes (draft unless signed) of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 31st August 2022** at **19:30**
in the **New Frost Hall**

Present: G. Fearn L. Riddett J. Duck

In attendance: Cllr. G. Peck Parish Clerk

Apologies: M. Payne C. Taylor S. Stilgoe

028. Declaration of Interests: None.

029. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 27th July 2022: Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed and seconded by L Riddett.

030. Matters Arising

It was noted that Fakenham FC had no requirement to use the football facilities at this time.

Action: Clerk to investigate advertising in local football press.

031. Accounts

031.1 INCOME

- None £ 0.00

TOTAL INCOME £ 0.00

031.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	M Smith	Clerk's salary (28.07.2022 to 31.08.2022) (5 weeks)	£ 300.00		
		Internet & phone expenses (Aug)	£ 10.00		
		Fixings for "No Dogs" signage	£ 5.85		
					£ 315.85
-	Npower	Electricity for street lights (Jul)			£ 194.66
-	E.On	Electricity for pavilion (01 Jul to 31 Jul)			£ 29.67

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 540.18

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

It was noted that the refund of overpayment had still not been received from npower. The Clerk advised that he has submitted a new complaint in respect of this.

032. Litter Picking

It was noted that Lucy Fawcett was now undertaking the litter duties at the recreation ground. The Clerk requested permission to purchase a litter pick stick and black sacks

(approximately £20 and £5 respectively). It was agreed to purchase two pick sticks plus a pack of black sacks.

Action: Clerk to purchase

033. Play Equipment Survey

The Clerk advised that it was over a year since the last play equipment inspection and that a quote had been received from David Bracey to undertake this for £150 + VAT. It was agreed to proceed with the inspection on this occasion and to check whether it is a condition of insurance.

Action: Clerk to instruct the inspection and review insurance policy.

034. Tree Works

The Clerk advised that the recommended works on trees T1 and T3 would cost £495 + VAT. It was proposed to proceed with the works by L Riddett and seconded by J Duck.

Action: Clerk to instruct the tree works.

It was suggested that additional trees should be obtained from NCC for the top edge of the recreation ground.

Action: Clerk to enquire of NCC.

035. Comments from the public

A resident had requested that overhanging trees from the school be cut back but it was noted that this is not a Parish Council matter.

Action: G Peck to write to school.

036. Any other business

Following discussion about the size and speed of lorries through the village, it was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to enter into a Parish Partnership to obtain village "gates". These cost £3,000 each and would be 50% funded by NCC. G Peck also advised that he may be able to cover the PC portion of the cost of one set. It was agreed this be considered with a view to a decision being taken when there were more members of the PC present.

L Riddett reported that several residents had enquired about switching off the streetlights for a period during the night.

Action: Clerk to revisit the cost of fitting timers to the streetlights and investigate potential savings.

The Clerk reported that, on average, there were currently only about 50% of councillors responding to each planning application.

Meeting closed at 20:25

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 19:30