

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2013

Present:

John Self (in the Chair)
Daphne Grint
Bob Clarke
Graham Buckley

Les Wright
Paula Carter
Stuart Clancy

Also in attendance:

Sonya Garland (Clerk)
Tony Adams (County Councillor) (for item 6)

John Starling (District Councillor)
Joanne Keeler (District Councillor)

Members of the Public

Two in attendance.

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence

No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clancy – interest in 8.7 - Northern Distributor route.

Cllr Carter - personal interest in item 9 as a neighbouring property to planning application

3. To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2013

The minutes were signed as being a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 2 July 2013

4.1 No matters were arising.

5. Police Report

5.1 During July 2013 12 calls were made to the control room, with no crimes being recorded

6. Reports from County & District Councillors

With regards to the County Council Cllr Clancy reported that budget preparation was underway. Plans were progressing for RAF Coltishall, with representations currently being taken on board by lots of interested groups.

Cllr Adams reported that he had tried to advance the issue of the HGV ban thorough the village being made two-way but was currently being pushed between the police and Highways. He would ask them both to attend a future meeting to discuss in detail with councillors. Councillor Clarke would forward an email from Highways, which stated that Highways could not foresee a two-way ban being put in place.

Cllr Adams reported that Highways had contacted the resident of Yew Tree House regarding the overgrown hedge and had offered to put measures in place so that the

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hedge could be trimmed safely. Alternately Highways would do the work and charge her. Councillors noted the situation has got worse and that more and more complaints were being received.

Cllr Adams agreed to contact Highways regarding large potholes on Taverham Road which had been marked for repair for ten weeks but had never been filled in.

7 Break for the Public to Speak

The Recreation Ground Committee representative commented on the amount of potholes within the village. He agreed to email the parish clerk who would chase with Highways.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Zurich Insurance – The annual quote insurance quote had been received from Zurich insurance. This was £50 less than last years price and was AGREED.

8.2 65 The Street (hedge) – Further to the last meeting the Clerk had written to 65 The Street to comment that the hedge was encroaching onto the highway. A reply had been received stating that the hedge height and width had been the same for many years and was not encroaching on road. The Clerk was asked to advise the residents that the letter would be passed to Highways.

8.3 Recreation Ground Committee – Play Equipment. The Parish Council received a request for funding for play equipment at Felthorpe Pavilion as existing equipment had been removed after becoming old and dangerous. Representatives from the Committee advised that a survey had been carried out on village residents regarding what equipment they would like to have; this information would be correlated in September. Councillors agreed that they had a positive view on providing funding towards this and asked the Committee to return once they had a better idea of costings.

Councillors noted the excellent job which the committee carried out for the village.

8.4 Keith Simpson MP – Following on from Mr Simpson requesting to attend a parish council meeting, he had responded to say that Tuesdays were not convenient. The Clerk would find out which dates he was in the area then see if any councillors were available to meet.

8.5 Thank you letters had been received from NARS, Norfolk Age UK, Felthorpe PCC for donations made at recent meetings.

8.6 Ace of Spades - tree works at Pavilion. It was agreed to pay the invoices for work to dangerous trees at the pavilion.

8.7 Information on an NDR consultation had been received. Councillors Clark and Clancy both advised that they had recently attended separate consultations and were

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concerned to learn that Highways were using inaccurate figures in relation to the amount of traffic through Felthorpe. Highways had advised Cllr Clarke that they would look into this.

Cllr Clancy noted that, on the most recent NDR plans, the roundabout at Fircovert Road had been reinstated; this would allow Fircovert Road to remain open which would be preferable for residents. The clerk was asked to write to Highways to support the re-instatement of this roundabout, and the dualling of whole route rather than making some single carriageway.

9 Planning

The following planning application was considered:

- 9.1 20130905 Erection of sawmill, The Mill, Sawmill Close. After discussion councillors fully supported the application.

10 Felthorpe Cricket Club –funding

No representatives from the cricket club were present.

11 Finance

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerks salary and expenses (July)- £158.23 (cheque for £29.90)
- Grass cutting (standing item) £170
- Zurich Insurance £216.90
- Ace of Spades (tree works) £2650.80

- Received £823.48 – VAT reclaimed

12 Village Matters

- 12.1 Cllr Grint noted that potholes within the village, and the tree roots lifting the pavement on the corner of Taverham Road / The Street still had not been repaired. The clerk would chase Highways.
- 12.2 It was noted that the garage on The Street had placed for sale vehicles on the road, which had part-blocked the pavement. Councillors would monitor this.
- 12.3 Councillor Clancy commented that many HGVs were still coming through the village in the wrong direction. He suggested that a petition be created and that councillors circulate this to raise the profile of the problem with Highways. The clerk would draft a petition for councillors to consider and add a note to the newsletter regarding this.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3 September 2013, 8pm.

