

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2014

**Present:**

John Self (in the Chair)  
Daphne Grint  
Paula Carter

Les Wright  
Bob Clarke  
Graham Buckley

**Also in attendance:**

Sonya Garland (Clerk)

John Starling (District Councillor)

**Members of the Public**

None in attendance.

**1. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Joanne Keeler.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Clarke declared an interest as his wife had been accepted as a volunteer driver for Hevingham Hot Meals service.

**3. To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2014**

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

**4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 4 February 2013**

- 4.1 5.1 – Tree on Taverham Road / The Street. Cllr Clarke reported that he had met with tree and conservation officers from Broadland Council and Highways officers from County Council. Highways would have preferred to cut the tree down in order to remove ongoing maintenance issues. Broadland Council's Conservation officers however said they would fund the ongoing maintenance of the tree, plus two additional nearby trees nearby, without charge to the parish council. Regarding the risen footpath, Highways would place a ramp over the problem area.

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**Ian Parkes and Mark Kemp, Norfolk County Council – Statement of Common Ground**

Messers Parkes and Kemp attended from Norfolk County Council (NCC) to discuss the parish council entering into a statement of common ground with NCC. They explained that NCC had now submitted a development consent order (a planning application considered by the Planning Inspectorate) to build the Northern Distributor Road (NDR). The Planning Inspectorate would now go into period of consultation with the public for six months. This would lead to a decision by the Secretary of State as to whether to allow the NDR to be built. If granted work would commence in the summer of 2015 and be completed in 2017. The Planning Inspectorate was keen to see that NCC had entered into statements of common ground with interested parties such as parish

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councils on points where both applicant and interested parties agreed.

Mr Kemp noted that the Parish Council had submitted comments to Highways on 10 August 2013 regarding the NDR and would like to use these in the application to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Chairman noted that the NDR had been discussed for a long time. He advised that the Parish Council felt that it should be completed to link to the A47 and could not understand why the existing bridge at Attlebridge could not be used as the route over the river Wensum to link to the A47. Mr Kemp stated that he would add this into the statement of common ground as a point of disagreement as currently the road would finish at the A1047. He also advised that during the NCC Cabinet meeting in October 2013 Members had asked that this issue be looked at again.

A discussion was held around diverting traffic away from Felthorpe. Although original plans several years previous had shown that traffic through the village would increase due to the NDR, the figures had changed and officers believed that Felthorpe would benefit from a reduction in traffic. The traffic model took into account restrictions on road networks, travel time, time of day, and routed traffic through the most appropriate route. The traffic model was fully in line with government guidelines and had been validated. Councillors reiterated their concerns that more traffic would use the village as a cut through to the NDR from Holt Road and Cromer Road, especially in light of the new speed restrictions in Horsford. Traffic through the village had already increased substantially over the last two years due to businesses around the village.

Mr Kemp agreed to forward the clerk links to documents regarding traffic forecasting, a survey report, and the Highway Local Model Validation Report. He would also forward a copy of the plans, which currently included a roundabout at the Fir Covert Road junction.

It was noted that the Parish Council needed to contact the Planning Inspectorate by 23 March in order to register an interest in commenting on the NDR proposals, which the clerk would do.

NCC would prepare a draft statement of common ground based on these points and the content of the earlier response from the parish council, and forward to the parish council for consideration at the next meeting.

Finally the Chairman confirmed that generally the parish council was fully supportive of the NDR.

### **6 Police Report**

The report for February 2014 had not been received

### **7 Reports from County & District Councillor.**

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There were no matters to update on.

**8 Break for the Public to Speak**

None in attendance.

**9 Correspondence**

- 9.1 Broadland Council – Glass Recycling. Further to information presented at the previous meeting regarding Broadland Council stopping support of village recycling banks from March 2015. Following discussion Councillors AGREED that they would like to continue providing a glass recycling bank facility in the village after this date, provided that it was cost neutral.
- 9.2 Broadland Council – It was noted that The Sawmill and Woodview on Holt Road were now located in Stratton Strawless.
- 9.3 Broadland Council, Section 106 Contributions – the available funds were noted.
- 9.4 Parish Rangers Visit – the rangers would be asked to look at potholes on The Street.
- 9.5 Norfolk County Council- NNDR – notice of Acceptance of Application for a Development Consent order – discussed under item 5.
- 9.6 The Oil Consortium renewal had been received. Renewal would cost £20 for a year or £60 for lifetime membership. Within the last year 17 households within Felthorpe had registered for the service. Councillors agreed to pay for the service for another year.
- 9.7 Mr Peachment had submitted a grass cutting quote for the forthcoming year. The clerk would obtain an additional quote to ensure best value.

**10 Planning**

- 10.1 20131763 – 98 The Street – Councillors were advised that planning permission had been granted despite their objections.
- 10.2 C/5/2013/5013 – Cemex Attlebridge, Reepham Road. The application was noted.

**11 Finance**

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerks salary and expenses (Feb)- £151.73 (cheque for £23.60 expenses)
- Clerks tax (Jan-Mar)- £96.20
- NRCC (Oil Consortium) - £20

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- CILCA (Clerk training) - £150

**12 Village Matters**

- 12.1 Pot holes were reported on Mill Lane – the clerk would report these.
- 12.2 Haveringland Road sign broken / telegraph pole wires hanging out.
- 12.3 Cllr Buckley advised that Broadband from the church was now working and that the speed had greatly improved.
- 12.4 Cllr Buckley reported that the footpath outside 22 Church Lane was pitted.
- 12.5 Cllr Clarke advised that the entrance to the new properties on Church Lane / Taverham Road had moved and now cut through parish owned land. Cllr Clarke would speak to BC Brian Rowlands regarding the plans.

The meeting closed at 21.35

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1 April 2014, 8pm.

