

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2017

Present:

Bob Clarke (in the Chair)

Paula Carter

Graham Buckley

Ben Bates

Robert Barber

Andrea Elsdon

John Bebbington

Also in attendance:

Sonya Blythe (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public

Tony Adams (County Councillor)

1 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements and apologies for absence

None received

2 To receive members' declarations of interests and consider requests for dispensations

3 BC reported that he would be receiving a payment for pre-paying for works to the notice board.

4 To receive an NNDR / Road Closure Update from John Birchall – Norfolk County Council.

John Birchall from NCC attended the meeting to give an update on traffic works. Future and current road closures, which would impact the parish, were highlighted.

Parishioners and Councillors raised the following matters:

- FPCs bid for part funding for a third road narrowing had been declined until an assessment on the impact of the NNDR could be carried out in 2018. Additional traffic calming measures could not be guaranteed in advance as competing priorities for the funding were not yet known. Queries were raised regarding the modeling used to predict future traffic flow through the parish as modeling from 2013 was significantly different from now. John Birchall agreed to identify how the 2013 figures had been predicted. Current modeling showed a reduction of 2000 cars a day through the parish once the NNDR has opened.
- It was requested that traffic counts also be carried out on Bilney Lane and Brands Lane as the road was unable to sustain the quantity of traffic and safety of travellers on the road.
- Regarding a forthcoming road closure at the junction of Holt Road and Reepham Road, temporary traffic lights were requested on the junction of Fircouvert Road and Fakenham Road to prevent delays. John Birchall confirmed that he would raise this with his colleagues.

5 To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2017

The minutes were **agreed** and signed as being a true record of the meeting subject to the following amendments:-

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10.1 – spelling of “summery” to “summary”.

1. The Chairman noted that he had thanked TA for his comments on FPC, rather than for writing the newsletter.

6 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 7 March 2017

7 – The Leader of BDC had agreed that he would speak to district councillors regarding their attendance.

8 – Visibility issues caused by the sign had been resolved

9.3 – The tree would be removed on 5 April 2017.

9.4 – A letter had been sent by the Clerk.

9.1 – All houses in Bileny, Brands and Church Lanes had now been approached.

7 Police Report

The police report for the period 1st to 31st March 2017 was received; 6 crimes had been recorded (2x Violence Against a Person, 1x Criminal Damage, 1x Theft of Motor Vehicle, 1x Malicious Communication, 1x Assault without injury on a Constable).

8 Reports from County & District Councillors.

Further to issues raised at the last meeting, TA reported that the sign affecting visibility had now been moved and the pothole on Hall Lane had now been repaired. He advised that he had asked Highways engineers to look at the issues on Bilney Lane and Brands Lane.

9 Break for the Public to Speak

Meeting closed at 20.56

- Traffic issues throughout the parish were discussed, as raised at item 4.
- An update was requested on the possibility of purchasing a speed sign; it was noted that FPC had agreed not to take this forward for the time being at a previous meeting.
- The slow response of Broadland Council to reported flytipping was noted. TA agreed to report the delayed collection to Officers in the light of the district councillors absence.
- A request was made for a flashing speed sign on the Taverham Road bend. BC advised that this would not be considered due to the amount of signage in place already.

Meeting reopened 21:08

10 To receive a Highways Update and consider how to Contact Highways in the Future

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10.1 RB reported that he had contacted Highways to report various matters that had been raised whilst completing the petition. A request for a mirror on the Taverham Road bend to help residents cross had been declined as it would dazzle motorists; they had agreed to assess the overgrown hedges on Church Lane, Taverham Road and The Street.

10.2 It was reported that FPC had received the outcome of the Parish Partnership Fund bid submitted in December. The request for an extra narrowing had been declined until an assessment could be carried out on the impact of the NNDR. The bid for gateways had been successful though. It was **agreed** that this would be taken forward and that the narrowing would be pursued again in the next round of bids. The Clerk would organise a site meeting between Councillors and Highways to confirm details. The Clerk would also request an answer on the amount remaining from the £5000 contingency payment paid in 2016. ACTION: Clerk.

11 **To receive correspondence.**

11.1 In response to a complaint sent regarding District Cllr Clancy, the Monitoring Officer had responded to say he would not be taking the matter forward.

12 **To Consider Planning Matters**

12.1 20170425 - Workshop, Church Lane, demolition of existing storage building and erection of replacement to form 3 office/ light industrial units.

Following discussion it was **agreed** to object to the planning application in its current form for the following reasons; loss of daylight to neighbouring properties; loss of outlook for neighbouring properties; no information supplied on the hours of use.

12.2 To discuss the future management of pre-planning applications

It was proposed and **agreed** that FPC would no longer give consideration to specific, one property developments at the pre-planning stage. Comments would only be made upon receipt of a formal planning application.

13 **To Consider Financial Matters**

13.1 The following payments were **agreed**:

- Clerks Salary and Expenses (March)- £177.10 (SO of £151.70 paid on 1 April), cheque for £26.48 expenses.
- Thompsons (notice board repair) £19.44 (via Cllr Clarke)
- An invoice had been received from Mr Sibley, which would be clarified with him.

13.2 To agree the cost of repairs to the well fence

Quotes to repair the fence were considered. It was agreed to allocate £300 to BB

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and BC for this, with receipts to be paid once received.

13.3 The updated accounts were noted.

14 To Give Updates on Councillor Portfolios / Village Matters.

14.1 AE reported that the village fete would be held on 23 July. It was **agreed** to attend again as this was an excellent way to meet the community.

14.2 It was noted that a recent community speedwatch had caught two cars going over the speed limit in one hour. More volunteers were required in order for more regular patrols to be carried out.

14.3 No advance notice signs had been deployed on Taverham Road ahead of a recent road closure.

14.4 Two quotes for painting the telephone box were considered for £550 and £400. GB offered to obtain a third quote from a family member.

14.5 The Clerk was asked to report flytipping and potholes on The Street, towards Swannington.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2 May 2017.

Meeting closed at 21.55