

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2013

**Present:**

Bob Clarke (in the Chair)  
Daphne Grint

Les Wright  
Stuart Clancy

**Also in attendance:**

Sonya Garland (Clerk)

Tony Adams (County Councillor)  
Joanne Keeler (District Councillor)

**Members of the Public**

Two in attendance

The meeting followed a public session with Keith Simpson MP, where he gave the councillors and residents of Felthorpe an update on local and national issues. Residents and councillors discussed concerns regarding the number and size of vehicles passing through the village, which Mr Simpson agreed to raise with Highways.

- 1. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Graham Buckley, Paula Carter, and John Self.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**  
No declarations were made.
- 3. To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2013**  
The minutes were signed as being a true record of the meeting.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 1 October 2013**
  - 4.1 Cllr Grint asked for an update on the tree roots lifting the pavement on Taverham Road. The clerk would chase highways and ascertain if there would be any charge to the Parish Council.
- 5. Police Report**
  - 5.1 During October 2013 seven calls were made to the control room, with one crime being recorded (criminal damage - other).
- 6. Reports from County & District Councillors**

Councillor Adams reported that the hedge on Taverham Road had now been cut. In legal terms it had been trimmed as far as it could be enforced to go.

Councillor Adams reported that the Government had withdrawn a £169m waste PFI credit grant from the County Council, which in real terms meant that County would have to find additional savings of £8m per year. Norfolk MPs had lobbied for this grant

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to be withdrawn which was a massive loss to the people of Norfolk. Councillor Adams confirmed that the Parish Council's S106 money was ring-fenced and was kept with Broadland Council, so could not be affected by this.

Councillor Adams confirmed that he was happy to speak with the police again unofficially regarding the weight limit through the village.

The District Councillor had nothing to update on.

**7 Break for the Public to Speak**

A member of the public raised the issue of narrow footpaths through the village and the potential of being hit by card because of this. Residents must be encouraged to contact police as they could only act if they had statistics available.

**8 Correspondence**

8.1 Norfolk County Council – The Putting People First consultation was received. It was noted that opinions could be passed to the County Council online.

8.2 Norfolk County Council – The Parish Partnership Scheme letter was received, which offered to carry out minor traffic improvements with parish councils, splitting the costs.

It was noted that the public right of way from the Rectory to the Houchen plantation was overgrown; the Clerk would make enquiries as to how to have this trimmed.

8.3 Saffron Housing - John Whitelock from Saffron Housing had written to state that land had been offered for affordable housing in Felthorpe if the Parish Council thought it was required. Councillors noted that a housing needs survey had not been carried out recently. Without that the opinion of the Council remained the same, which was that the housing was not required at the current time.

8.4 Hevingham Hot Meal Delivery Service now offered their service within Felthorpe. The clerk would write back to ask if there was any way in which the Parish Council could help with the excellent venture.

**9 Planning**

9.1 No applications had been received.

**10 Finance**

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerks salary and expenses (Oct)- £151.73 (cheque for £23.60 expenses)

**11 Village Matters**

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- 12.1 Councillor Grint noted that wire was now protruding from the hedge at Yew Tree House.
- 12.2 Councillor Clancy noted that the public rights of way signs in Felthorpe were now pointing in the wrong direction. The clerk would chase up the enquiry she made with Highways the previous month.
- 12.3 Councillor Clarke noted that the green in front of the village sign had a mole under it. Pest contractor Bob Hamilton had been contacted.
- 12.4 The bus stop sign in the village had gone. Building work was going on nearby so councillors would see if it re-appeared once the work had finished.
- 12.5 Councillor Clarke advised that he had been told by the Forrestry Commission that 57% of trees within the Houchen Planatation would be cut down and not replaced, despite the fact it was government policy not to cut down trees. The work had commenced without the parish council or the Fuel Allotment Trust being informed.
- 12.6 Councillors AGREED to cancel the January meeting of the Parish Council unless there were urgent matters to discuss.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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

