

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 2014

**Present:**

John Self (in the Chair)  
Daphne Grint  
Paula Carter

Bob Clarke  
Stuart Clancy  
Les Wright

**Also in attendance:**

Sonya Garland (Clerk)

**Members of the Public**

None in attendance.

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

Apologies were received from Graham Buckley.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 April 2014**

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

**4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 1 April 2013**

4.1 There were no matters arising.

**5 Police Report**

The figures for March 2014 had been received. Seven calls had been taken of which three crimes were recorded (1x criminal damage other, 3x common assault and battery).

The figures for April 2014 had been received. Eight calls had been received of which five crimes had been recorded (4x common assault and battery, 1x domestic).

It was noted that there seemed to be a high number of common assault and battery cases in the village. The clerk would contact PCSO Rolph for more information.

**6 Reports from County & District Councillor.**

None present

**7 Grass cutting contract**

Councillor Clarke reported that, in addition to the quote already received from the

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current grass contractor, he had shown two new contractors around the village and had received quotes from them. The previous contract had cost £165 per cut. The two prices received were 1x £50 and 1x £95 per cut. Councillors AGREED to award the contract to Mr Sibley at £95.00 per cut. Mr Sibley had a tree surgery qualification, a waste disposal licence, and public liability insurance and so it was felt he could offer a full service to Felthorpe. The contract would cover grass cutting in all public areas as well as 3x per year along of the Chapel Lane – The Street – Church Lane footpath at an extra cost of £95.

The clerk would write to the Recreation Ground Committee to advise them that a new contractor was in place and that in future the Parish Council would pay all grass cutting costs and then charge the Committee their share, instead of each paying part as had been happening. The cost would remain the same as last year for 2014 and thereafter be reviewed annually.

**8 Break for the Public to Speak**

None present.

**Correspondence**

**9**

- 9.1 Churchyard Maintenance. Correspondence had been received from the church, requesting a donation towards grounds maintenance. £420 was duly proposed, seconded and AGREED.
- 9.2 An amended statement of Common Ground had been received from the County Council. This included the County Council agreeing to carry out a traffic survey in Felthorpe before and after the opening of the NDR. The statement was signed by the Chairman.
- 9.3 Land outside former Church Rooms. Further to the last meeting Highways had confirmed that the bank of grass in question did belong to them. The new owners of the house were still requesting that the sign advertising Felthorpe Lawnmowers be removed, despite being in situ for over twenty years. Highways had requested a site meeting with Parish Councillors on 21 May 2014 to discuss. The Clerk would advise Highways that representatives would attend.
- 9.4 Street Numbering – it was noted that the new house next to 49 The Street had been numbered 49a The Street – Three Gables.
- 9.5 Correspondence received from Mrs Platten-Jarvis was noted.
- 9.6 Site Allocations information from Broadland council had been received. Felthorpe was not affected by it.

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**10 Planning**

- 10.1 20140539 - Land at Beck Farm, Bernard Matthews Ltd. After discussion councillors agreed to support the application.

**11 Finance**

- 11.1 The following payments were agreed:

- Clerks salary and expenses (April)- £158.51 (cheque for £30.38 expenses)
- NALC subscription - £152.29

- 11.2 An internal control document was circulated and agreed as being correct for managing the finances. This would be reviewed annually in future.

**12 Village Matters**

- 12.1 Councillors held a discussion regarding the tree on Taverham Road.

- 12.2 Councillor Clarke confirmed that the path from Horsford was a Bridleway.

- 12.3 Councillor Clancy advised that Councillor Adams had spoken to Highways regarding resurfacing the footpath on Taverham Road. This had been added to the programme, hopefully to be completed in 2015.

- 12.4 Councillor Clancy advised that the Biomass site planning application appeal had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. The Clerk would request a copy of the decision from Broadland Council as one had, disappointingly, not been provided.

- 12.5 The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether Highways had yet made contact with 65 The Street regarding the overgrown hedge.

- 12.6 It was noted that the junction of Taverham Road / Fir Covert / Reepham Road was extremely overgrown and hazardous. The clerk would report this to Highways.

- 12.7 The Chairman noted that he had spoken with the Chair of the Recreation Ground Committee who had confirmed that there was no intention to alter the changing rooms into a Committee room at this time.

The meeting closed at 21.20

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3 June 2014, 8.00pm.

