

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present:

Ben Bates (in the Chair)(Minutes)
Paula Carter
Andrew Cooper

Peter Knowles
John Bebbington
Mark Payne

Also Present:

Rt Hon Jerome Mayhew (MP)
Members of public

Dave Thomas (District Councillor)

1 Chairman's Welcome and announcements and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting.
Apologies were received and accepted from Sonya Blythe (Parish Clerk).
The resignation of Parish Councillor Graham Buckley effective August 24, 2020 was noted.

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

None noted.

3 To discuss local matters with Jerome Mayhew MP

The Chairman introduced Jerome Mayhew MP to the Parish Council and members of public in attendance and invited him to provide an insight into the life of a newly elected Member of Parliament and the challenges it presents both in and outside Westminster, particularly during a Global Pandemic.

Mr. Mayhew highlighted the high degree of community support in Broadland throughout the pandemic and noted the high level of school attendance since the reopening.

Mr. Mayhew then opened up the meeting for questions from members of the public as well as Council Members and it was noted that unlike many Politicians he did his best to answer all the questions raised even if the answer given was not what the questioner wanted to hear! The session of just over an hour was well received and Mr Mayhew left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

4 To ratify the minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 7 July 2020

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed**. They would be signed at the next meeting held in person.

5 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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5.1 None raised.

6 To receive reports from County Councillor and District Councillors

Dave Thomas highlighted the major issues of Fly Tipping in both Horsford and Felthorpe that continue to occur on an all too frequent basis despite the erection of CCTV signs in known key spots. He reported that Horsford and Felthorpe recorded the most cases of Fly Tipping within Broadland Council last year and look set to do the same for 2020. Whist Cameras provide the best solution it has proved extremely challenging to gain the necessary consents to install the 2 cameras he already has, but hopes they now will be installed this year. Concerns were also raised at the lack of willingness by Broadland/Police to prosecute offenders even when known.

7 To allow the public to raise matters

None raised

8 To note / action the following correspondence

8.1 Highways Street Rangers – No items were raised for action. It was noted that the work and expense of raising the drain covers on Fir Covert Road North had been in vain as they had all sunk again questioning Highways inspection and monitoring of their contractors.

8.2 Traffic on Taverham Road bends - The traffic on the Taverham Road bends as highlighted by at least two further Felthorpe residents was once again acknowledged. Further discussion then took place, it was agreed the only possible alternative route to progress (as all suggestions put forward had already been tried and had failed to secure the support of Highways) was to once again write to Highways and suggest a footpath/trod be installed on the left hand side of the road as you exit the village along the boundary of Lindy Platten Jarvis' property together with the removal of vegetation and obstructions on Highways land.

8.3 Gate on Haveringland Road – It was noted that the gate is new and most possibly installed by Broadland District Council the new owners of Houghen Plantation. It was once again suggested that Luke Edmunds talk to his colleagues within Broadland for more information, possibly the new incumbent in the role of Project Manager for the Houghen Plantation, as they must have seen the gate at some point in the past.

8.4 New Country Park - It was noted that Broadland Council were looking for suggestions from residents of both Horsford & Felthorpe to re-name the Houghen Plantation and for the Parish Councils of both to be part of the judging panel to choose the winning new name. Councillors raised concerns about the new name containing the word "Park" as this was really not justified in this situation, but as Broadland now

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own this site the decision will be theirs. Dave Thomas informed the meeting that a NEW Project Manager for these Green Space projects had just been put in place, her name is Sarah Burston, it was suggested the Parish Clerk contacts Sarah to set up a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss this project in more detail including the naming of same.

8.5 Correspondence received since publication of the agenda

GT Morrisons Ltd requested more information regarding the narrowing to be installed adjacent to Sawmill Close. Felthorpe Parish Council has yet to meet with representatives of Highways to discuss the design of the two new narrowings. FPC will ask Councillor Tony Adams to arrange with Highways for an onsite meeting to discuss design proposals. BB will meet with GT Morrisons to further establish their concerns.

9 To consider planning applications

None.

9.1 To consider any applications received after the agenda was published

None.

9.2 To ratify planning responses sent since the last meeting

None.

10 To consider financial matters

10.1 The updated accounts were received.

It was noted that NALC have agreed a 2.75% increase to existing salary scales back dated to April 1, 2020.

10.2 The following payments were agreed:

- Clerks Salary and Expenses (July and August) - £368.56 (SO of £153.20 paid on 1 August and 1 September), cheque for £72.96
- Royal Mail (PO Box) (paid under Clerk expenses) £352.50
- Mr Sibley (grounds maintenance) £460.80
- HMRC (Clerk's salary) £128.40
- Came & Company (annual insurance) £409.13
- Westcotec (bracket for SAM2 camera) £69
- Ben Bates (hand sanitiser etc. for meeting) £118.55
- Fullers fencing (CCTV sign installation) £186
- Ladywell Accountancy (annual payroll) £51
- John Bebbington (CCTV brackets) £28.46

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10.3 To note income

None

11 To consider potential improvements to the village sign

It was noted and agreed that some restoration work to the brick plinth would need to be undertaken in the next 12 months, the sign itself remains in fairly good condition.

12 To receive updates on Councillor portfolios / Village Matters (items for information only)

BB advised that traffic flows through the village were almost back to normal with over 4500 vehicles per day.

13 To receive items for the next agenda

The subject of "Live" vs. "Zoom" Meetings was discussed. All Councillors present voted in favour of "Live" Meetings going forward, subject to any new government restrictions.

14 Next meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th October 2020 (Pavilion preferred)

Meeting closed at 21:10