

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021 AT 19.45PM.

Present:

Ben Bates (Chairman)
John Bebbington
Andrew Cooper

Peter Knowles
Paula Carter
Wendy Saunders

Also Present:

Sonya Blythe (Parish Clerk)
2x members of public

Dave Thomas (District Councillor)

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2019.

BB welcomed attendees to the meeting.

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed.

2. To receive the parish council annual report from the Chairman

The Chairman made a report on parish council activities across the previous year, attached as appendix A.

3. To hear and discuss matters raised by members of the public

No matters raised.

4. To receive a report from Felthorpe cricket club

No report had been received, but JB advised they had carried out work to improve their grounds.

5. To receive a report from the Recreation Ground Committee

The annual report was circulated and is reported at appendix B.

6. To receive an annual report from St Margaret's PCC

The annual report was circulated and is reported at appendix C.

7. To receive a report from the Fuel Allotment Charity

The annual report was received and is reported at Appendix D.

Meeting closed at 19:55

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Appendix A

Annual Report

2020 – 2021 has been a challenging period for many and not least getting used to the impersonal Zoom meetings. As life slowly gets back to normal, hopefully we will be able to resume normal meetings in July.

Due to the pandemic we were unable to hold the Annual Village Pride or Autumn Planting in 2020 or attend the Village Fete.

We co-opted Parish Councillors Mark Payne and the Rev Wendy Saunders.

Fly tipping signs were purchased

Grants were given to St. Margaret's Church Grounds Maintenance (£800) and Tree Removal (£950)

Planning - a Car Wash is operating but has not been granted Planning Permission. Planning permission for a proposed Paintball Site at Drayton Drewray was rejected.

We have continued to monitor traffic volumes and speeding.

The final two road narrowings are installed last month, thus completing the Felthorpe Traffic Calming Plan.

Successfully bid for the 6th year in succession for Parish Partnership Funding for the Asphalting of the Pavilion Car Park for £10,000.

Felthorpe FP rejected to the proposal that Felthorpe be moved from the Horsford division to the Taverham under the consultation on draft boundary reviews

Broadland District Council are progressing with their plans for Houghen Plantation, now Broadland County Park having ignored comments from their consultation.

In September of last year, we hosted a meeting with the Rt Hon Jerome Mayhew MP. Poor attendance by parishioners possibly due to the pandemic. Parish Council finances are in a healthy condition finishing the financial year £21,799 in credit.

I wish to thank our County Councillor Tony Adams and District Councillors Lisa Starling and Dave Thomas for their input and actions to making Felthorpe

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a better place for everyone and to wish Tony and Dave the best of luck on Thursday. May the most votes win.

And finally, thank Sonya for all her work in keeping all the Parish Council Policies, our finances, and us, the councillors, in order

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM RECREATION GROUND AND PAVILION UP TO
END APRIL 2021.

First of all what a year it's been.

Everything at the pavilion closed down in March 2020. Over the first months of lockdown we kept checking the Hall, Playground, Field and recycling containers, especially the glass, paper and Tassimo Hubs as they were still being emptied frequently.

The Pavilion did re-open briefly for Table Tennis, Zumba outside, Pilates and a few boys football matches.

We also took this opportunity to decorate the toilets and the kitchen.

Also we have been fortunate to have had Grants from Broadland District Council, in the form of Business Support Grants, Rate Rebates, Relief Support Grants, Closed Business Lockdown Payments and a Restart Grant.

As the Pavilion has been closed we have found that the Hall also now needs some maintenance, so we are planning to have the hall walls and ceilings painted all cracks filled and doors and skirtings varnished and the floor polished in readiness for a grand opening when the time is right.

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A Report from St. Margaret's Church, Felthorpe

The past year has been different, and difficult. With the Covid Pandemic, the church building had to be closed in March due to Government restrictions. This had an impact not just on those who worship at St. Margaret's but also no services being able to take place i.e. weddings, baptisms and funerals, for a period of months. St. Margaret's opened again to visitors, private prayer and funeral services in September and for weekly Sunday services from October. During lockdown 2, the building could remain open but there could be no services. We were able to keep the building open, after an appropriate risk assessment because a member of our congregation could do a weekly clean to ensure a Covid 19 secure building open to all.

As you can guess, like many other charities, income to the church reduced. There is a regular congregation of 10, most of whom commit to planned giving; at the end of 2020 payments exceeded receipts by just over £2,100; not a healthy position but much better than expected.

New under pew heating has been installed to the central aisles. St. Margaret's is fortunate to have some restricted funds which can only be used on the church building, so these financed the installation.

The churchyard remains open to everyone; thank you again to the Parish Council for the £800 grant towards the grass cutting which ensures accessibility to most people and a safe environment. There was some major tree work undertaken in 2020 to make the churchyard safe, again thank you for the grant of £950 which covered a third of the cost of the work, it is greatly appreciated.

I, with the PCC, continue to ensure the church building is used for regular, weekly worship as well as being a place of quiet and reflection for those seeking peace and quiet. Our vision is to open the building wider to local concerts, talks and other social activities.

Revd Margaret McPhee

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Fuel Allotment Trust

There has been no distribution or asset's this year. We are awaiting a decision from the Forestry Commission as to whether we can do some tree management work this year which will impact the public access during this time. I will keep council informed as to how we progress.