

FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**A meeting of Felthorpe Parish Council was held on 7 March 2023 at 8pm
at the Pavilion**

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Ben Bates (in the Chair), Peter Knowles, Paula Carter, Andrew Cooper, Diane McCormick and Wendy Saunders.

Also Present:

Cllr Tony Adams (County Council) Cllr Lisa Starling (District Councillor)
3x members of public Cllr Dave Thomas (District Councillor)

1. Chairman's Welcome and to receive and consider apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from John Bebbington.

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

None raised.

3. To ratify the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

None.

5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

TA advised that:

Norfolk County Council (NCC) would tarmac the area outside St Margaret's Church, plus additional works, from 27 March. The encroachment of the highway that had been previously reported had also now been dealt with.

PK reported that the village gateway sign on Bilney Lane was obstructing views for vehicles trying to turn right. TA agreed to ask NCC if the sign could be relocated.

DT / LS advised that there were community action grants available that may be able to fund one of the new parish benches. LS would forward information to the Clerk.

DT would not be standing in Felthorpe as a District Councillor after the May elections and so Councillors passed him thanks for his work for the parish the previous four years.

6. To allow the public to raise matters:

A parishioner raised the matter of lorry traffic coming through the village. BB advised that there was no weight limit through the village and so the lorries were not breaking the law. He advised that, if the Western Link was approved, NCC had agreed that a reduced speed limit and a lorry restriction could be made throughout the parish, but this was dependent on the outcome of that project.

1x parishioner left the meeting

7. To receive / agree actions for the following correspondence

7.1 Public consultation on a County Deal for Norfolk – Council agreed to submit an objection due to the poor financial value for the county.

BB to draft and circulate a response

7.2 Western Link update – BB had attended the recent meeting, where it has been explained that the results of the consultation would not be taken to Cabinet for an indefinite period. Plans for the A47 would go to judicial review in May.

TA, LS and DT left the meeting

7.3 To consider time sensitive correspondence received since publication of agenda

Living landscape project – a neighbouring parish had written regarding an environmental project. Councillors felt that the parish did not have any current projects that would fit into this. WS however would contact them, on behalf of the church, regarding the pilgrimage trail.

Action WS

Broadland police – PK agreed to make contact with the local Beat Officer and be a regular point of contact.

Action PK

8. To note Norfolk County Council has granted street furniture licenses for new benches and dog waste bins

The Clerk advised that street furniture licences had been granted and the bins had been purchased.

BB to arrange installation

9. To consider planning applications

9.1 20230198 – Bull Farm Abattoir, Reephams Road, Felthorpe, two extensions, new parking and associated works (extension to 8 March) – no objection

9.2 20230328 – Spinney Ridge, Hall Lane, single storey rear extension (resubmission of 20221160) – no objection

9.3 **To consider time sensitive applications received since publication of agenda**
2023/0494 - 51 The Street Felthorpe, proposed timber garage – no objection
Clerk to submit responses

9.4 **To ratify planning responses sent since the last meeting**

None.

9.5 **To note the Enforcement Update**

The enforcement report was received.

10. **To receive an update on the village sign**

A report was received on the condition of the village sign base. It was agreed to request a quote to replace it, using the existing bricks where possible.

Action Clerk

11. **To receive prices for the grounds maintenance contract**

Deferred to next meeting as not received

12. **To receive an update on Broadland Country Park from Cllr Knowles**

PK had held a meeting with the consultants who were working on the new Country Park. They had confirmed that works would be minimal, with a potential café and play area being the most that was planned.

13. **To consider financial matters**

13.1 **The following payments were approved:**

- Clerks Salary and Expenses (February) - £799.45 (SO of £166.40 paid on 1 March), BACS for £633.05 – includes litter pick equipment £100.84 and dog bins £488.01
- A11 Maintenance (bus shelter repairs) - £150

13.2 **To note income:** HMRC VAT reclaim (January 2022 – December 2022)- £589.92

13.3 **To receive the accounts and bank reconciliation to date.**

Received and noted.

13.4 To agree which signatories will authorise payments on 8 March 2023

PC and BB agreed to make the payments.

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

BB noted that Council tax bills were currently being distributed.

15. To receive items for the next agenda

None raised.

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 4 April 2023

Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm
Followed by Parish Council meeting on the rise of the APM

Agreed.

Meeting closed at 20:50