

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2013

Present:

John Self (in the Chair)
Daphne Grint
Paula Carter

Les Wright
Graham Buckley
Bob Clarke

Also in attendance:

Sonya Garland (Clerk)

John Starling (District Councillor)

Members of the Public

Two in attendance

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Stuart Clancy, Joanne Keeler and Tony Adams.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in item 12 as a friend of Mr Hamilton.

3 To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2013

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

4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 1 November 2013

4.1 The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Saffron Housing and advised them that the Council's position had not changed and that additional affordable housing was not required for Felthorpe at this time.

The bus stop from The Street had now been placed in a skip; the Clerk would contact Highways and First Bus and ascertain who was responsible for it.

Tree on Taverham Road / The Street. Cllr Clarke would be attending a meeting with Highways and the District Council tree officer on 4 December to discuss options

Houchen plantation. Cllr Clarke advised that the Forestry Commission had confirmed that 57% of trees within the plantation would be cut down. The map they had provided was inaccurate so he had corrected it to advise them where public footpaths were.

5 Police Report

5.1 The police report for November 2013 had not been received as yet.

6 Reports from County & District Councillors

There were no matters to update on.

7 Break for the Public to Speak

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Two members of the public were in attendance. An enquiry was made as to whether there was public access available throughout the wood; it was confirmed that public access was available throughout the woods, not just on the footpaths.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Parish Ranger Visit - The Parish Rangers were due to visit Felthorpe; Councillors had no additional work requests to make.
- 8.2 Mrs Platten-Jarvis - Three letters had been received from Mrs Platten-Jarvis; two were copies of letters which had been sent to Highways, and the third requesting a hard copy of a letter which had been sent by email. Councillors AGREED that the letters did not require a response.
- 8.3 Norfolk Police – Safe Neighbourhood Team – the new sergeant had written to introduce himself.
- 8.4 Joint Core Strategy – it was noted that this had been published and was available to view online.
- 8.5 Keith Simpson MP – Mr Simpson had written to Highways re HGV traffic on The Street, as he had agreed at the last meeting. Highways had responded to say that they would be undertaking a traffic survey on the route in order to determine whether routing the vehicles along Felthorpe Road would be feasible.
- 8.6 Hevingham Hot Meal Deliveries. Further to the last meeting where the Parish Council had asked if they could assist the service, the coordinator had asked whether the Council would pay £40 which would cover a CBS (old CRB) check, first aid and POVA training for one person. Councillors AGREED to support one person initially and then if the scheme was a success support another.

9 Planning

- 9.1 20131627 – single storey dwelling – Adjacent to Woodstock, Hall Lane
Following discussion Councillors agreed to SUPPORT the application.

10 Parish Precept

The clerk advised that the precept for 2014-15 needed to be set. In order to maintain the usual precept of £4500, payments by each household in Felthorpe would have to be increased as Broadland District Council (BDC) would no longer be supplying a grant to the Parish Council.

Councillors considered the bank account and reserves, which had not reduced in the past year, and agreed to request a reduced precept from BDC in order to ensure that residents of Felthorpe did not have to pay an increased precept rate.

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The clerk would put an article in the newsletter to advise residents of the decision and that payments had been kept at the same rate for several years.

11 Cricket Club

A representative from Felthorpe Cricket Club attended the meeting to request further funding for kit and equipment for junior cricketers. More details would be passed to the Clerk so that this could be considered at the next meeting.

A donation was requested towards the cost of the Grass cutting at the cricket club; the clerk would ascertain whether the invoice needed to be made out to the parish council.

12 Finance

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerks salary and expenses (Nov)- £151.73 (cheque for £23.60 expenses)
- Clerks Tax – HMRC £96.20
- Robert Clarke – Mole treatment by Mr Hamilton - £20.

- Recycling Credits received - £314.66

13 Village Matters

- 12.1 Cllr Grint reported that a phone mast on Haveringland road (heading towards Horsford) had loose wires hanging out of it.
- 12.2 Cllr Carter commented that the hedge at 65 The Street was overhanging the road. She was advised that Highways were already dealing with this.
- 12.3 Cllr Clarke advised that the Fuel Allotment trust would be giving out 18x £30 shortly. He asked councillors to advise him / Brian Rowlands / Colin Plunkett / Alan Fordham of any people who could be helped.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4 February 2014, 8pm.

