

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2015

Present:

John Self (in the chair)
Daphne Grint
Stuart Clancy

Bob Clarke
Les Wright

Also in attendance:

Sonya Blythe (clerk)

John Starling (District Councillor)

1 Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Graham Buckley, Paula Carter and John Starling.

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3 To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2014

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

4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 3 February 2014

- 4.1 8.2 – Highways had confirmed that the traffic survey would not be carried out until the NDR was confirmed.

5 Police Report

Not received.

6 Reports from County & District Councillor.

Cllr Adams reported that he had met with Cllr Clarke and Chris Mayes from Highways regarding the Holt Road streetlights / lack of footpath and Taverham Road hedge.

Highways confirmed that the boundary on Taverham Road was where the curb is and the hedge was not growing over this. Therefore the owner could not be made to trim the hedge back. Highways suggested a pragmatic solution would be the compulsory purchase of land on the opposite of the road; this could be used to widen the road. The cost would be approximately £8000 of which the Parish would need to pay half with the remainder coming from the NCC parish partnership scheme. Councillors AGREED to write to Highways and request an exact costed quote and information on the parish partnership scheme in order to take this forward.

A constructed route made of crushed stone could be built on Holt Road for 30-40 metres to provide a walkway for residents. This would again cost £8-10k and could be applied for under the parish partnership scheme. Highways agreed in the meantime to carry out repairs and level the road off as there were large dips. It was AGREED that the work on Taverham Road would benefit more residents and so this

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work should be the priority for council funds to be spent on.

Options regarding reducing traffic through the village would be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

7 Break for the Public to Speak

The following was discussed:-

- 7.1 The defibrillator had still not arrived. Once received it would be passed to the recreation ground committee and training for the parish would be arranged.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Gritting Routes. It was now possible to fund new gritting routes with Norfolk County Council. This was not thought necessary as the main route through the parish was gritted as an HGV route.
- 8.2 Recycling Banks (Broadland District Council). Following a discussion with the Recreation Ground Committee, the Committee agreed to take on management of the recycling banks in the village once Broadland withdrew on 1 April. The clerk would pass the contact details to Broadland.
- 8.3 Highway Rangers: the following tasks would be requested:-
 - 1) Pothole – near the entrance to Forest Nursery, heading from Holt Road towards the village.
 - 2) Church Lane / Bilney Lane / Brands Lane junction - a lump of concrete is protruding into end of road.
 - 3) The Car Sales garage on The Street – Ivy protruding onto the road.
- 8.4 Training – understanding your councils finances – a new course from NALC had been released, aimed at councillors. This would be considered again after the May election.
- 8.5 Attendance at Pavillion meeting. Cllr Clarke noted that he had attended the most recent meeting.
- 8.6 40 Taverham Road – the change of house name to Leanora was noted.
- 8.7 Chinese Lanterns (Broadland District Council). Broadland Council had written requesting that parish councils supported their ban of Chinese lanterns, due to the danger these caused to the environment. The PC agreed to support the principle, though had no land to enforce the rule on. The Recreation Ground Committee agreed to support the ban by adding it to the terms and conditions of its hiring agreement. The PC would add an article to the parish newsletter advising that it supported this ban and asking residents to abide by it and not use them.

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9 Planning

9.1 None received.

10 Finance

The following quotes had been received for first aid training courses:-

Norvic –

The accredited Level 2 Emergency First Aid at Work –one day course - £465 + vat for a group maximum of 12

The unaccredited First Aid Awareness (suitable for carers) – a four-hour course - £315 + vat for a group maximum of 12.

St Johns -

Essential First Aid – all ages, 3 hours, £360 for up to 14 people.

It was AGREED to ascertain whether there would be interest in the parish newsletter.

Cllr Clarke would get a further quote from First Aid at Work.

10.1 The following payments were agreed:-

- Clerks salary and expenses (February)- £180.32 (cheque for £46.01 expenses)
- HMRC (Clerks tax) £105.00
- Felthorpe Pavilion (playground equipment) £5000

To note receipt of S106 funds (Broadland District Council) – £5000

11 Village Matters

11.1 Documents were circulated for councilors to complete in order to stand for election in May.

11.2 Cllr Clarke reported that the ramp over the tree stump on the junction of The Street and Taverham Road had been installed. It was a gentle slope in keeping with the surroundings.

11.3 Cllr Clarke reported that a resident had written to the newsletter regarding finding an allotment within the parish. It was noted that if six requests were received the parish was obliged to source land.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.
Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7 April 2015.

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