

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:

Andrea Elsdon
Graham Buckley (in the Chair)

Also in attendance:

Sonya Blythe (clerk)
36 x members of the public

Tony Adams (County Councillor)
Joanne Keeler (District Councillor)

1 **Chairman's Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Bob Clarke, John Bebbington, Paula Carter and Bob Barber due to annual leave.

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

AE declared a personal interest as a near neighbor of planning application 20161416.

3 To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 July 2016

The minutes were **agreed** and signed as being a true record of the meeting

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 7 June 2016

It was noted that item 4 of the July minutes should read “gas” rather than “electricity”.

4 Police Report

The July and August police reports were noted:

July – 3x violence against person, 1x criminal damage.
August – no reported crime.

5 Reports from County & District Councillors.

Cllr Tony Adams advised that he had contact from parishioners regarding the traffic calming scheme, suggesting that it be extended further. The comments had been passed to Highways.

He reported that a substantial cavity on The Street had been reported, as well as other potholes.

Cllr Keeler reported that parishioners had contacted her regarding a proposed phone mast within the parish. She supported their objections.

6 Break for the Public to Speak

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- 6.1 Residents reported their objections to a phone mast which had been proposed for the cricket club grounds at Hall Lane. The main concerns were the visual impact, potential health hazard and the fact children used the cricket club. A petition had so far been signed by 118 people stating that if a mast was erected it should be away from the residential area. The application was still in the pre-planning stage and had not been formally submitted to Broadland District Council (BDC).

Councillors advised that no decision would be made by the parish council until a formal application was received; all information from parishioners and Waldon would be considered, and the strength of feeling of parishioners would be recognised. Ideally the location of the mast would be moved before the formal application was received. The chairman reminded parishioners that, although the parish council could comment on applications, BDC made the ultimate decision on planning applications. If the application was taken to planning committee residents would have the right to attend.

BB agreed to check with the land registry regarding whether there were any terms regarding structures on the cricket club grounds.

- 6.2 A parishioner reported that Brands Lane / Bilney Lane hedgerow needed to be cut to provide safer driving visibility and provide a safe area for pedestrians to walk on the grass verge, as in previous years. The parish clerk would report this to Highways. In addition potholes in the same area had recently been covered with top-coat without being filled properly first. This would also be reported.
- 6.3 The effect of the traffic calming measures was discussed. Councillors advised that a petition would be proposed later in the meeting to discuss future changes.

Meeting opened at 21.04

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 Felthorpe Lawnmower Services – In a previous meeting Felthorpe Lawnmower Services had suggested that they build the parish council a new notice board with a directional sign on for their business. Highways had since confirmed that adverts on the highway were not acceptable and that it would be removed if they received a complaint. Therefore councillors **resolved** not to accept the offer.
- 7.2 Phone mast pre-planning application– this had been discussed in detail earlier in the meeting. The formal application would be considered once received.
- 7.3 Greater Norwich Local Plan – a workshop was arranged for 21 September. The date would be circulated to all councillors.
- 7.4 Correspondence had been received from a resident on Chapel Lane whose property had flooded over 50 times in recent years due to sewer capacity not being adequate.

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Anglian Water and the Environment Agency had been little help. Councillor Keeler asked that details be forwarded to her. The parish council confirmed its support to the resident in his approaches to the authorities.

8 **To consider and confirm the asset register.**

The asset register was considered and **agreed**.

9 **To receive an update on Highways matters**

9.1 The parish partnership fund 2017 was discussed. The parish council needed to agree the type of gateways required in order to receive a formal quote. BB **agreed** to ascertain the width of the various locations to determine what gates could be used and circulate these for a decision to be made. The clerk would then forward to Highways. It was **agreed** that three gateways plus the outstanding road narrowing from 2016 would be applied for.

9.2 Two draft petitions were circulated for post-NNDR opening - one to stop traffic through Brands Lane / Bilney Lane and the second one to remove HGV access to the parish. It was **agreed** to support these petitions. RW to arrange village circulation.

10 **To Consider Planning Matters**

10.1 20161416 - Mid Norfolk Shooting Ground – variation of hours. AE abstained from the vote as a near neighbour. The vote was carried to support the application.

11 **To Consider Financial Matters**

11.1 The following payments were **agreed**:

- Clerks Salary and Expenses (July and August)- £353.80 (SO of £142.06 paid on 1 August and 1 September), cheque for £69.68 expenses).
- HMRC (clerks tax) £113.80
- Mr Sibley (grass cutting) £175 + £285
- Zurich (annual insurance premium) £333.76
- Ladywell Accountancy (annual payroll) £40
- Ben Bates (fete literature) £64.99

11.2 The updated accounts were considered.

12 **To Give Updates on Councillor Portfolios**

AE reported that the village hall committee would meet this week.

GB reported that the facebook page was being kept up to date in order to build up more local followers.

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13 **Village Matters**

Nothing to report.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4 October 2016.

Meeting closed at 21.47