

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

Present:

Bob Clarke (in the Chair)

Paula Carter

Graham Buckley

Ben Bates

Bob Barker

John Bebbington

Also in attendance:

Sonya Blythe (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public

Tony Adams (County Councillor)

1 Chairman's Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Andrea Elsdon.

The Chairman advised that he had attended a meeting in Horsford where it was reported that 5293 new houses had been proposed in Horsford. This could impact on traffic within Felthorpe.

The Chairman also reported having attended a meeting regarding the Norwich Northern Distributor Road at Norfolk County Council. Plans were moving forward for the design of a potential link road between Fakenham Road and the A47. The main NNDR construction was currently on schedule.

The public were reminded of the standing orders regarding public speaking in parish council meetings.

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

None declared.

3 To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 October 2016

The minutes were **agreed** and signed as being a true record of the meeting, subject to the following amendments:-

Correct "Barker" to "Barber" in attendees list.

Date of meeting should read 1st November.

Item 3 – "traffic count" should read "speed watch check"

4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 1 November 2016

TA reported that he had spoken with the Head of Planning regarding sewage problems on Chapel Lane. He had agreed to respond to TA with the best way to proceed.

5 Police Report

The police report for the period 1st to 30th November was received. 7x crimes had

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been reported in the period (1x theft other, 4x violence against person, 2x drugs offence).

6 Reports from County & District Councillors.

TA stated that, in light of the amount of members of the public present to discuss the phone mast planning application, it was disappointing that neither district councillor was present. As a member of the Planning Committee TA could not comment in depth on the application, but assured residents that the reports and recommendations would be considered in detail.

Meeting closed at 20.20.

7 Break for the Public to Speak

Several parishioners spoke in opposition of the proposed phone mast (item 9) due to alleged:- health concerns; inconsistencies within the planning application in the design of the mast; visual impact to nearby properties and to the walking route; possibility of trees being cut down; incomplete signal coverage for the whole parish from the mast; contradiction and confusion in regards to the other locations considered; the trustees not being aware of the proposal.

It was noted by some that there was a need for an improved signal within the parish, but that this was not the best location. Concern was also raised regarding the impartiality of the parish council.

The residents requested support from the parish council in objecting to the application.

The owner of the airfield (planning application 20161953) reported that the application was to replace the old building with a new one.

Meeting reopened 20.34

8 To receive correspondence.

- 8.1 A letter had been received from a resident regarding a slow sign which had been removed from the bend on Taverham Road due to resurfacing. Highways had responded to say that this would not be replaced as there were numerous other signs in the location. The parish council agreed with this.

9 To agree the application for the Parish Partnership Fund.

To be discussed as part of item 11.

10 To Consider Planning Matters

- 10.1 20161924 – Installation of Mobile Telecommunications Radio Base Station (Cricket

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Ground, Hall Lane).

Following a detailed discussion, and taking on board the comments of the members of public who attended the Parish Council meeting to voice their objections, the Parish Council **agreed** (by majority) that it would neither object to nor support the application. It agreed that whilst it supports the need for a mast and an improved 'phone signal within the village, due to the strong local objections it would like to see the mast situated elsewhere within the parish. In addition there did not seem to be detailed evidence that Waldon had fully investigated the alternative locations mentioned within their submission.

- 10.2 20161953 – Erection of replacement club house (Flying Club, Taverham Road) - **agreed** to support.
- 10.3 20162037 - Erection of single storey dwelling and garage, adj Woodstock, Hall Lane – **agreed** to support.
- 10.4 20161416 - Variation of condition 8 of planning permission 981148 (hours of operation) at Mid Norfolk Shooting Ground, Fakenham Road, Deighton Hills, Attlebridge. Following the November meeting an amended application had been received which had altered the hours. A vote was taken by email where the majority of councilors had voted to object due to the increase in hours at the weekend. The clerk had submitted the objection.

11 To Consider Financial Matters

- 11.1 The following payments were **agreed**:
- Clerks Salary and Expenses (November)- £177.10 (SO of £151.70 paid on 1 December), cheque for £25.40 expenses.
 - HMRC (clerks tax) £113.80
 - Mr Sibley (grounds maintenance) £217.50
 - Robert Barber (stationery) £18.98
- 11.2 The updated accounts were noted.
- 11.3 RB proposed that the parish council apply for three gateways sited at The Street, (Haverlingland Road end), The Street (the woods end) and Taverham Road (airfield end) and one road narrowing, situated between Hall Lane and Bilney Lane junctions, from the NCC Parish Partnership Fund. It was **agreed** to build these into the budget setting process and apply by the deadline of 16 December. RB to complete the form.

Local parishes who have mobile speed cameras to be approached regarding the possibility of sharing the camera – Clerk to action.

11.4 To agree the budget for 2017/18

Variations of the draft budget circulated prior to the meeting were considered and alterations made and **agreed**. A discussion was held regarding the options and the

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need to improve the roads versus the need to keep the precept at a rate which does not lose the goodwill of residents.

11.5 To set the precept for 2017/18

A precept of £10800, an increase of approximately 25% was **agreed**. The exact amount per Band D household would be confirmed once the tax base was known.

12. To Give Updates on Councillor Portfolios

12.1 PC reported that she had attended the Pavilion committee meeting.

12.2 RB reported that the traffic count had counted three more vehicles than last year. Thanks were passed to all volunteers.

12.3 BB reported that the latest parish newsletter was ready to be distributed and asked for volunteers to contact him. It was agreed to spend up to £100 on the printing.

13 Village Matters

13.1 The following would be reported to Highways:

- The give way sign on Haveringland Road / The Street (Horsford side) was missing;
- A sunken man hole on the Taverham Road
- Potholes – at the Taverham Road / The Street junction; on Fir Covert Road (as entering the road from Felthorpe), and at the woods end of The Street on both sides of the road approaching the dip.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7 February 2016.

Meeting closed at 21.53