

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2017

Present:

Bob Clarke (in the Chair)

Paula Carter

Graham Buckley

Ben Bates

Robert Barber

Andrea Elsdon

Also in attendance:

Sonya Blythe (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public

Tony Adams (County Councillor)

Tamsin Lodge (District Councillor)

1 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John Bebbington.

The Chairman thanked TA for his recent newsletter to parishioners.

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

AE in respect of planning application 40170142 as partner of the applicant.

3 To Ratify the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 February 2017

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

4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings on 7 February 2017

The Clerk reported that a firm answer had not been received regarding having a share in the existing speed camera. Consideration to starting a new camera share with local parishes would be considered at a later date.

5 Police Report

The police report for the period 1st to 28th February 2017 was received. 6x crimes were recorded (4x violence against a person, 2x criminal damage, all Boundary House).

6 Reports from County & District Councillors.

TA reported on several road closures that would happen around Horsford and Felthorpe over the next few months. It was noted that the NNDR team had given a presentation to Horsford PC regarding this; an invitation would be extended to them to attend FPC. ACTION: Clerk

TA reported that the mobile phone mast planning application had been refused on the grounds that it was visually intrusive.

TL had no items to report.

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To consider the attendance record of district councilors

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Councillors discussed the low attendance of district councilors over the past year. A letter was read out from Joanne Keeler advising that the meetings clashed with evening classes that her children attend but stating that she could always be contacted by email.

TL advised that she was unable to attend frequently as her work pattern had changed. Upon discussion with councilors she agreed to try to attend more often but could not commit to regular attendance.

Councillors agreed that more regular attendance was essential in order for the parish to feel that it had committed district councilors. The meeting schedule had been known when both councilors were elected and the lack of regular attendance was unacceptable. It was **agreed** that a letter would be sent to the Leader of the Council to raise the fact that FPC was receiving poor representation. ACTION: Clerk

8 Break for the Public to Speak

Meeting closed at 20.19.

A traffic diversion sign causing visibility issues at the Brands Lane / Reepham Road junction was reported. TA agreed to report this to Highways.

Meeting reopened 20.21

9 To receive an update on Highways

9.1 Petition update –

BB thanked councillors for their assistance in visiting 297 households across Felthorpe with the two petitions. 56% of households had responded thus far.

165 households / 274 adult signatures had been collected in respect to an HGV ban through the parish. 11 people had declined to sign.

243 residents had been in favour of making in favour of making Bilney Lane / Brands Lane / Church Lane access only.

It was agreed that one further attempt would be made by AE and a member of the public who was present to collect more signatures from households on Brands Lane / Church Lane / Bilney Lane who had not been home for the first visit before closing the survey.

9.2 A decision regarding how to deliver the petition to NCC would be made after the May Norfolk County Councillor elections had been held.

9.3 Dangerous tree – BB advised that a tree had been damaged in a recent storm near the children's play area. He had reported this to Circle Housing who had advised

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that the tree was rotten and would be felled.

- 9.4 A report was received regarding the residents of 50 The Street who frequently parked across the footpath meaning parishioners had to walk in the road. A letter would be sent. ACTION: Clerk.
- 9.5 NNDR Link Road meeting – BC reported that he had attended the initial stakeholder meeting.
- 9.6 A request for feedback on the road narrowings had been received from NCC – a response would be drafted. ACTION: BB.
- 10 **To receive correspondence.**
- 10.1 Broadland Council - Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Committee . Noted.
- 10.2 CPRE Housing Pledge – councillors agreed to sign the pledge stating that brownfield land should be used for development before any other land.
- 10.3 Comments had been received regarding the petitions discussed above, stating that Taverham Road had been ignored in the parish council's work. Councillors noted that Taverham Road issues had frequently been raised with Highways and councillors were trying to reduce speeds across the whole parish. A response would be sent welcoming the parishioners to attend future meetings in order to discuss in more detail. ACTION: Clerk
- 10.4 Two pieces of correspondence had been received regarding the pre-planning application discussed at the February meeting. The first was from a near-neighbour of the application raising objections to the proposed application. The Chairman had since met with the sender to discuss. Another neighbour who was present also raised objections.

The second email had been from the applicant, Mr Clancy, requesting that the draft minutes be changed. Councillors agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the meeting and that no changes were required. In addition it was considered unacceptable that a serving district and county councillor would attempt to amend official council minutes. It was **agreed** that a letter to express the disquiet of FPC regarding this would be sent to the Standards Committee and Conservative Association. ACTION: Clerk.

- 10.5 It was **agreed** to discuss the management of pre-planning applications at the next meeting.
- 11 **To discuss repairs to the parish telephone box**

BC had obtained a quote to replenish the parish telephone box, of £300 for materials and £900 for sand blasting and being painted with primer. It was proposed and **agreed** that the work be carried out from the 2017/18 budget and that a price also be obtained to have the box fully painted. Consideration needed to be given to the

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actual use of the box once completed.

12 To Consider Planning Matters

- 12.1 40170142, The Flying Club, Taverham Road – Erection of Replacement Club House (revised). No objections.

The Planning Officer would be asked to clarify what constituted a temporary building.
ACTION: Clerk.

13 To Consider Financial Matters

- 13.1 The following payments were **agreed**:

- Clerks Salary and Expenses (February)- £177.10 (SO of £151.70 paid on 1 March), cheque for £25.40 expenses.
- HMRC Jan – March £113.80

- 13.2 The updated accounts were noted.

13. To Give Updates on Councillor Portfolios

PC and AE attended latest recreation ground committee meeting.

It was noted that the website had stopped sending notifications when an agenda was uploaded. This would be looked in to. ACTION: Clerk.

14 Village Matters

- 14.1 The following would be reported to Highways:

- Road signs throughout the parish were covered in green algae
- Potholes on Taverham Road near the flying club and on Fir Covert Road on the junction

- 14.2 RB reported that a resident had requested mirrors on the bend of Taverham Road to help pedestrians. He would be advised to contact Highways. ACTION: RB

- 14.3 Broadland Council would be requested to carry out a litter pick on verges around the parish, especially Church Lane. A bed in the layby just before Holt Road would also be reported.

- 14.4 It was noted that the fence around the well had blown down. Quotes would be obtained for the next meeting. ACTION: BC

- 14.5 The notice board at the Pavilion had fallen due to the foot posts rotting. Repairs would be carried out. ACTION: BC

- 14.6 It was noted that Hall Lane had recently flooded from the lake. The landowner would be written to.

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Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4 April 2017.

Meeting closed at 21.55