

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FELTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PAVILION ON TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2019

Present:

Ben Bates (in the chair)
Graham Buckley

Andrea Elsdon
Paula Carter
John Bebbington

Also in attendance:

Members of the public

Tony Adams (County Councillor)
Lisa Starling (District Councillor)

1 Chairman's Welcome and announcements and apologies for absence

Apologies received from Andrew Cooper, Peter Knowles and Sonya Blythe.

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

None.

3 To ratify the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2019

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

4 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

None.

5 Police Report

The report had not been received, however, GB pointed out that a report was put on line that covered the whole District but did not break it down by Parish. The information therefore exists to formulate the report why can't we receive a report for Felthorpe in isolation? No action discussed.

6 Reports from County Councillor and District Councillors.

6.1 TA confirmed that the "Not suitable for HGV's" signs had been put in place & whilst they were not the ideal solution they might at least stop some of the non-local HGVs from using Felthorpe as a shortcut.

6.2 TA advised that the consultation on the Greater Norwich Local Plan would most likely occur in the New Year. BB advised that the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan has been updated with regards to Swannington Plantation to show that the site is considered to be unsuitable for allocation. BB questioned as to why the site was still in the plan. TA will make enquires.

6.3 LS was advised that incidents of Fly Tipping had increased & was given details of a serious issue on the Swannington Rd./The street triangle (a known site of concern) Exact location supplied to LS at the meeting for her to investigate & take action.

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7 To allow the public to raise matters

Clarke raised the possibility of utilising a Satnav app to suggest speed cameras were in use along The Street & Taverham Rd. However, it was pointed out by Council members that these “fake camera” positions could be removed from the app just as easily & was therefore considered of no real benefit. He then went on to inform the meeting that the footpath across the field to the rear of the Pavilion had never shown up on any map he had viewed (back to the 1960’s) as a “Public Footpath”. This is a topic being thoroughly investigated by Peter Knowles (on behalf of the Council) & he has discovered records going back even further that did suggest a “Public Footpath” may have once existed, we will ask PK to once again update Council at the next meeting.

8. To receive information on Highway matters

- 8.1 BB updated the meeting on the planned route for the Western Link following his attendance of the last planning meeting. He also confirmed he had sent a letter to Chris Alston giving full details of the proposed sites for the 2 additional narrowings, we are now waiting to hear back from Highways as to their views on same.
- 8.2 PC raised a concern on behalf of Mrs Self, a resident of Taverham Rd. just before the new Village sign. Her concern was vehicles stopping outside her property in a small unofficial layby to make mobile calls etc., she had approached Highways who had advised her” small reflector posts” could be put in place to stop this occurring, but these must be requested by the Parish Council. It is not absolutely clear who is expected to pay for these posts,(Mrs Self, the Parish Council or Highways), the inference she received from Highways was they would pay! Action: Clerk to follow up with request to Highways.

9 To note / action the following correspondence

- 9.1 Community, Well-being & Environment, involvement of Parish & Town Councils received from John Pennell, it was felt that a great deal more information was required on exactly what this initiative was & just what was expected of Parish Councils & Councillors before any commitments were given, at this stage we would not be putting forward any volunteers. Action Clerk to secure more details.
- 9.2 A resident on Church Lane has suggested the placement of a new road sign on The Street end of Taverham Rd. to highlight to oncoming vehicles the dangers of a hidden junction (Church Lane/Taverham Road) It was agreed this request would require the consent of Highways (unlikely in the opinion of TA). BB stated that the average speed at the junction as recorded by the SAM2 was 25mph and the average speeding vehicle 33mph. The Council felt there would be little or no benefit from placing such a sign. No further action.

10 To receive an update on the grounds maintenance contract

- 10.1 JB provided more detail around the documents he had already sent to Council members, particularly in relation to the hourly fees charged for different tasks, all present agreed with these details. Questions were raised by GB around future Tree pruning, namely, was it FPC’s responsibility, should we be paying for it, did we

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receive any additional funding for same from Broadland and was Geoff Sibley qualified to undertake this work? JB confirmed that although it was technically Highways responsibility they never actually did anything following numerous requests over the last 4 years, whilst we received no additional funding the additional cost of same over the budget received from Broadland was minimal & could be readily absorbed on an infrequent basis. Highways had been contacted in writing to confirm they were happy for Geoff Sibley to undertake the work & they were more than happy with his level of qualifications. Finally it was pointed out by JB that GS could not undertake any pruning of branches that seriously overhung the carriageway as this would necessitate the use of equipment GS did not have, additional insurance & the closure of the highway, in these instances Highways would have to take ownership of the task. Action Clerk to confirm the award of Contract to GS for next 3 years & secure the sending & receipt of all necessary signed documentation.

11 To consider planning applications

- 11.1 Application 20191235 Extension to Curtilage for Barns 1 & 3 at Valley Farm, Holt Rd, Felthorpe was approved 02 October 2019.

12 To consider financial matters

Unable to consider Financial Matters or Updated Accounts.

13 To receive updates on Councillor portfolios / Village Matters (items for information only)

- 13.1 The only matters arising concerned the replacement of road signs for "The Street" & the damaged sign for with SB, however, no action has been forthcoming! Action: SB to follow up once again with Highways to secure completion "Taverham Rd " JB confirmed Highways were aware of these requests & had clarified the details!

14 Items for next Agenda

- 14.1 Andrea Elsdon & Paula Carter will not be available to attend the next meeting scheduled for 5th November.

15 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5 November 2019

Meeting closed at 21.00