

Felsham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st December 2021 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod (Chair), Cllr Simpson, Cllr Paul Kearney, Cllr Tavernor, Cllr Sparkes
Mark Bloomfield (Clerk & RFO) County & District Cllr Penny Otton
No members of the public were present.

- 2021/0112 **Welcome and to receive apologies** – Cllr Garrod welcomed all to the meeting and received apologies from Cllr Nunn.
- 2021/0113 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – Cllr Garrod declared a pecuniary interest in Item 2021/0118 i. & a non-pecuniary interest in Item 2021/0118 1. with regard to the water pipeline.
- 2021/0114 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – Cllr Tavernor proposed an amendment to the draft minutes from the Parish Council held on 30th November 2021, that in Item 2021/0102 a.Cllr Tavernor explained that he '*is obtaining*' the materials required to repair the footpath sign.....The amended minutes were then considered and approved. Cllr Simpson proposed, Cllr Kearney seconded, all in favour (resolution passed). The minutes were signed by Cllr Garrod as a true record.
- 2021/0115 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report to the Parish Council Meeting – which form part of these minutes.
- 2021/0116 **Public Participation** –
No members of the public were present.

- 2021/0117 **Clerks Report** –
- The Clerk had received a quotation for parish councillor email addresses - £480 +VAT. The Clerk explained that he was still trying to obtain further quotes especially as this quote seemed a little high.
 - The Clerk reported that there had been no enquiries regarding the Councillor position & the position of Clerk & RFO. The Clerk suggested that he should contact other local clerks to gauge possible interest

2021/0118 **Planning:**

Cllr Garrod left the meeting during the following Item

- i. 1. DC/21/06560 – Wingfields, Rattlesden Road, Felsham IP30 0PU – NO OBJECTION proposed by Cllr Sparkes, seconded by Cllr Tavernor, all in favour – RESOLUTION PASSED

Cllr Garrod returned.

2. Bury St Edmunds to Colchester Water Pipeline – It was noted that Felsham wasn't listed as an affected village on the MSDC website, however, the plan clearly shows the waterline cutting through Dakings Lane. The council wished to comment that they would hope that the location of any compounds are suitable and that any traffic management is kept to a minimum. The council also wanted to ensure that any adverse impacts on land drainage were put right by remedial works.
- ii. To note any decisions made by MSDC – No decisions had been forwarded in the previous 3 weeks.

- 2021/0119 **Finance:**
- a. RFO's Report – December 21 was approved – proposed by Cllr Garrod, seconded by Cllr Sparkes – all in favour – RESOLUTION PASSED
 - b. December Payments Approval – the following payments were approved Clerk Salary, ICO Subscription - £40.00, Re-imburement of materials for Cllr Simpson, purchase from B&Q - £26.00 for the new SID – proposed by Cllr Garrod, seconded by Cllr Sparkes – all in favour – RESOLUTION PASSED
 - c. Draft budget FY22/23 – The following was discussed:
 - i. Increase the budget for Grass Cutting – Playing Field by £400
 - ii. Include the annual cost of zoom as part of Covid contingency - £120
 - iii. Apply inflationary uplift in general costs
 - iv. RFO to rework the budget to ensure that the precept remains unchanged for FY22/23 and bring the updated draft budget forward to the January meeting for acceptance.
 - d. Approval for ICO Subscriptions for GDPR was given (in Item 2021/0119 b.).
- 2021/0120 **Village Maintenance:**
- a. Report from Tree Officer – no update.
 - b. Matters reported – no matters to report
- 2021/0121 **Conservation Area:**
- a. Report from Conservation Officer – the Clerk updated that Admiral Taverns had reviewed the wall of the car park for The Six Bells public house and were liaising with the heritage team at MSDC.
 - b. Matters reported – no other matters reported
- 2021/0122 **Footpaths:**
- a. Report from Footpath Officer – no update
 - b. Matters reported – no additional matters were reported.
- 2021/0123 **Correspondence –**
No new correspondence had been received.
- 2021/0124 **Receipt of Complaint from a Resident –**
The Clerk explained that a complaint has been received relating to the last parish council meeting, 30th November 21 when the issue of the location of the dog bin at the end of footpath #6 was being discussed. The complainant was the member of the public who was asked to leave the meeting, has raised the complaint.
- The Clerk had acknowledged receipt of the complaint
The Clerk had sought advice from SALC as to how to proceed. NB. The Complaints Procedure within the standing orders relates to the dealing of a complaint received by the monitoring officer at the district council rather than to the parish council directly.
A committee has been set up to carry out the investigation and make a recommendation to the full council as to whether the complaint should be upheld. Cllrs Simpson, Tavernor & Kearney along with the Clerk will form the committee.
The date for the investigatory meetings has been set as Monday 10th January 22 at 7pm. After all of the investigatory meetings, the committee will report to the full council with a proposition for the council to consider.
- 2021/0125 **Housing Needs Survey** – The Clerk responded to Sunila Osbourne suggesting that it is possible that land adjacent to #1, Bury Road may be suitable for development which had been identified by MSDC in the past.
- 2021/0126 **Village Sign – Update** – no update

2021/0127 **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – no update

2021/0128 **Other Matters brought to the attention of the council** – Cllr Simpson explained that another set of brackets & clips were required in order to install the SID.

The meeting was closed by the Cllr Garrod at 8.44pm

Item 2021/0131 – Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, 30th November 21 Approved

Signed:

(Chair) Cllr Simon Garrod

Date: 18th January 2022



Parish Report – December 2021

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COVID-19

Latest SCC information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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Cabinet Meeting 9th November

Climate Change Property Investment Strategy:

The Cabinet met on the 9th November, and unanimously voted in favour of a £12.8 Investment into ensuring Council buildings become carbon neutral. This is in response to the Council's climate emergency, that was declared back in 2019, and includes offices, fire stations, libraries, and others that are owned by Suffolk County Council.

I asked why this did not include schools as part of this yet. It is because most are academies, and only a few are owned by the Council, but will start to work with them next.

Full Council Meeting 2nd December

My Group had an opportunity to submit two motions that brought about important attention to road safety in Suffolk. The purpose of our first motion was to ensure that the County Council commit to enforcing 20ph zones, in light of the newly amended Highway Code, making it clear that all speed limits within a red circle are obligatory – including a 20mph limit.

Our second motion asks the County Council to confirm its responsibility to making our roads safer for Suffolk residents and visitors, by committing to further education, enforcement, and engineering. Further commitments include expanding the Bikeability scheme, meaningful engagement via a visit from a Road Safety Specialist to every school at least once every academic year, and more coordinated between services. **The results of these motions were agreed on the 2nd December unanimously. We have written to the police commissioner to deal with enforcing speed limits.**

MORE FOSTER PARENTS AND ADOPTERS NEEDED; more children need to be in a stable home rather than a council childrens home.

MID SUFFOLK

TREES FOR LIFE; I have sent details of the scheme to celebrate a new baby.

5 YEAR LAND SUPPLY; this has now been exceeded so the council will have ability to resist applications.

JOINT LOCAL PLAN; the inspector has decided to look again at land allocations, in particular for gypsy and traveller sites.

AVIAN FLU outbreak ; I have sent details to all clerks

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2022

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