

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2019

in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod (chair) Cllr David Williams (part) Cllr David Simpson
Cllr Ken Sparkes Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr Mark Tavernor
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County & District Cllr Penny Otton
1 members of the public

2018/2414 **Apologies for Absence** - None

It is with great sorrow that we take a moment's reflection for our dear friend and fellow councillor, Harry Wragge who sadly passed away on Monday after an all too brief illness. During his 35 years as a parish councillor Harry made significant contributions to all areas of our parish work. We shall miss his debating skills, the selfless generosity of his time, his tireless efforts to make a positive difference for the people of Felsham and especially his dignity. Our meetings will not be same without the multicoloured scarf and his lemon sherbets. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Chris and the family at this time of sorrow and the loss to our meeting table is immense.

2018/2415 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None

2018/2416 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Garrod that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 18th December 2018 were signed as a true record.

2018/2417 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes.

2018/2418 **Public Participation** – No questions.

2018/2419 **Clerks Report** - The offer of help to the Chair of Gedding Meeting has received no reply to date.

It was agreed that the provision of a Village Sign be added to the next agenda.

2018/2420 **Planning** – There were no applications to consider.

2018/2421 There were no MSDC decisions to note.

2018/2422 **Finance** – The Finance Report for Jan 2019 was approved.

2018/2423 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr Simpson with all in favour. Clerks Salary for December.

2018/2424 HMRC Q3

2018/2425 There were no further amendments proposed to the budget. It was resolved to approve the budget for 2019/2020, Proposed by Cllr Garrod, seconded Cllr Simpson with all in favour.

2018/2426 It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of £6990 showed a slight increase over the previous year resulting in an additional £2.16 per Band D household for the year. It was resolved to set the precept for 2019/2020 at £6990 and the request forms were duly completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr Simpson with all in favour.

Cllr Williams entered the meeting.

2018/2427 **Correspondence** – It was agreed that the request from John Lefever from Hastoe Group to attend a meeting to discuss rural exception housing schemes be accepted.

2018/2428 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.

2018/2429 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – Nothing new to report.

2018/2430 Grass cutting contract 2019 - Deferred to next meeting.

2018/2431 It was agreed that SCC Public transport be contacted to ask again for the bus stop signage at Upper Green to be removed with notification that the parish council will remove on safety grounds if no reply within 2 weeks.

2018/2432 There were no further maintenance matters reported.

2018/2433 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Cllr Simpson confirmed that there has been no further development in the ongoing enforcement case.

2018/2434 There were no further Conservation matters reported.

- 2018/2435 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Cllr Nunn reported that a new post was needed for FP6. Cllr Tavernor will arrange replacement and completion of paperwork. FP13 lack of remarking of the cross corner path will be reported.
- 2018/2436 There were no further Footpath matters reported.
- 2018/2437 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7.30pm