

# Felsham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 held remotely via Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod (chair) Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr David Simpson  
Cllr Mark Tavernor Cllr Ken Sparkes  
Paula Gladwell (Clerk & RFO) County & District Cllr Penny Otton  
0 member of the public

- 2020/3033 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Paul Kearney
- 2020/3034 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – Cllr Nunn declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8a (minute no.2020/3040) Cllrs Garrod, Nunn, Sparkes and Simpson declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 9d (minute no.2020/3044)
- 2020/3035 **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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 will be signed as a true record.
- 2020/3036 **Co option to fill current vacancy** – No applications had been received.
- 2020/3037 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes. It was noted that the Jo Churchill meeting was scheduled for Thursday.
- 2020/3038 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2020/3039 **Clerks Report** – SCC Highways have confirmed that they will flush the pipes at The Stone in an effort to help flood subsidence.  
The 30mph repeater sign in Church Road has been ordered.  
The Post box at Dakings Lane has finally been installed.  
Complaints received regarding obstructions to the road verge have been reported to SCC Highways.
- Cllr Nunn left the meeting
- 2020/3040 **Planning** – It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments to applications; DC/21/01329 Erection of Summerhouse, Maiden Hall *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- Cllr Nunn returned to the meeting
- 2020/3041 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/21/00371 Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1no. Ash tree (T1) due to Ash die back disease. Remove large limb of Ash tree (T2) overhanging Bury Road also suffering from Ash die back disease. Scots Pine Ref 3 causing subsidence. It is very tall and leaning towards Bury Road which could cause serious damage if it fell. Spinney House, Bury Road DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT and  
DC/21/00398 Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area – Cut back branches of 1 no. Goat Willow tree close to property at risk of causing damage to neighbouring properties and to restore balance and growth – The White House, Church Road. DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT and  
DC/21/00779 Application for Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell 1 no. Sycamore (T1) overgrown seedling that damages garden lawn and gives excessive shading. Reduce 1 no. Cherry (T2) 30% reduction to maintain size and integrity, work carried out every 3-4 years. Fell 1 no. Maple (T3) growing in the way of shed and gives excessive shading. 7 Church Road – DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT
- 2020/3042 **Finance** – The Finance report for March 2021 was approved.
- 2020/3042 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, with all in favour. Clerks Salary for Feb 2021.
- 2020/3043 It was Resolved to appoint Andrew Conquest to carry out the Internal Audit for 2020/2021
- 2020/3044 It was Resolved to donate £462 to Felsham & Gedding Village Hall as 50% of their Planning Application fee. Proposed Cllr Garrod, 4 in favour, 1 abstain.

- 2020/3045 It was Resolved to purchase a Westcotec Vehicle Activated Sign at a cost of £2800.00 Proposed Cllr Garrod, Sec Cllr Nunn with all in favour. Thanks were extended to Cllr Otton for her generous locality budget help of £2500 towards this project.
- 2020/3046 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – Cllr Tavernor had nothing new to report  
2020/3047 There were no further Village Maintenance matters reported  
2020/3048 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Cllr Simpson had nothing new to report.  
2020/3049 There were no further Conservation matters reported.  
2020/3050 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Cllr Nunn reported lifted netting on the footbridge on FP8, Cllr Tavernor will inspect and repair if possible.  
2020/3051 Following a residents concerns regarding the accessibility and marking of FP2 and FP5 they have been inspected. It is acknowledged that they are, like most at this time of year, very muddy however both are clearly marked.  
2020/3052 **Correspondence** –The complaint from a resident regarding the availability of minutes on the website was noted. The clerk will review the uploading of documents to the website to hopefully make them easier to find in the future.  
2020/3053 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.  
2020/3054 **Local Housing Needs Survey** – A meeting has been arranged with CAS, MSDC Housing Enabler and Hastoe Housing to discuss the survey results and consider a project to provide Local Needs Housing.  
2020/3055 **Village Sign** – As the planned site visit could not be held due to Covid restrictions further consideration was deferred.  
2020/3056 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 7.30pm