

# Felsham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr Harry Wragge Cllr Hayley Nunn  
Cllr Ken Sparkes

Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County Cllr Penny Otton  
0 member of the public

- 2016/1738 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr David Simpson, Cllr David Williams  
Cllr Mark Tavernor - absent
- 2016/1739 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2016/1740 **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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were signed as a true record.
- 2016/1741 **Adjournment for:**  
**County & District Cllr Penny Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and will be attached to these minutes.  
**Public Participation** – None  
**Meeting resumed:**
- 2016/1742 **Clerks Report** – It was noted that SCC Highways officer, David Irvin has made a site inspection of Upper Green following the safety concerns raised by a resident. Mr Irvin confirmed that he feels there is no safety issue at this time at the junction with Cockfield Road. The only improvement he can suggest is to lower the height of the hedges at each junction which would improve visibility, as there is no encroachment onto the highway this is not something he can enforce and he also commented that if visibility is improved this may well result in vehicles travelling faster.  
Mr Irvin also commented on the request for action to improve safety on Cockfield Road adjacent to the properties around Rookery Farm. He confirmed that although there is some erosion of the verges this is common throughout the county and not something he can address. A further accident recently was highlighted and it was agreed that if Cllr Otton were to support with her Travel Budget a vehicle survey could be actioned which will provide evidence of any speeding and form the basis of any request for a speed restriction.  
The clerk will contact BT to report the safety issue of a pole too close to the highway.  
The dates for the Suffolk Police Liaison meetings are confirmed as 21<sup>st</sup> Feb and 8<sup>th</sup> March
- 2016/1743 **Planning** – It was resolved to send the following comments to MSDC Planning; Application 5002/16 Removal of four trees as shown in the attached sketch plan and photos: 1. Pine Tree, 2. Small Ash, 3. Bean Tree, 4. Apple Tree, The Old Rectory, Church Road – *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2016/1744 The following MSDC decisions were noted; 4677/16 Erection of two storey side extension, 12 Meadow Close – GRANTED.
- 2016/1745 **Finance** – The Finance Report for January 2017 was approved.
- 2016/1746 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, with all in favour.  
Clerks Salary for December.
- 2016/1747 HMRC Q3 Payment

- 2016/1748 There were no further amendments proposed to the budget. It was resolved to approve the budget for 2017/2018, Proposed by Cllr Garrod, seconded Cllr Wragge with all in favour.
- 2016/1749 It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of 6162 showed a slight increase over the previous year resulting in an additional £1.11 per Band D household for the year. It was resolved to set the precept for 2017/2018 at £6162 and the request forms were duly completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr Wragge with all in favour.
- 2016/1750 It was resolved to award a £25.00 donation to Village News, Proposed Cllr Wragge with all in favour.
- 2016/1751 It was noted that Cllr Otton offered help from her Locality Budget towards the Street Light project. An application for £642 will be completed.
- 2016/1752 **Community Speed Watch** – It was agreed that a quarter share, at £350, in the new Speed Gun purchased by Beyton Parish Council was not financially possible at this time. It was agreed that the suggestion to take over the old gun and try to extend its life span would be taken up. If the gun proves serviceable then consideration of the purchase of two signs would be needed.
- 2016/1753 **Village Sign** – It was agreed that the project to provide a Village Sign should be progressed by the parish council. Local artists will be asked to bring forward designs for consideration before quotes are sought.
- 2016/1754 **Correspondence** - There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2016/1755 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – No report.
- 2016/1756 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – No report.
- 2016/1757 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Nothing to report. It was agreed that a Spring work party be organised to cut back the overhanging vegetation on FP3.
- 2016/1758 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**