

# Felsham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th December 2018

### in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod (chair) Cllr David Williams Cllr David Simpson  
Cllr Ken Sparkes  
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County & District Cllr Penny Otton  
0 members of the public

- 2018/2392 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Harry Wragge, Cllr Hayley Nunn, Cllr Mark Tavernor  
2018/2393 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None  
2018/2394 **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 20th November 2018 were signed as a true record.
- 2018/2395 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes.
- 2018/2396 **Public Participation** – No questions.  
2018/2397 **Clerks Report** - 2 x footpath posts plus marker disks have been passed to Cllr Tavernor for installation.  
Quotes for grass cutting for 2019 season will be sought with a view to consideration of the contract at Jan/Feb meeting.
- 2018/2398 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application No. DC/18/05300 Change of use of annexe to 1no. dwelling, The Old Barn, Cockfield Road - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2018/2399 Application no. DC/18/05352 Demolition of porch and alteration to dwelling, Brindlewood, Dakings Lane - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2018/2400 The following MSDC decisions were noted - DC/18/04584 Conversion of barn and stable block into residential dwelling, Castle Farm Barn, Brettenham Road - GRANTED
- 2018/2401 **Finance** – The Finance Report for Dec 2018 was approved.  
2018/2402 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Simpson, sec Cllr Williams with all in favour. Clerks Salary for November.  
2018/2403 ICO renewal £40.00  
2018/2404 Grass cutting of Playing field £300.00  
2018/2405 The draft budget for 2019/20 was considered with no amendments suggested. Further consideration and decision on the precept for 2019/20 will be taken at the next meeting.
- 2018/2406 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.  
2018/2407 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – No report.  
2018/2408 Damage by HGV to the banking and ditch at Lower Green was noted. This will be reported to SCC Highways.
- 2018/2409 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Cllr Simpson confirmed that there has been no further development in the ongoing enforcement case. This will be chased again.
- 2018/2410 There were no further Conservation matters reported.  
2018/2411 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Cllr Nunn's report was noted.  
2018/2412 There were no further Footpath matters reported.  
2018/2413 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – A request from the Gedding Parish Meeting Chair regarding the possibility of a merge was discussed. It was noted that any merging of this type would probably entail a full governance review by MSDC and that in the first instance the offer of help from the clerk and Cllr Otton should be explored. If Gedding Parish Meeting still have continued concerns then further consideration will be taken at the next meeting.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30pm