

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th February 2020

in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr David Williams (chair) Cllr David Simpson Cllr Hayley Nunn
Cllr Paul Kearney
Paula Gladwell (Clerk & RFO)
1 member of the public

- 2019/2745 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Simon Garrod, Cllr Mark Tavernor, Cllr Ken Sparkes, County & District Cllr Penny Otton
- 2019/2746 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2019/2747 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Williams that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 21st January 2020 were signed as a true record.
- 2019/2748 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton's report, which had been circulated, is attached to these minutes.
- 2019/2749 **Public Participation** – No questions
Item 13 was brought forward.
- 2019/2750 **Village Sign** - Chris Bassett confirmed that quotes for the laser cut and frame and post work are still awaited. The laser cutter had requested the artwork in an alternative format and sincere thanks were extended to Janey Crick for her time and expertise in reformatting the design for us.
Discussion took place around the size required for the finished sign and it was suggested that a full scale timber mock up be created in order to test for size in situ. Further discussion on positioning of the sign took place with Upper Green and the Greensward considered again. It was agreed that a second price be sought from the blacksmith for a double sided name board in case the final position decided was Upper Green. Further consideration was deferred until all quotes are received.
- 2019/2751 **Clerks Report** - It was noted that no response had yet been received from the volunteer regarding the alternative option for cutting of footpaths.
It was agreed that the Brettenham Road sign should be reported again. The replacement of the Post Boxes will also be chased with Royal Mail again one last time before the Press is asked to run the story.
It was noted with regret the passing of former councillor Chris Bornett with condolences expressed to Chris' family.
- 2019/2752 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application no. DC/20/00465 Planning Permission without compliance of Conditions under DC/18/04584 - Conversion of barn and stable block into residential dwelling (C3) Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) - Increase height of cart lodge to create first floor. Change from brick to timber frame structure. Reposition outbuilding to form 3 bay garage. Castle Farm, Brettenham Road. *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2019/2753 DC/20/00659 Install single door to garage and clad front elevation following removal of existing doors, Maple Cottage, Upper Green - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2019/2754 The following MSDC decisions were noted. DC/19/04774 Install single door to garage and clad front elevation following removal of existing doors, Maple Cottage, Upper Green - GRANTED and
Non material amendment to DC/18/00274 - Amendments to materials used; Black weatherboarding to larch cladding, Coutral tiles to natural black slate. Sadolin stained timber doors to Oak doors and red brick to Anglian white brick, Felsham House, Bury Road - APPROVED
- 2019/2755 **Finance** – The Finance Report for February 2020 was approved.
- 2019/2756 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Williams, with all in favour. Clerks Salary for February 2020.

- 2019/2757 Felsham Garage £300.00
- 2019/2758 **Correspondence** –There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2019/2759 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – No report.
- 2019/2760 There were no further Village Maintenance matters reported
- 2019/2761 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – It was confirmed that the report to Planning Enforcement regarding the clearance of trees from land adjacent to Lower Green had been acknowledged.
- 2019/2762 There were no further Conservation matters reported.
- 2019/2763 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Nothing new to report.
- 2019/2764 It was noted that finger post for FP12 was broken, this will be reported.
- 2019/2765 Item 12b was deferred.
- 2019/2766 There were no further Footpath matters reported.
- 2019/2767 **Local Housing Needs Survey Working Group Report** - It was confirmed that the costs of the survey would be covered by Hastoe Housing. Logistics for distribution was deferred to March meeting.
- 2019/2768 **Review of Parish Plan** - A Public Meeting was set for Tuesday 22nd September 7.30pm in the Village Hall in order to establish a Steering Group to carry out a review of the Parish Plan. Advertising of the event will be included in Village News for July/Aug
- 2019/2769 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** - Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of a Parish Meeting in Gedding. Cllr Otton has passed on the concerns of Mid Suffolk DC and it was suggested that a public meeting be facilitated with Gedding residents to try to establish a working Parish Meeting before MSDC steps in to take over. The clerk will liaise with Cllr Otton to arrange the meeting.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 17th March 2020 7.30pm