

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2019 in the Village Hall

- Present: Cllr David Williams (chair) Cllr David Simpson Cllr Ken Sparkes
Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr Mark Tavernor
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County & District Cllr Penny Otton
1 member of the public
- 2019/2540 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Simon Garrod
- 2019/2541 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – Cllrs Williams and Sparkes declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 10 (Min no. 2019/2553) Cllr Tavernor declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8 (min no.2019/2548)
- 2019/2542 **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 May 2019 were signed as a true record.
- 2019/2543 **Co option of the vacancy** - There had been no applications for co option within the 35 days from election date therefore notification would be forwarded to MSDC of the vacancy in order that it may be advertised for election.
- 2109/2544 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes. It was noted that the new PCSO was Melanie Yolland.
- 2019/2545 **Public Participation** – No questions
Item 15 brought forward
- 2019/2546 **Village Sign** - It was confirmed that MSDC Planning officer had agreed no application would be needed however they would like to see details of design and position by email for their approval. Cllr Sparkes confirmed that the Greensward adjacent to Upper Green and Mausoleum House was favoured by the landowner and would probably gain their support for siting of the village sign dependent on approval of the design. It was confirmed that Rob Wragge was happy to work with Chris Bassett on the final design before pricing and lead times were confirmed.
- 2019/2547 **Clerks Report** - It was confirmed that the VAS machine had been vandalised whilst being used by Buxhall PC. The Buxhall Clerk confirmed that they had acquired a crime number and would pursue an insurance claim.
It was confirmed that the pub and the community shop had both been successfully re listed as Assets of Community Value.
- Cllr Tavernor left the room for Item 8a
- 2019/2548 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application No. DC/19/02775 Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 (Sycamore) - Thin out regrowth by 50% and to reduce the overall height by 30%, Lower Green Barn, Lower Green - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2109/2549 DC/19/02471 - Erection of a front extension, Dwelling adjacent to The Old Barn, Cockfield Road - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available however would like to express some concerns that this application seems to go against the officers recommendations in the original application DC/18/05300 which granted the annex as a separate dwelling based on the "negligible change to the annex" being acceptable and any permitted development rights were removed suggesting that any increase in footprint at that time would have had a bearing on the decision. It is felt therefore that any neighbour objections of overlooking or encroachment on residential amenity should be cause for concern."*

- 2019/2550 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2019/2551 **Finance** – The Finance Report for June 2019 was approved.
- 2019/2552 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Williams, with all in favour. Clerks Salary for April
- 2019/2553 **Felsham Charity Trustees** – Three applications to fill the current vacancy had been received. Mrs Hayley Gilbrook's nomination as Trustee, until May 2021, being the remainder of the three year term of the current vacancy, was proposed and approved with a majority in favour
- 2019/2554 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to any tabled correspondence.
- 2019/2555 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report –No report.
- 2019/2556 It was noted that the bench outside the church was very dirty, Cllr Tavernor agreed to clean it. It was noted that the bench on Upper Green was due a restain, Cllr Sparkes agreed to do this.
There were no further maintenance matters reported.
- 2019/2557 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Nothing new to report.
- 2019/2558 There were no further Conservation matters reported.
- 2019/2559 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Nothing new to report. The new dog bin had not been emptied, the clerk will chase this up with MSDC to ensure it gets put on the collection list.
- 2019/2560 There were no further Footpath matters reported.
- 2019/2561 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – Cllr Nunn reported that she had been approached by Suffolk Community Foundation to take part in a pilot scheme to complete a questionnaire for Felsham. Results would be included in a county wide data base of information sharing.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 16th July 2019 7.30pm