

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th July 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr Harry Wragge Cllr David Simpson
Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr David Williams Cllr Mark Tavernor
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) 0 members of the public

- 2017/1875 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr Ken Sparkes, County & District Cllr Penny Otton
2017/1876 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
2017/1877 **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 18th July 2017 were signed as a true record. The Footpath Warden's report from the previous meeting was noted.
- 2017/1878 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton's report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2017/1879 **Public Participation** – No questions
2017/1880 **Clerks Report** – A letter of apology has been received from the Royal British Legion for lack of reply and non attendance at the Annual Meeting.
It was noted that the Shop and PO is up for sale however no notification has been forwarded to Mid Suffolk District Council as is the obligation under the Asset of Community Value listing. It was confirmed that the ACV listing will have to be flagged up before any sale completion can go ahead. It was agreed that any suggestion of intervention by the community was unlikely if the business is sold as a going concern. It was noted that quotes were still needed for the printing of the Welcome Pack.
- 2017/1881 **Planning** – There were no planning applications to consider.
2017/1882 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
2017/1883 **Finance** – The Finance Report for July 2017 was approved.
2017/1884 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Wragge, sec Cllr Williams with all in favour. Clerks Salary for June,
2017/1885 Grass Cutting £368.00
2017/1886 It was noted that the Internal Audit had been completed and any recommendations actioned.
- 2017/1887 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
2017/1888 **Local Government Boundary Commission review of MSDC Ward Boundaries consultation** – It was agreed that the following comment be submitted to the consultation – *"Felsham Parish Council are in support of the Rattlesden ward continuing in its current form however it is understood that the reduction in councillors will mean that many ward boundaries will have to change. Should the Rattlesden ward need to increase electorate numbers then it is felt reasonable to include the parish of Hessett which would increase the ward numbers to closer to the electoral equality ideal. Hessett has extensive neighbouring boundaries with the Rattlesden ward and is similar in rural identity with close ties to the schools and commerce of Thurston and Bury St Edmunds. This proposal would also help with a reduction in numbers for a Beyton and Thurston ward giving scope for the inevitable increase in elector numbers on completion of the various proposed new housing in Thurston"*
- 2017/1889 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – It was resolved to purchase two tree guards for Lower Green at a cost of £50.70 Proposed Cllr Tavernor, sec Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2017/1890 It was noted that the Church Road sign adjacent to PO is loose, this will be reported.
2017/1891 **Motion to exclude temporarily the Public and Press** - It was resolved to exclude the Public and Press pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning personal information.
- 2017/1892 The damage to the pavement in Church Road will be reported to Highways.

- 2017/1893 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – nothing to report.
2017/1894 There were no further Conservation matters reported.
2017/1895 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – It was noted that the broken finger post at Maiden Hall end of FP6 had been reported. Cllr Nunn confirmed that checks will be made on the cutting of FP13.
2017/1896 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** –

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall