

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th April 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr David Williams
Cllr David Simpson Cllr Ken Sparkes
Cllr Harry Wragge Cllr Hayley Nunn
Cllr Mark Tavernor
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County Cllr Penny Otton
0 member of the public

2015/1530 **Apologies for Absence** — None

2015/1531 **Declarations of Interest** – None

2015/1532 **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 15th March 2016 were signed as a true record.

2015/1533 **Adjournment for:**

Cllr Otton's Report – Cllr Otton gave her report which had been circulated.

Public Participation – No questions

Meeting resumed:

2015/1534 **Clerks report** – MSDC Complaints have requested clarification that the complaint lodged is in the name of the Parish Council, this will mean that if stage 1 and 2 of their process does not result in a satisfactory result the complaint will not be able to be referred to the ombudsman. It was agreed that the complaint be lodged from the Parish Council.

It was confirmed that the increase premium to insure the defibrillator and cabinet is £11.77 for the remainder of this year's policy.

It has been confirmed by SALC that the transparency funding for the laptop and scanner and additional hours must be used within the current year and cannot be held or ring fenced.

The VAS quote from Germany is in Euros and considerably less than the UK company estimate. Payment will be held until firm confirmation is received of a date for the installation of the verge posts.

Community Speedwatch is looking for additional volunteers in order to fully utilise the speed gun when it is available.

The letter of explanation received from RGC regarding the lost tow rope was noted. It was agreed that council support waiting until the completion of the temporary planning permission before considering any changes suggested. Cllr Otton will pass on this view to the liaison group.

It was noted that the Felsham Charity Trust Deed states that the Parish Council are responsible for appointing the nominated trustees. The clerk advised that there is no indication that the nominated persons must be nominated by existing trustees. Cllr Williams has requested clarification from the Charity Commission on whether existing trustees or parish councillors have responsibility for choosing people to be nominated.

2015/1535 **Planning** – It was resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application no 1089/16 various tree work as per plan – *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*

2015/1536 The following MSDC decision was noted; 0122/16 Creation of a new vehicular access, 3 Cockfield Road – GRANTED.

2015/1537 **Finance** – The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Wragge with all in favour. Clerks Salary & Exp for March 2016

2015/1538 HMRC Q4 payment

- 2015/1539 It was proposed by Cllr Tavernor, seconded Cllr Nunn that the budgeted £70 for donations be increased to £150 from reserves and donations be made of £50 to; EACH, Headway and Magpas. Motion failed 2 – 5.
- 2015/1540 It was proposed by Cllr Wragge, seconded Cllr Williams that the budgeted £70 for donations be increased to £150 from reserves and donations made of £25 to; EACH, Headway, Magpas, SARS, Age Concern and East Anglian Air Ambulance. Resolved 6 – 1 majority in favour.
- 2015/1541 It was resolved to award the budgeted £50 to Mid Suffolk CAB Proposed Cllr Williams with all in favour.
- 2015/1542 Section 1 of the Annual Return, the Internal Control and Annual Governance Statement, was completed, approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2015/1543 The final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 were approved and section 2 of the Annual Return was signed. Proposed by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2015/1544 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2015/1545 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – No issues to report.
- 2015/1546 Concerns were expressed regarding the damage caused to Upper Green by heavy farm machinery, it was noted that unless registration numbers are taken this could not be challenged. Concerns were raised regarding the recent issues with litter being dropped by runners through the village and the parking on Upper Green by marshalls. Running groups locally will be contacted to try and establish who organised the run.
- 2015/1547 It was agreed that a list of volunteers willing to spread salt grit during icy weather would be compiled in order to ensure those volunteers would benefit from SCC insurance cover. A request for volunteers will be included in the newsletter.
- 2015/1548 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Nothing to report
- 2015/1549 The request for a plaque on the Oak tree at Lower Green was considered. Cllr Wragge reported that the applicant would be amenable to a plaque at the village hall if siting one on the green was impractical. It was agreed that a certificate acknowledging who had grown on the tree could be drafted and incorporated into some sort of display in the future. Cllr Wragge will correspond with the applicant.
- 2015/1550 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officers Report – Bury Road fingerpost still not repaired, clerk will report again. Reports received regarding excessive dog fouling on playingfield and also in the churchyard with one owner at least allowing their dog to foul on a grave without picking it up.
- 2015/1551 **Street Lights** – It was noted that permission from the landowner to lay new cable to move the Upper Green light out from behind the tree had been refused. Permission had been received from the landowner to move the village hall lamp out to the roadside. It was agreed that information and costs be sought to increase the arm length of the Upper Green lamp as an alternative. It was resolved to ask SCC to put all five lamps onto part night lighting. Proposed Cllr Nunn with all in favour.
- 2015/1552 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th May 2016 and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm in the Village Hall