

# Felsham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2018 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  
2 members of the public

- 2018/2438 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Simon Garrod
- 2018/2439 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2018/2440 **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 15th January 2019 were signed as a true record.
- 2018/2441 **Presentation by John Lefever - Hastoe Group** - deferred.
- 2018/2442 **Presentation by David Bates & Martin Last** - Martin and David stated that they wished to get a feel for whether the Parish Council would support a residential development on land between Meadow Close and Bury Road. Attention was drawn to Felsham PC's "Protocol for Pre Planning Application Developments" document and it was confirmed that any views Councillors may express are provisional and could not be construed as in either support or objection of any future planning application. Various discussions took place regarding access, design, density and affordable dwellings with concerns expressed by councillors regarding sewage facilities, access issues, sustainability, our conservation area status and possible resident objections. David Bates confirmed that he had developed residential schemes within conservation areas before but gave no examples. Thanks were expressed to Martin and David for their approach to the Parish Council for pre application discussions. It was unclear whether a planning application would be forthcoming.
- 2018/2443 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes.
- 2018/2444 **Public Participation** – No questions.
- 2018/2445 **Clerks Report** - The Radarlux cable has been received and the contribution of 50% of the cost is awaited from Buxhall Parish Council.  
The bus stop signs have finally been removed from the lamp post at Upper Green. It was confirmed that permission for permanent signage on the village greens for the Community Shop had to be refused in line with policy.  
It was noted that Parish Council elections would take place on 2nd May 2019 and nomination papers were now available. Anyone wishing for the clerk to submit their nominations must ensure the papers are with her by Tuesday 12th March. Closing date for nominations is 3rd April, anyone submitting their own papers must make an appointment with Endeavour House to ensure an actual handover to the Monitoring Officer.  
The success of the Community Shop was discussed with sincere thanks extended to the Steering Group and subsequent Committee and to all the volunteers for their commitment and hard work. Thanks also to Sue and Jon with best wishes for their retirement. Cllr William to draft a piece for Village News.
- 2018/2446 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application N. DC/19/00743 Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 (Limes) Pollard to suitable growth points at 8m above ground level. T6 (Ash) Crown reduction. The Old Rectory, Church Road - "*Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available*"
- 2018/2447 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/18/05352 Demolition of porch and alteration to dwelling, Brindlewood, Dakings Lane - GRANTED and DC/18/05300 Change of use of annexe to 1no. dwelling, The Old Barn, Cockfield Road - GRANTED

- 2018/2448 **Finance** – The Finance Report for Feb 2019 was approved.  
2018/2449 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Williams, sec Cllr Simpson with all in favour. Clerks Salary for January.
- 2018/2450 Radarlux Cable £99.02 (BPC to contribute 50%)  
2018/2451 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.  
2018/2452 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – Nothing new to report.  
2018/2453 Grass cutting contract 2019 - Following extensive discussion regarding best value accountability and risk of change it was Resolved, with all in favour, to engage Top Garden Services to carry out the grass cutting contract for the 2019 season as per their quote once inclusion of the Village Hall grass has been clarified.
- 2018/2454 The abundance of potholes was acknowledged with the Clerk happy to report them if photo evidence is forwarded.
- 2018/2455 There were no further maintenance matters reported.  
2018/2456 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Cllr Simpson reported resident concerns regarding the erection of fencing and removal of a hedgerow at a property within the Conservation Area. Cllr Simpson will investigate any impact on the CA and report if necessary.
- 2018/2457 There were no further Conservation matters reported.  
2018/2458 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Cllr Nunn reported that the new post for FP6 has been installed.
- 2018/2459 It was confirmed that a resident had offered to sponsor the installation and future emptying of a new dog bin at Cockfield Road end of FP14. It was agreed to accept their generous offer with thanks.
- 2018/2460 There were no further Footpath matters reported.  
2018/2461 **Provision of a Village Sign** - Discussion took place regarding the Village Sign with suggestions that this be a project dedicated to Cllr Harry Wragge. Harry's son Robert has agreed to consider making a wrought iron type sign for the council and it was agreed to discuss possible designs with him.
- 2018/2462 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm