

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr Harry Wragge Cllr David Simpson
Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr David Williams

Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County Cllr Penny Otton
1 member of the public

- 2016/1712 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr Mark Tavernor, Cllr Ken Sparkes
- 2016/1713 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2016/1714 **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 November 2016 were signed as a true record.
- 2016/1715 **Adjournment for:**
County & District Cllr Penny Otton's Report – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and will be attached to these minutes.
Public Participation – A request was made for support from the parish council to an application by a resident for a 40mph limit on Cockfield Road from the existing 30mph out to Mudlen End. Concerns were expressed regarding the size and speed of HGV's using the road between Cockfield and Felsham and the damage being caused to verges. It is understood that the response to an enquiry placed to SCC Highways is that residents would need parish council support before any application could be lodged. Cllr Otton agreed to investigate however warned that an application such as this would be lengthy and highly unlikely to succeed with a lack of accident data or hard evidence. The clerk will contact David Irwin the officer who came out to site visit with the resident in order to establish what likelihood there may be for a successful application and the process going forward.
Meeting resumed:
- 2016/1716 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that Meadow Close street lights have been replaced and a date for the others is still awaited.
No update has been received regarding the position of Footpath 8. It is suspected that PROW has conceded that the path is and has always been in the correct place.
It was confirmed that Transparency funding has been applied for to cover the first years Website hosting cost.
It was noted that Beyton Parish Council have already progressed a replacement speed gun, the clerk will ensure that Felsham PC's interest in remaining part of the scheme is passed on and a request for costings and the quote procedure will be forwarded in order for consideration of the expenditure to take place.
- 2016/1717 **Planning** – It was resolved to send the following comments to MSDC Planning; Application 4677/16 Erection of two storey side extension, 12 Meadow Close – *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"* and
- 2016/1718 4469/16 Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for 5 existing flats, Birch Hall, Cockfield Road – *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available however would like to express concern at the complaints received regarding the offensive sewage odour near the site caused possibly by a lack of capacity or ineffective sewage provision. Council would ask that Building Control ensure all regulations are in place for multiple occupancy."*
- 2016/1719 There were no MSDC decisions to note.

- 2016/1720 **Finance** – The Finance Report for December 2016 was approved.
- 2016/1721 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, with all in favour.
Clerks Salary for November
- 2016/1722 ICO renewal £35.00
- 2016/1723 Community Action Suffolk Website hosting £60.00
- 2016/1724 Felsham Garage playing field grass cutting £333.00
- 2016/1725 The draft budget for 2017/18 was reviewed. It was noted that the tax base values have now been received and bin emptying costs are still to be confirmed. An amendment was suggested for the grass cutting of playingfield. Further consideration of the budget for 2017/18 will be taken and a decision on the precept required will be taken at January meeting.
- 2016/1726 **Correspondence** – It was agreed that a further letter be sent to Hawthorn Leisure reiterating the councils expression of interest, confirming that this is a community interest and not a commercial one and requesting that consideration be given to some sort of community use of the site.
- 2016/1727 A resident's concerns regarding safety at Upper Green were acknowledged. The suggestions that a one way system be introduced were discussed again. It was noted that no evidence of accidents was available and it was recommended that any, even near misses, were formally reported in order to create a data base of evidence for future requests to SCC Highways for improvements to safety. Council suggested that a report be lodged with SCC Highways expressing residents concerns for safety at the junction with Cockfield Road and requesting that they make any recommendations for improvement.
- 2016/1728 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2016/1729 **Consultations** – SCC Budget Setting Consultation - It was agreed that no comments be submitted
- 2016/1730 Suffolk Police – Local Policing Review - It was agreed that no comments be submitted.
- 2016/1731 SCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan - It was agreed that no comments be submitted at this time.
- 2016/1732 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – No report.
- 2016/1733 Various potholes around the parish were discussed, it was agreed that Cllr Williams would submit photographs in order that they could be reported.
- 2016/1734 Some concerns have been expressed that vehicles are parking on the newly laid tarmac area outside the Post Office, it was noted that this area has a dropped kerb and no parking restrictions.
- 2016/1735 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Nothing to report.
- 2016/1736 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Nothing to report
- 2016/1737 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – Concerns have been expressed regarding the very bright outside lighting at a property in Church Road which is causing problems for drivers coming from the Lower Green direction. These concerns will be passed to the property owners in order to perhaps have the direction of the beam slightly altered.
The Felsham Charity have expressed an interest in supporting the provision of a Village Sign, it was agreed that consideration of this will be added to the next agenda.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall –