

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th February 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr David Williams Cllr David Simpson
Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr Ken Sparkes

Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk)
0 members of the public

- 2017/2047 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Harry Wragge, Cllr Mark Tavernor, County & District Cllr Penny Otton
- 2017/2048 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2017/2049 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Nunn that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 16th January 2018 were signed as a true record.
- 2017/2050 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton's report, which had been circulated, was noted and is attached to these minutes.
- 2017/2051 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2017/2052 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that the amended quote of £141.00 for 50 copies, from Lavenham Press for printing of the Welcome Pack was best value and a draft of the design work would be circulated when complete.
- 2017/2053 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application no. DC/18/00394 and DC/18/00395 Erection of single storey infill extension, The Old Rectory, Church Road - *Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available*” and
Cllr Williams declared a Pecuniary interest in the next item and left the room.
- 2017/2054 DC/18/00274 Erection of four closed bay, five door workshop/log store (following demolition of existing outbuilding) amended proposal to that approved under planning permission DC/17/03212 - Felsham House, Bury Road - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- Cllr Williams returned.
- 2017/2055 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/17/03055 Conversion of kennels to form 3 No. holiday lets and workshop, Moat Farm Bungalow, Dakings Lane - GRANTED and DC/17/06272 Erection of Porch - 23 Meadow Close GRANTED
- 2017/2056 **Finance** – The Finance Report for February 2018 was approved.
- 2017/2057 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr Williams with all in favour. Clerks Salary for January.
- 2017/2058 Grass Cutting £333.00
- 2017/2059 **Correspondence** – Consideration was given to the SALC request for information regarding the Consultation on Crime and poor performance in the waste sector. It was agreed that concerns be expressed about increased charges to dispose of waste and reduced opening times of the local tips together with an objection to the issue of Fixed Penalty Tickets on householders who unknowingly pass their waste onto a third party to dispose of who then fly tips it. It would be unreasonable to expect householders to monitor this.
- 2017/2060 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2017/2061 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – No report
- 2017/2062 It was Resolved that a fixed term contract for the grass cutting is established for the 2018 season and that the existing open ended contract will be terminated. Proposed Cllr Williams with all in favour.
- 2017/2063 Consideration was given to the quote from SCC Street Lighting of £1476.20 and £1612.40 to erect two new lamp columns between the shop and the pub. It was agreed that a project to provide additional lighting in this area was not financially viable at this time.

- 2017/2064 It was agreed that the ongoing issues with the provision of the new street lamp at Upper Green were no longer tolerable and a final demand for completion should be sent to SCC Street Lighting. It was agreed that the only option left open to council if the light were not connected in the near future was to approach the press.
- 2017/2065 Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of repair by SCC to various items of street furniture that have been repeatedly reported. The clerk will chase and monitor more closely those that have safety implications.
- 2017/2066 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Cllr Simpson reported concern that work is once again being carried out on properties within the Conservation Area without first seeking the planning permissions required. The parking area to the front of No 8 Church Road has been referred to Planning Enforcement. It was noted that no application has yet been received for Maple Cottage and this will be chased with Enforcement.
- 2017/2067 There were no further Conservation matters reported.
- 2017/2068 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Cllr Nunn report no significant problems. It was noted that there were some way marker posts broken/damaged on FP1 and FP15, these would be reported.
- 2017/2069 There were no further Footpath matters reported.
- 2017/2070 **Suffolk Highways Survey** - It was agreed that comments be submitted to the Suffolk Highways Community Self Help Survey including an unwillingness to take on significant work beyond what is currently funded and delivered by Suffolk Highways unless some funding was forthcoming. It was agreed that at the present time an increase in the precept to cover this type of work was unrealistic.
- 2017/2071 **Neighbourhood Planning** – Deferred
- 2017/2072 **Community Asset Working Group** – The minutes and report from the Public Meeting were noted. It was agreed that the Community Asset Working Group be dissolved as the Steering Group formed at the public meeting have now taken responsibility for any project to provide a Community Shop and PO.
- 2017/2073 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – A draft of a design for a Village Sign has been received which was highly commended. It was agreed that further refinement be requested in order to then use the design to seek quotes for a sign of this type.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on
Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**