

# Felsham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Village Hall

- Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr Harry Wragge Cllr David Simpson  
Cllr Ken Sparkes Cllr David Williams (part) Cllr Mark Tavernor  
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County & District Cllr Penny Otton  
0 members of the public
- 2017/1853 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr Hayley Nunn
- 2017/1854 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – Cllr Tavernor declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 8c as a member of the Village News Committee. (min no.2017/1865)
- 2017/1855 **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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were signed as a true record.
- 2017/1856 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report which is attached to these minutes. Discussion took place regarding the consultation for the Electoral Boundary Review within Mid Suffolk. It was note that the Rattlesden ward was listed at - 10% therefore it is possible that changes may be suggested to increase the electorate numbers here. It was agreed that further consideration of a response to the consultation be added to the next agenda.  
Cllr Williams entered the meeting
- 2017/1857 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2017/1858 **Planning** – There were no planning applications to consider.
- 2017/1859 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2017/1860 **Finance** – The Finance Report for June 2017 was approved.
- 2017/1861 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr Sparkes with all in favour. Clerks Salary for May
- 2017/1862 Grass Cutting £299.80
- 2017/1863 MSDC Bin emptying £240.00
- 2017/1864 Marquee repair £29.96
- 2017/1865 It was agreed that the regular donation to Village News would be budgeted at £25.00. It was noted that the Village News accounts were available for inspection but not independently audited.
- 2017/1866 The Internal Audit report had not yet been received.
- 2017/1867 It was Resolved to apply for the available Transparency funding for 2017/18 for website administrator hours which would be passed to the clerk. Proposed by Cllr Garrod, sec by Cllr Tavernor, with all in favour.
- 2017/1868 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2017/1869 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – nothing to report. It was agreed that Cllr Tavernor’s request for tree guards be included on the next agenda.
- 2017/1870 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – nothing to report.
- 2017/1871 There were no further Conservation matters reported.
- 2017/1872 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – No report.
- 2017/1873 It was noted that FP3 at the Lower Green end was becoming difficult to walk due to overhanging hedges. This will be reported. Cllr Wragge confirmed that he had carried out some work on the overhanging brambles on FP3 beyond the bridge.
- 2017/1874 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – Concerns were expressed regarding the extent of the hedge overgrowth of the pavement in The Orchard. MSDC will be contacted with a view to getting this cut back sufficiently to allow safe use of the pavement.  
A resident’s concerns regarding the parish council approach to a Conservation Area issue were brought to the attention of council.
- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**