

Felsham Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod (chair) Cllr David Williams Cllr David Simpson
Cllr Harry Wragge Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr Mark Tavernor

Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County & District Cllr Penny Otton
2 members of the public

- 2018/2371 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Ken Sparkes
- 2018/2372 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2018/2373 **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 16th October 2018 were signed as a true record.
- 2018/2374 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes.
- 2018/2375 **Public Participation** – Discussion took place regarding the Castle Farm planning application. The applicant was thanked for providing additional information about the plans and reassurances that the installation of a grey water recycling system should help alleviate any additional water demands.
Item 7a brought forward.
- 2018/2376 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application no DC/18/04584 Conversion of barn and stable block into residential dwelling, Castle Farm Barn, Brettenham Road - "*Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available, however we have received some expressions of concern from neighbouring residents regarding the current lack of water pressure in this area and the worry that an additional dwelling may exacerbate this. Council ask that if possible officers will ensure that no neighbouring properties utility amenity suffers if this application is granted.*"
- 2018/2377 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2018/2378 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that Buxhall PC would be happy to split the purchase cost of a cable for the VAS. The clerk will order this based on the quote received from Radarlux.
It was confirmed that no designs had yet been received for the village sign, further consideration would be added to the January agenda.
Concerns had been expressed that slats on the wooden walkway to the side gate at The Rectory were broken, it was confirmed that this area is not parish council land however safety concerns will be forwarded to SCC Highways and a reply to this effect sent to the residents.
- 2018/2379 **Finance** – The Finance Report for Nov 2018 was approved.
- 2018/2380 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr Williams with all in favour. Clerks Salary for October.
- 2018/2381 CPRE Subscription £36.00
- 2018/2382 The draft budget for 2019/20 was noted, an increase in the election reserve was suggested together with additions for maintenance and general reserves. The tax base has been confirmed at 180.42 and further consideration of the budget for 2019/20 will be taken at the next meeting.
- 2018/2383 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2018/2384 **Consultations** - BMSDC - Draft Homes Strategy and Homelessness Reduction Consultation. It was resolved to submit no comments at this time. Prop Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
Suffolk County Council Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan - Appropriate Assessment. It was Resolved to submit no comments at this time. Prop Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2018/2385 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – Cllr Tavernor reported that the recent offer of free trees was a new scheme this year and as such not many trees were on offer

however it is expected that this scheme will be enhanced next year and suggested that thought should be given to applying next time around.

2018/2386 There were no further maintenance matters reported.

2018/2387 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Cllr Simpson confirmed that there was nothing new to report.

2018/2388 There were no further Conservation matters reported.

2018/2389 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Cllr Nunn confirmed that no concerns have been raised.

2018/2390 It was noted that the new posts and markers had been delivered by Rights of Way and Cllr Tavernor would organise installation as soon as possible. Risk assessments and completion of forms and maps will be confirmed before work goes ahead.

2018/2391 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – Concerns were expressed regarding the safety of road users due to the positioning of some sugar beet in readiness for loading from the road.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7.30pm