

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st March 2017 in the Village Hall

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

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

2016/1783 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr Ken Sparkes. Cllr Mark Tavernor -Absent

2016/1784 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None

2016/1785 **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 21st February 2017 were signed as a true record.

2016/1786 **County & District Cllr Penny Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and will be attached to these minutes.

2016/1787 **Public Participation** – No questions.

2016/1788 **Clerks Report** – Although approached regarding the damage to Lower Green, Glasswells Removals counter that other vehicles delivered to the property that day. A further request for compensation will be put forward once the quote for repairs is available.

It has been confirmed that the S137 level per elector has been increased by 2% to £7.57 for 2017/18

Bury St Edmunds Masterplan consultation, a new process of engagement regarding the Issues and Option for the town centre was noted. It was agreed that no comments be submitted at this time.

The Boundary Commission for England 2nd consultation is underway. Comments are sought on the proposals received from the first round of consultation. It was agreed that no additional comments be submitted at this time.

SCC have confirmed that they will replenish the 7 grit bins even though they are not the standard lidded plastic versions, they do however suggest that a lid would be preferable to prevent weather erosion of the salt grit.

The clerk has reported the errors with the new streetlight positions and will continue to push SCC for a completion date.

2016/1789 **Planning** – It was resolved to send the following comments to MSDC Planning; Application 0823/17 Erection of a single storey side extension, following demolition of existing side entrance porch. Formation of a new chimney to rear elevation & associate works, Apple Tree Cottage, Lower Green – *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*

2016/1790 Application 0440/17 Erection of fence, The Old rectory, Church Road – *"Felsham Parish Council OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the proposal would be detrimental to the character of the conservation area. It is considered to be visually intrusive within our Article 4 Conservation Area as the proposed tennis court with its fencing sits directly between the Listed house and the views from the Conservation Area. It would significantly impact on the existing vista through the gardens of The Old Rectory and be contrary to HB8 and HB1 of the Mid Suffolk District Local Plan 1998. Concern is expressed that no Listed Building application has been submitted and that the Application Proposal is extremely misleading, this is not an application purely for the erection of a fence but for the creation of a large and imposing tennis court within the garden of a Listed House in an Article 4 Conservation Area."*

2016/1791 There were no MSDC decisions to note.

- 2016/1792 **Finance** – The Finance Report for March 2017 was approved.
- 2016/1793 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, with all in favour.
Clerks Salary for February
- 2016/1794 It was resolved to appoint Andrew Conquest to carry out the Internal Audit for 2016/17. The Terms of Engagement and Audit Plan were approved. Proposed by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- Cllr Nunn entered the meeting.
- 2016/1795 **Annual Parish Meeting** – The date of the APM is confirmed as Tuesday 16th May 2017. Invitees will be given option to produce a visual report with other groups planning future events invited to attend. Refreshments to be served following the meeting with a chance for all to peruse the information boards and interact.
- 2016/1796 **Correspondence** - There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2016/1797 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – No report.
- 2016/1798 Brettenham Road potholes will be reported again. It was confirmed that Church Road is scheduled for resurfacing during the summer, but no confirmation that Bury Road will be on the list.
- 2016/1799 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – It was noted that No. 7 Church Road had replacement windows which although matched others did not appear to have gone through the planning process. Philip Isbell, MSDC Planning, will be contacted regarding inconsistent advice given yet again to householders within the conservation area about hard surfacing of front gardens.
- 2016/1800 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Some missing marker arrows were reported, Cllr Nunn will replace them.
- 2016/1801 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – It was suggested that a Village Sign grant proposal be put together for submission to Felsham Charity as soon as designs could be confirmed.
The Speedwatch scheme has not commenced with the old speed gun due to a lack of volunteers. A promotion board for the scheme will be created for the APM.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall