

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod (chair) Cllr David Williams Cllr David Simpson
Cllr Ken Sparkes Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr Mark Tavernor
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County & District Cllr Penny Otton
1 members of the public

2018/2463 **Apologies for Absence** - None

2018/2464 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None

2018/2465 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Williams that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 19th February 2019 were signed as a true record.

2018/2466 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Cllr Otton gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes.

2018/2467 **Presentation by John Lefever & Isobel Wright - Hastoe Group** - John confirmed that Hastoe local needs developments were not normally "land led" however a plot in the Felsham area had been offered to them which was why they had approached the Parish Council. Hastoe wished to establish if a rural exception site for Local Needs Housing would be supported by the PC, it was noted that a Local Needs survey would need to be carried out which Hastoe agreed they would fund. John confirmed that Hastoe developments are typically 6 - 12 dwellings, with affordable rents at local housing allowances with no right to buy and the possibility of some up to 80% shared ownership. If PC were willing Hastoe would work with them to establish a need through a housing survey and data from MSDC Choice Based Lettings. John confirmed that the Government had now reintroduced grant funding for Rural Exception Sites. It was noted that the previous Local Needs Development built in The Orchard was for 5 dwellings and that it had been a struggle to fill these due to very little local interest once the development was complete. Further consideration of actioning a Housing Survey would be added to the next agenda.

2018/2468 **Public Participation** – Concerns were expressed regarding unsolicited mail that had caused distress to some residents. Concerns were expressed regarding Anglian Water's work on the sewage system to the rear of the garage.

2018/2469 **Clerks Report** - It was confirmed that the new dog bin sponsored by Mr & Mrs Shallow will be purchased and installed.
It was noted that MSDC have now confirmed they have a 5.06year land supply which will hopefully deter some speculative developer applications.
The Asset of Community Value listings for the Pub and Shop are due to expire. It was agreed that re applications should be submitted to ensure listings remain.

2018/2470 **Planning** – There were no applications to consider.

2018/2471 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/19/00743 Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 (Limes) Pollard to suitable growth points at 8m above ground level. T6 (Ash) Crown reduction. The Old Rectory, Church Road - DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT
DC/19/00359 Discharge of Conditions for DC/18/03503 Condition 3 materials - APPROVED

2018/2472 **Finance** – The Finance Report for March 2019 was approved.

2018/2473 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Williams, sec Cllr Simpson with all in favour. Clerks Salary for Feb

2018/2474 It was resolved to appoint Andrew Conquest to carry out the Internal Audit for 2018/19. The Terms of Engagement and Audit Plan were approved. Proposed by Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr Williams with all in favour.

2018/2475 **Nomination of Trustees to Felsham Charity** - There are currently two vacancies with a term remaining until May 2021. It was agreed that applications be invited via Village

News. Cllr Williams will draft an article for next issue. Nominations will be considered at the next meeting.

2018/2476 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2018/2477 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – Nothing new to report.

2018/2478 Concerns were expressed regarding the pothole at Upper Green and the broken road edge opposite The Orchard. These will be reported once photos are available. The chevron signs for Catts Corner will be chased.

2018/2479 There were no further maintenance matters reported.

2018/2480 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Nothing new to report

2018/2481 There were no further Conservation matters reported.

2018/2482 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Cllr Nunn reported that the post for FP8 is now missing. It was agreed not to replace at this time as the route is still in dispute. FP4 has a leaning finger post, Cllr Tavernor will check and repair if possible, or replace if necessary. Cllr Nunn confirmed that a work party is arranged to cut back brambles with arisings to be dealt with at Poplar Farm.

2018/2483 There were no further Footpath matters reported.

2018/2484 **Annual Parish Meeting** - It was agreed that the Annual meeting be held on Tuesday 21st May with a 7pm start, with invitee list to mirror last year plus Community Shop committee. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow the APM.

2018/2485 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.30pm