

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th October 2020 held remotely via Zoom platform

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr David Simpson Cllr Paul Kearney
Cllr Ken Sparkes Cllr Mark Tavernor Cllr Hayley Nunn
Cllr David Williams
Paula Gladwell (Clerk & RFO) County & District Cllr Penny Otton (part)
0 members of the public

- 2020/2903 **Apologies for Absence** - None
- 2020/2904 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2020/2905 **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 15th September 2020 will be signed as a true record.
- 2020/2906 **County & District Councillor Otton** – Deferred
- 2020/2907 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2020/2908 **Clerks Report** - Residents in The Yewlands have confirmed that their signage is not helping the obstruction of their entrance road. Comments and suggestions from SCC Highway and Cllr Otton's site visit are still awaited.
- 2020/2909 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for applications DC/20/04137 Erection of Carport - 1 Yewlands - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2020/2910 DC/20/04085 Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - 1 no Beech - Crown reduction to reduce height and lateral spread by 2m (Keep distance from house) Crown lift (maintain 5.2m clearance over highway - Chantry Cottage, Lower Green *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2020/2911 DC/20/04267 Erection of single storey side extension (west) single storey side/rear extension (east) porch extension (following demolition of existing) alterations as per schedule of works (amended scheme to approved DC/20/02097. Appletrees, Felsham Road, Gedding.- *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2020/2912 Pre application advice for Six Bells meadow development site - Discussion took place following a request for comments from MSDC Planning Officer John Pateman Gee regarding pre app sought for the development on land to the rear of Six Bell PH. It was noted that the plans for the development were likely to change to include amendments to the design and to move the access to the existing pub car park. Various objections were raised including concerns that the access would be too restricted and not suitable for a residential development. It was noted that without actually seeing the plans it was impossible to comment constructively on whether the existing car park would be "better" or whether the development would now not be detrimental to the Open Space and Conservation Area. Concerns were expressed about the outwardly opening doors of the listed building and the stables. Concerns were expressed that the existing access would not meet current visibility splays. Concern were also expressed about the pub car park being used for construction traffic.
It was agreed that further discussion be deferred until the new application is actually submitted and the plans can be seen.
- 2020/2913 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/20/03836 Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Reduce 1 no. Cherry Tree by 30% due to shading and during high winds comes into contact with property, Dove Cottage, Upper Green - DOES NOT WISH

TO OBJECT and DC/20/03236 Conversion of existing cart lodge to form annex - Orchard House, The Orchard - GRANTED and DC/20/03621 Listed Building Consent - Repairs and remedial works following fire damage as per Heritage Statement and Schedule of Works. Lower Green Farm, Lower Green - GRANTED

- 2020/2914 **County & District Councillor Otton** - Cllr Otton's gave her report, which had been circulated, and is attached to these minutes. Cllr Otton confirmed that Richard Vass had agreed to try and solve the issues with Gedding Parish Meeting including taking on the chairman role.
- 2020/2915 **Finance** – The Finance report for October 2020 was approved.
- 2020/2916 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod, with all in favour. Clerks Salary for September 2020.
- 2020/2917 HMRC Q2 payment
- 2020/2918 CAS website £60.00
- 2020/2919 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – Cllr Tavernor had nothing new to report
- 2020/2920 There were no further Village Maintenance matters reported
- 2020/2921 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – It was noted that some of the new work carried out at Maple Cottage had been painted in the existing blue colour that had not been authorised. This would be highlighted to MSDC Planning.
- 2020/2922 There were no further Conservation Area matters reported
- 2020/2923 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officer Report – Concerns have been expressed to Cllr Nunn by a resident that FP2 cross field path had not been remarked following cultivation. It was confirmed that the path has been remarked adequately, within the time limit.
- 2020/2924 There were no further Footpath matters reported
- 2020/2925 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2020/2926 **Consultations** - It was agreed that no comments be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission draft recommendations for new divisions, division boundaries and division names for Suffolk County Council.
- 2020/2927 It was agreed that no comments be submitted to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Planning for the future Consultation.
- 2020/2928 **Village Sign** - A site visit was fixed for Sat 14th Nov at 10am in order to confirm sizing and position of the sign.
- 2020/2929 **Motion to exclude temporarily the Public and Press** - It was resolved to exclude the Public and Press pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning staff salaries and personal information.
- 2020/2930 Following review of the clerks contract it was Resolved to make no changes. Prop Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2020/2931 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** - Cllr Kearney reported that he has to send his apologies for the next Gliding Club meeting.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 17th November 2020 7.30pm