

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2015 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr David Simpson
Cllr Ken Sparkes Cllr Brian Francis
Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr Harry Wragge
Cllr David Williams

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

- 2014/1225 **Apologies for Absence** — PCSO Ryan Brunning.
- 2014/1226 **Declarations of Interest** – None
- 2014/1227 **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 17th February 2015 were signed as a true record.
- 2014/1228 **Adjournment for:**
Cllr Otton's Report – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated.
Police Report – The police report had been circulated and was noted.
Public Participation – No questions
Meeting resumed:
- 2014/1229 **Planning** – It was resolved to send the following response to MSDC: Application 0543/15 Alterations to existing driveway. Replacement of gate posts and new gate. Removal of Beech, Hawthorn and Ash trees. The White House – "Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available."
- 2014/1230 0296/15 Retention of air source heat pump systems at the front and rear of Felsham and Gedding Village hall – Noted
- 2014/1231 The following MSDC decisions were noted; 3885/14 proposed alterations to external walls, new windows, new roof. Construction and rebuilding chimney stacks. Internal alterations to partition walls and installation of new staircase. Castle farm, Brettenham Road – GRANTED
- 2014/1232 0216/15 Erection and installation of playground equipment and safer surfacing in addition to the existing playground items, Felsham & Gedding Playing field, Lower Green - GRANTED
- 2014/1233 **Finance** – The clerks Financial Report for March 2015 was approved. The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2014/1234 Clerks Salary February 2015
- 2014/1235 It was resolved to ask Andrew Conquest to carry out the internal audit for 2014/15. The Terms of Engagement and Audit Plan were approved.
- 2014/1236 It was resolved to award the following Section 137 grant donations; East Anglian Air Ambulance £50, Suffolk Age Concern £50, Suffolk Accident rescue Service £50 together with a Mid Suffolk CAB donation of £50. Proposed by Cllr Francis with all in favour.
- 2014/1237 **Clerks report** – There are now permanent Speedwatch signs available through SCC so when the scheme is up and running again we can request some. Cllr Wragge and the Clerk are still awaiting confirmation of their CRB checks. The Notice board has been ordered and delivery is expected w/c 6th April. Details of installation and requirements for surfacing and fixing will need agreeing. Thanks were extended to Cllr Otton for her offer of £500 towards the notice board from her 2015/16 locality budget. The bench is in need of re-staining, Cllr Garrod has the stain and will arrange to treat the bench as soon as possible.

It was agreed that consent be given to the Bike Race organisers for use of Upper Green for a feed station.

It was noted that quote for grass cutting is expected for the 2015 season with no increase in costs envisaged. It was confirmed that a copy of current liability insurance would be included.

2014/1238 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2014/1239 **Commemorative Tree Planting Project** – No report.

2014/1240 **Annual Parish Meeting** – Discussion took place regarding the suitability of an April Annual Village Meeting due to elections, it was agreed that further research into the issues of using the meeting as a hustings in an election year should be carried out before fixing the date with suggestions that it should therefore wait until May even if this means that it might be called by a new parish council. It was agreed that the format of invitations be as last year with the option to provide an information board in lieu of a verbal report.

2014/1241 **Village Maintenance** – Nothing to report

2014/1242 **Conservation Area** – Nothing to report.

2014/1243 **Footpaths** – Nothing to report.

2014/1244 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – It was noted that the “No Fouling” sign was missing from the green at The Orchard, a replacement will be sought. PC Annelly Miles will be asked if she can intervene in response to the many complaints regarding dog barking and fouling.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2015 following the Annual Parish Meeting