

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st April 2015 in the Village Hall

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

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

- 2014/1245 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr Brian Francis, PCSO Ryan Brunning.
2014/1246 **Declarations of Interest** – None
2014/1247 **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 March 2015 were signed as a true record.
- 2014/1248 **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:
- 2014/1249 **Planning** – It was resolved to send the following response to MSDC: Application 1037/15 Works to TPO'd Trees: T1 Holm Oak tree – Selectively reduce over extending lateral limbs to South by 2-2.5m, up to height of 8m to prevent possible biomechanical failure and T2 Sycamore tree adj front driveway entrance – Remove lowest limb growing westwards, Holm Oaks, Church Road.- *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2014/1250 There were no MSDC Decisions to note.
2014/1251 **Finance** – The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod with all in favour. Clerks Salary March 2015
- 2014/1252 HMRC Q4 Payment
2014/1253 Greenbarns Notice Board £2092.07
2014/1254 Salc 239.00
Cllr Simpson entered the meeting.
- 2014/1255 The final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2014/1256 Section 1 of the Annual Return was approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2014/1257 Section 2 of the Annual Return was completed, approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2014/1258 **Clerks report** – Cllr Otton has responded to the MSDC Functional Clusters consultation suggesting that Felsham should not be included in the Bildeston Cluster. The forthcoming parish council election is contested with eight nominations. The cost of a poll is estimated from MSDC at £1,120. It was suggested that an article be included in Village News introducing all candidates with a contact email.
The insurance renewal quote from Came & Co is £278.95, an alternative quote from CAS is £250.87, Our broker at Came is confident that she can match the £250. It was agreed that if this is so renewal should take place. The clerk will confirm before accepting.
The Women's cycle tour will again pass through the village this year on Weds 17th June.

It was confirmed that Felsham Charity have very generously pledged a donation of £1000 towards the new notice board.

The Village Hall planning application decision has been postponed awaiting written confirmation of points raised by the case officer. Cllr Williams will clarify the answers for response.

The intention to provide a caravan site at White House Barn on Rattlesden Road was noted. It was agreed that although not a planning application representation should be made to the caravan club. Concerns were expressed that the siting of caravans on the low lying meadows will have a detrimental visual effect in the open setting as well as a negative effect on the residents of the adjacent properties across the road. Road safety was of concern due to the narrow winding road and short access onto the meadows resulting in large towing vehicles and caravans manoeuvring in the road. It was thought that with numerous camping and caravan sites in close proximity that an additional one in this position may not be justified. The clerk will respond to the Caravan Club.

2014/1259 **Correspondence** – Recent email correspondence from a resident was discussed regarding a possible appeal of a planning decision. It was agreed that until such time as any appeal was officially notified to council no further action was necessary.

2014/1260 Concerns expressed by a resident regarding the uneven access between Yewlands and the Village Shop were noted. These would be passed on to the proprietors of the shop and the trustees of the Felsham Charity.

2014/1261 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.

2014/1262 **Commemorative Tree Planting Project** – No report.

2014/1263 **Village Maintenance** – It was confirmed that the bench on Upper Green has been oil treated. Potholes have been noted near Hubbards Corner, if photos of the site are passed to the clerk, a report can be filed.

2014/1264 **Conservation Area** – It was noted that a suggestion has been made to replace the picket fence outside the Five Bells PH with a small hedge. Concerns were expressed that this fence runs along in front of other properties in Church Road and is felt to be an intrinsic part of the conservation area. Any future planning application for the removal of the picket fence would need to be considered further.

2014/1265 **Footpaths** – Footpath no. 3 at the Moores Lane end has a broken way marker, this will be reported.

2014/1266 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

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