

Felsham Parish Council

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

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

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

- 2015/1323 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr David Williams, PCSO Steve Pendergast
2015/1324 **Declarations of Interest** – None
2015/1325 **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 16th June 2015 were signed as a true record.
- 2015/1326 **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:
- 2015/1327 **Clerks report** – The SALC survey regarding their future proposals for Government and the Better Broadband for Suffolk review were completed. It was noted that there has been no application as yet for tree work at Lower Green. It was noted that no recommendation had been received for a new trustee for the Felsham Charity.
- 2015/1328 **Planning** – There were no applications to consider.
2015/1329 The following MSDC Decisions were noted; Application 1725/15 Erection of a wall to front garden (following dismantling of existing front garden wall) using reclaimed bricks and lime mortar topped with half round ridge tile as existing, The Haven, Upper Green – GRANTED
- 2015/1330 Appeal APP/W3520/W/15/3028958 against refusal of 3803/14 Erection of detached dwelling and attached garage. Creation of new vehicular access. Erection of boundary wall, Six Bells Inn, Church Road. – It was noted that all previous comments made to the original application would be passed onto the Inspector and that a decision would be made by the written representations procedure. It was resolved to submit additional comments disputing the relevance of examples of other existing access and egress in the village that were given in argument as these would not be granted under today's Highways parameters and should not be used to justify creating what would be considered a dangerous entrance under Highways Authority recommendations now. Cllr Simpson will draft the response and submit within the deadline.
- 2015/1331 **Finance** – The clerks Financial Report for July 2015 was approved.
2015/1332 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Wragge with all in favour.
Clerks Salary June 2015
- 2015/1333 HMRC Q1
2015/1334 Pond danger signs £15.18
2015/1335 It was resolved to dispute the invoice from MSDC for the election costs as the invoice exceeded the estimate by £144.
- 2015/1336 Grass Cutting £474.80
2015/1337 It was noted that the clearing of the long grass growth in the bulb planting areas at the end of the growing season has resulted in costs exceeding the budget for grass cutting and this would need to be addressed within the budget process for

next year. The contractor was commended for his efforts in returning the areas to pristine condition.

2015/1338 **Correspondence** – Recent email correspondence from a resident was discussed and the draft response approved.

2015/1339 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.

2015/1340 **Parish Plan Action Plan review** – The Action Plan was reviewed and updated. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged to enable all working groups, set up by the Steering Group, to give a full report on their progress on the different areas of responsibility that they had taken on. The lead person from each group will be invited to a Parish Plan progress meeting on Tuesday 18th August 2015.

2015/1341 **Street Lighting** – It was suggested that advice be sought on the planning requirements if the village hall light is moved. Clarification is needed on the quotes already received regarding any updated costs and whether poles were included for the G39 units. Further consideration of replacement of the street lights was deferred to next meeting.

2015/1342 **Provision of VAS** – Highways officers have advised on the Brettenham Road site suggesting that it would be possible to use the VAS here however they did advise that this site may not have a high success rate and the overhanging branches would need considerable ongoing work to ensure they did not detract from the efficiency of the unit . It was agreed that the expense to erect the poles in Brettenham Road did not warrant a site at this time. Cllrs Wragge and Simpson will attend a demonstration of the two types of sign recommended by SCC Highways together with representatives from Buxhall Parish Council in order to decide on the model to purchase.

2015/1343 **Village Maintenance** – Tree Officer Report – Nothing to report.

2015/1344 Other matters – It was noted that verge cutting has now been carried out.

2015/1345 **Conservation Area** – Conservation Officer Report – Nothing to report

2015/1346 Other matters - Concerns were expressed about the impact to the Conservation Area of the new trellis work above the fencing adjacent to the Village Hall.

2015/1347 **Footpaths** – Footpath Officers Report – It was suggested that investigation be undertaken regarding possible devolution of responsibility for footpath cutting to the parish council. It was noted that this would incur considerable costs but at least would ensure all paths were usable throughout the year. Contact will be made with SCC Rights of Way to see if this might be possible and if so whether there would be any funding available.

2015/1348 Other matters - No other issues reported.

2015/1349 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – It was agreed that a litter pick was due, Cllr Nunn will organise a date and advertise.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall