

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2014 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Garrod Cllr David Simpson
Cllr David Williams Cllr Hayley Nunn
Cllr Harry Wragge
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk) County Cllr Penny Otton

- 2014/1067 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr Christopher Bornett, PCSO Colette Denny
2014/1068 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Williams declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6a
(min no. 2014/1072)
- 2014/1069 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Garrod, sec Cllr
Williams that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved
with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 1st July 2014 were signed
as a true record.
- 2014/1070 **Adjournment for:**
Cllr Otton's Report – Cllr Otton gave her report which will be circulated.
Police Report – PCSO Ryan Brunning's report was noted and will be circulated
Public Participation – Concerns were expressed that the dog poo problem on
the paths around the allotments was becoming a serious concern. People had been
seen not picking up after their dog and also allowing them to run loose over the
gardens. This is not acceptable and measures will be taken to ensure that those
not clearing up after their dogs are prosecuted. Additional signage and poo bags
will be put up at the allotments and other areas that are showing no improvement.
Our new PCSO Ryan Brunning will be asked if he can help with the problem of
irresponsible dog owners.
- 2014/1071 **Meeting resumed:**
Clerks Report – It was confirmed that MSDC had been informed of the current
councillor vacancy and notices will be circulated soon. It is well within the 6 month
period so an election will have to be advertised, it will be up to council whether to
co opt or not should no election be called.
It was noted that due to a house move the clerk could not store the council
archive files for some time, it was agreed that space in the village hall was
available.
Cllr Williams left the room
- 2014/1072 **Planning** - It was resolved to send the following responses to MSDC: 1691/14
Erection of single storey pitched roof extension on front elevation, Erection of
single storey extension to rear elevation of existing garage, Treelands, Bury Road –
"NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"
Cllr Williams returned to the meeting.
- 2014/1073 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2014/1074 **Finance** – The clerks Financial Report for July was approved.
- 2014/1075 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Garrod with all in favour.
- 2014/1076 Clerks Salary June
- 2014/1077 HMRC Q1 payment
- 2014/1078 **Correspondence** – No comments were made to tabled correspondence.
- 2014/1079 **Salvaged Village Pump** – It was suggested that the village pump from Castle
Farm was perhaps incorporated into a village sign or maybe used as the basis of a
sign for the Village Hall. It was agreed that Gerry Cooper would be given first
refusal on it as part of his design work for the village sign before further
consideration of restoring and resiting it.

- 2014/1080 **Vehicle Activated Signs** - It was noted that Cllr Otton still had other councils to ask about their interest in a joint VAS, Thurston and Drinkstone have already given their agreement to look into a joint scheme. It was agreed that further consideration be deferred to the next meeting.
- 2014/1081 **Speedwatch** – It was noted that existing volunteers for the Speedwatch Scheme did not feel in a position to take over the co ordination of the scheme at this time. Advertising for a replacement and additional volunteers would be included in the next newsletter.
- 2014/1082 **Village Maintenance** – Concerns were expressed regarding the loose paving slabs outside the PO shop together with the broken Anglian Water meter cover. The clerk will contact BT and Anglian Water and also continue to pressure BT for the removal of the phone box. Cllr Nunn will draft a letter of complaint to BT regarding the lack of action on the phone box removal.
- 2014/1083 **Conservation Area** – Nothing to report
- 2014/1084 **Footpaths** – Nothing to report
- 2014/1085 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm