

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

Present were:-

Chairman Jim Papworth, Vice Chairman John Gouldsmith, Cllr. Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Liz Moulton, Cllr. Tim Papworth, PCSO Bill Kerr and Cllr. Chris Allaway, Revd. Keith Dally.

Apologies:-

Cllr. John Timewell

Incident briefing

Tim Papworth updated the meeting on an incident that had happened at Lodge Farm earlier in the day, resulting in two people being taken to hospital, one of whom was flown to Broomfield hospital burns unit by the air ambulance.

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting, warmly welcoming all present.

Matters Arising

Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 4th February 2014 as a true and accurate record.

Liz Moulton is still in the process of investigating access to water for the fire brigade on Bryants Heath.

PCSO Report

PCSO Bill Kerr presented the crime report for the period 04/02/14 to date as follows:-

- 1 Assault
- 1 Threat to destroy property
- 1 Inciting female child u16 to engage in sexual activity (online crime)
- 1 Criminal damage
- 2 domestic abuse incidents

1 address accounts for 3 of these crimes.

Concern was expressed by the meeting that the sexual activity crime was the same as the one reported at the previous meeting. PCSO Bill Kerr reported that it was a separate incident.

Bryants Heath

Annual maintenance work finished in February with ongoing path clearance continuing throughout the year.

Tim Papworth had been speaking to Dave Weavers, from Natural England, who will be contacting Liz Moulton to arrange a visit to the heath to see what has been done.

Rob Walker reported on the Norfolk Moth Survey group who have been carrying out a survey on the Felmingham Weavers Way cutting every year. They want to extend this survey to Bryants Heath. The group will inform those who live adjacent to the heath about what they are doing and when. They will carry out the survey at night between the hours of 9pm and 1am using lamps powered by generators so will need vehicular access to the heath. Visitors will be welcome.

Tim Papworth raised the issue of a risk assessment being carried out first before the survey could be done, because there would be a fire risk with the generators being used on the heath.

Allotments

The allotments working group, John Newstead, Neil Thrush and John Gouldsmith reported back on their initial findings and thoughts on the reorganisation of the allotments.

- The individual allotments are not marked.
- There is a single path for access which does not give access to all the current allotments.
- Traditionally, October 11th and March 25th are the take up dates for allotments.
- There will be a cost associated with reorganising and marking out the allotments.
- The costs of renting the allotments from the County Council must be recouped through the rents being collected from the allotment tenants as the Parish precept cannot subsidise the annual County rent.

Applications for new allotments were received from Mrs E Ramsden and Mr T New-Watts, which are being considered.

The working party and Jim Papworth will meet on the allotments at 6pm on 29th May to agree a new layout.

Invoices are due to be issued for the existing tenants in May. The invoices will include a note to explain that the allotments are going to be reorganised. because of the housing development. Notice will be served on all current tenants who will then be given priority in the allocation of the reorganised allotments, which is likely to happen in October.

Highways

Tim Papworth reported that complaints have been received about the bollards left along Aylsham Road by the side of Corner Cottage and that their van is protruding onto the road causing a hazard to passing traffic. Liz Moulton and John Gouldsmith are to talk to the property owners.

Chris Allaway reported several incidents of road flooding due to water leaks. One on the corner outside Yew Cottage, Aylsham Road and the other outside 1 Highfields, Aylsham Road.

Planning

PF/14/0134 The Old Stables, Hylton Crossways, change from holiday to full residential. Approved.

PF/14/0187 Goulders Lane development, revised drainage plan, Concerns to be expressed about foul water drainage.

PF/14/0314 Beck Farm, conversion of garage to holiday let, recommend approval.

PF/14/0514 Oak Tree Barns, North Walsham Road, change from holiday to full residential, Concerns to be expressed about foul water drainage.

Affordable Housing

Committee expressed their appreciation of the actions of Steve Blatch from the District Council in response to the queries and concerns raised at the previous meeting. Copies of his responses were circulated at the meeting.

As a result of the 'Name that Street' campaign, it was agreed that the new development should be called Anderson Close in recognition of Violet and Jack Anderson's commitment to Felmingham and its residents over many years. Revd. Keith Dally will make sure that Violet and her family are informed of the decision.

Financial Report

Finally have access to bank statements.

Current balance stands at £2948.92.

Invoices to be raised for the allotments.

To pay

- Felmingham Estate Rent £247
- Environment Agency Drainage charge £13.15
- Insurance £565.62

Mazaars have selected Felmingham Parish Council as one of the 5% of councils to have an extended audit this year. This means that additional work will need to be done, to include budgets and provision of bank statements.

Any other business

A request has been received to consider the provision of dog waste bins in the parish. Two sites were considered, Church Corner at the top of the footpath leading to Bryants Heath and the village hall/playing field. The Clerk provided costs associated with the provision and fixing of bins and for emptying by Kier. It was agreed that a bin will be installed at the village hall/playing field site to see how it goes. Another may be provided at a later date at Church Corner. John Newstead is to provide the Clerk with a photo of the location for the bin at the village hall/playing field and she will then make the necessary arrangements for the bin to be installed and emptied fortnightly.

Provision and installation of Dog Bin (without post) £130 + VAT

Provision and installation of Dog Bin (with post) £145 + VAT

Cost per empty £3.00 + VAT

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

The next meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall.

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Signed by Chairman

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Date