

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

1. Present were:-

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

2. Apologies:-

Cllr. Glyn Williams

3. Matters Arising

Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 29th April 2014 as a true and accurate record.

The people involved in the incident at Lodge Farm are recovering well.

David Weaver had given his congratulations to all involved in the management of Bryants Heath.

Cllr. John Gouldsmith had spoken to the owners of Corner cottage and the van is now being parked further back to remove the obstruction to the road.

4. PCSO Report

There was no crime report at this meeting. The Chairman expressed his concern since there had been some worrying reports at the last two meetings.

5. Bryants Heath

It was suggested that a visit to the heath be arranged in the winter.

It would appear that the access to fire hydrants in the event of a fire on the Heath may not be an issue anymore. Cllr. Liz Moulton will investigate further if and when it becomes an issue again.

6. Allotments

The working group has suggested that plot 14 be relinquished. This can then be used to create a path to plot 16 behind the affordable housing development. The remainder of plot 14 will then be divided up into 4 smaller plots of approx. 1/16 acre each. Plot 16 will be divided up into 3 plots running north south. In time additional access can be created running parallel to the existing footpath and the plots to the east of it. This will ensure that all allotment holders will have footpath access, as a minimum, to their plots.

Mr Ramsden has withdrawn his application for an allotment.

Mr New-Watts may be offered plot 16 dependent upon demand.

Plot 16 is full of weeds and NPS are going to be asked to contribute to the costs of cleaning it up prior to new tenant/s taking it on.

The clerk has been asked to put up posters in the village notice boards inviting applicants for allotments and asking what size they would like to take on, as it was felt that the current size of allotments is too big for most people.

7. Planning

PF/14/0513 and PF/14/0514 Oak Tree Barns, North Walsham Road, Felmingham have both been approved.

8. Affordable Housing update

The Chairman told the meeting that he had received an email today informing him that the housing scheme was still to receive permission to use the existing treatment works from Anglian Water.

Concerns were expressed by a member of the meeting about the road layout at the junction of Goulders Lane. It is hoped that the proposed plans for the new road layout will be sufficient to avoid any accidents but time will tell.

Mr New-Watts informed the meeting that he had now denied Anglian Water access to the sewage treatment plant over his land due to a recent unfortunate incident. Concern was expressed about the impact of this on the rest of the residents who used the treatment works.

9. First Time Rural Sewage Scheme

As a result of the Council's numerous objections on the ground of sewage and foul water drainage in the parish North Norfolk District Council have suggested that the parish may like to consider applying to Anglia Water to be included in their First time Rural Sewage Scheme. The meeting agreed to invite a representative from the scheme to the next meeting for a Q & A session. This will then be advertised on the notice boards and in the parish magazine.

9. Financial Report

The accounting report for 2013/2014 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

The annual governance statement for 2013/2014 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

The clerk went through the proposed budget for 2014/15 highlighting that given the expected income there may be a slight deficit in this year. Given the current bank balance the Chairman did not consider it to be a problem.

All allotment invoices for May – November 2014 had been paid.

10. Any other business

A question was raised about when Felmingham might start to benefit from the fibre optic broadband being installed by BT. It was thought to be later this summer.

The clerk was asked to submit the minutes to be published in the parish magazine.

The weekend of 2nd/3rd August is to see a commemoration of the parish's fallen from the war. Service will be held in St Andrews church, Felmingham on 3rd August attended by Bishop of Thetford. A band will be playing music of the time and jazz on the Saturday evening in the church, tickets are available from the rectory.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th September 2014 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall.

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Signed by Chairman

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Date