

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

1) Present were:-

- a) Chairman Jim Papworth, Vice Chairman John Gouldsmith, Cllr. Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, and Cllr. Chris Allaway, Cllr. Tim Papworth, Cllr Glynn Williams,

2) Apologies:-

Cllr. Liz Moulton, PCSO Bill Kerr, Revd. Keith Dally

3) Minutes from the last Meeting

- a) Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 3rd February 2015 as a true and accurate record.

4) Matters Arising

- a) With regard to the parking issues on The Terrace PCSO Bill Kerr responded as follows:-
“I have spoken to John NEWSTEAD, Mr ARKSEY and John GOULDSMITH about their complaint. Unfortunately the main problem is as in a lot of Norfolk villages there are too many cars and not enough places to park them! As you will be aware there are no parking restrictions in this area so vehicles can park pretty much where they want. Unless a vehicle is physically blocking someone in or is completely blocking the pavement the Police have no power to require vehicles to move. I have asked the three gentlemen to call Police if this happens and I will deal with the offending vehicle. Similarly if any Councillors witness any obstructions I would ask them to call 101 and report it. You could as a Parish Council contact Highways and see if they would put down yellow lines but I think it’s very unlikely they would. In any case this would only make the problem worse as this would further reduce the number of spaces to park in.”
- b) With regard to speed of traffic and traffic collisions on Bell Cottage corner on B1145, PCSO Bill Kerr responded as follows:-
“Following concerns expressed by a local resident about speed of traffic and traffic collisions on the sharp bend close to Bell Cottage on the B1145 Aylsham Rd., this and the general problem of speeding through the village has been adopted as one of N Walsham SNT’s priorities for the next 8 weeks. We will be carrying out speed checks in the area over the next few weeks and I will update you with the results later. Our Force traffic management Officer has completed a site visit and has made a number of recommendations to Highways. These include –
 - i) To place additional Chevron boards on the West bound approach towards Aylsham.
 - ii) Consider placing a narrow central hatching to give the appearance the road is narrow and encourage slower speeds.
 - iii) Consider implementing soak away to improve drainage.
 - iv) Address the issue of severe verge erosion on the North side by HGV’s and farm vehicles.
- v) He also suggested that the Parish Council request a fibre optic sign that flashes at the motorist to reduce speed or highlight the bend on the approach from Aylsham. These signs are available but are usually part funded by the Parish. I have been asked to find out whether you would do this or not?”

The Parish Council did not consider that they had sufficient funds to go down the route of a fibre optic sign.

5) PCSO Report

- a) The Clerk delivered the crime report in PCSO Bill Kerr’s absence to the meeting for period 03/02/15 to date
 - i) 3 domestic abuse incidents (2 from same address)

6) Bryants Heath and Stowheath

- a) Nothing to report on Bryants Heath.

- b) A letter has been received with regards to the condition of an oak tree on the approach to Stowheath. Mrs A Sayer was concerned that the tree, if it were to fall, would damage her barn. The Clerk has been instructed to investigate the boundaries of Stowheath and ownership of the oak trees and to also look at cover for such an incident on the council insurance.

7) Allotments

- a) Mr Martyn Gooch, 3 Smithy Cottages, Church Road has been offered plot 15 from 1st May 2015.
- b) The Clerk has been asked to write to the occupiers of 8 Highfields about the garden rubbish that has been dumped over their back fence onto the allotment access track and to also find out if this property is owned or tenanted.

8) Highways

- a) The chairman reported that he has received numerous complaints on accessibility, safety and visibility on the junction of Goulders Lane/Cromer Road/North Walsham Road.
- b) UK Power Networks have done an appalling job in making good the road surface on Goulders Lane having installed the new power supply to the houses on Goulders Lane and Anderson Close.

9) Planning

- a) PF/14/1607 has been approved.
- b) PF/15/0190 Erection of single storey rear extension, detached timber workshop and detached car-port at Larks Rise, North Walsham Road, Felmingham. The parish council have responded to the consultation on this application with no objections.

10) First Time Rural Sewage Scheme

- a) The Clerk is intending to submit the application by the end of this week.

11) Financial Report

- a) There has been no movement on the bank account.
- b) The chairman reminded the meeting that one of the aims of the parish council was to maintain as low as possible precept.

12) Any other business

- a) Cllr. Glynn Williams, portfolio holder for leisure, cultural services and customer services, updated the meeting on:-
 - i) Speeding on country lanes – would the parish consider using flashing signs, maybe contributing to a share sign with another parish. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting prior to his arrival.
 - ii) Helicopters – he had attended a meeting at Norwich airport to agree drafting guidance notes on report nuisance and stressed that the airport authorities are keen to work in cooperation with the public.
- b) Cllr. Tim Papworth suggested that the council should investigate the cost of housing the defibrillator that Felmingham is hoping to fund in the soon to be redundant phone box. The Clerk has been asked to find out how much it would cost to buy the phone box for this purpose.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall following a trip to Stowheath, leaving the village hall at 6:30 (transport provided by Cllr. Tim Papworth and suitable footwear recommended).

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Signed by Chairman

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Date