

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 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

2) Apologies:-

PCSO Bill Kerr, Revd. Keith Dally

3) Minutes from the last Meeting

- a) Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 31st March 2015 as a true and accurate record.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Following on from 4b) the highways work is now progressing, but not yet complete, however there has since been another minor accident on Bell Cottage corner on the Aylsham road.
- b) Following on from 12b), the public phone box could be adopted to provide a location for the village defibrillator. The Clerk is to report back on likely costs.

5) Outcomes from the Parish Election on 7th May 2015

- a) Councillor Liz Moulton did not stand for election and has since tendered her resignation having served many years as a Councillor in Felmingham. She has also resigned from leading the Bryants Heath Project. The Clerk was asked to write to Liz Moulton to thank her for all her hard work.
- b) As a result of Liz Moulton's resignation there was a casual vacancy. Andrew Ramsden expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor for Felmingham together with Ms J Pitcher. They decided that Andrew Ramsden should stand and be supported by Ms Pitcher. Cllr Neil Thrush proposed Andrew Ramsden, seconded by Cllr Chris Allaway. The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Andrew Ramsden as the new member of the Parish Council.

6) PCSO Report

- a) This report was likely to be the last prepared by PCSO Bill Kerr as he is being transferred to Aylsham Police Station. We would be notified of our new PCSO in due course. The Council expressed their disappointment in losing PCSO Bill Kerr as it was felt that he had got to know the community well.
- b) The Clerk delivered the crime report in PCSO Bill Kerr's absence to the meeting for period 01/04/15 to date:-
 - i) 2 Intentional causing harassment, alarm, distress
 - ii) 1 Fear of provocation of violence
 - iii) 2 Domestic abuse incidents

7) Bryants Heath and Stowheath

- a) To continue the excellent work undertaken on the heath more volunteers are needed. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Council or Clerk.
- b) Maps have now been received from the Rural Land Registration.
- c) Entitlements for Bryants Heath are being investigated but it is felt unlikely that we will receive any.
- d) Following investigation into the health of the trees lining the lane onto Stowheath, the trees are at risk of causing damage to property or people. It has not been possible to get any information from the Land Registry since the plot of land has never been sold, making it necessary for it to be registered. So Cllr. Tim Papworth will ask Mrs Sayer for a copy of the plan from her deeds and Cllr. J Papworth to ask Bill Poortvleit for a copy plan of the land he owns surrounding the heath. It should then be possible to determine that what is left is Stowheath, therefore our responsibility and covered by our insurance.

8) Allotments

- a) Mr T New-Watts has apparently vacated his allotment. The Clerk is to write to him to confirm that this is actually the case since he has not paid his rent. This will make 1 or more allotments available and there has

been some interest from several people. Cllr. N Thrush has suggested that the allotment is split up into manageable plots and a rent allocated to each plot.

b) All rents, except Mr T New-Watts have been paid.

9) Highways

a) Nothing to report

10) Planning

a) PF/15/0190 Erection of single storey rear extension, detached timber workshop and detached car-port at Larks Rise, North Walsham Road, Felmingham has been approved.

11) First Time Rural Sewage Scheme

a) The Clerk submitted the application and has had an initial 'walk round' interested households with an Anglian Water representative. A report is expected in the next couple of months which will determine whether the application will go to a more in-depth investigation. The Clerk will keep the Parish updated on progress.

12) Financial Report

- a) The first half of the precept has been received.
- b) The Council is holding an outstanding invoice of £600 until a credit of £500 has been received and shows on the bank statements from Norfolk County Council relating to the allotments.
- c) Liz Moulton was one of the signatories for the bank account. Since she has resigned her name is to be removed from the list of signatories and a new signatory proposed.
- d) Cllr. Jim Papworth proposed Cllr. Neil Thrush, seconded by Cllr. John Newstead.
- e) The Clerk has been asked to provide the necessary forms to be completed.
- f) The Parish Council insurance was due for renewal and the Parish Clerk went out for other quotes. AON and Zurich were considered and the Council decided to go with Zurich, who offered the same level of cover at a reduced cost, a three year contract giving an even greater saving.
- g) The Clerk informed the meeting that the annual return was due, this includes the annual governance statement which was approved by the Council.

13) Any other business

a) None

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th August 2015 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

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Signed by Chairman

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Date