

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 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. Tim Papworth
- 2) **Apologies:-**

PCSO Bill Kerr, Cllr. Chris Allaway, Revd. Keith Dally
- 3) **Minutes from the last Meeting**
 - a) Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2015 as a true and accurate record.
- 4) **Matters Arising**
 - a) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 5) **PCSO Report**
 - a) The Clerk delivered the crime report in PCSO Bill Kerr's absence to the meeting for period 01/04/15 to date, this includes those incidents reported at the last meeting:-

 - 1 Assault occasioning actual bodily harm
 - 1 Having an article with a blade or point in a public place
 - 1 Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety
 - 2 Causing intentional harassment, alarm distress
 - 1 Fear or provocation of violence
 - 1 Other criminal damage to a vehicle
 - 5 Domestic abuse incidents
- 6) **Bryants Heath and Stowheath**
 - a) Bryants Heath
 - i) Work is due to be started on clearing in October/November on Bryants Heath and volunteers are needed.
 - b) Stowheath
 - i) Cllr. Tim Papworth now has a felling licence, so should any work be needed on the oak trees on track at Stowheath this will now be possible.
 - ii) Carl Sayer from Norfolk pond restoration will be looking at the pond.
 - iii) Syd Cooper from the Forestry Authority will be looking at the trees.
 - iv) Any trees that are felling will be replaced with young stock on a one for one basis.
- 7) **Allotments**
 - a) Plot 16 will be split into 2 rows of 7 plots with a track down the centre. Each plot will be a similar size to plots 14A, B and C.
 - b) The new plots will be advertised in the village shop, at the village fun day and at the village hall.
 - c) New tenants for the empty plots will be able to take up occupancy immediately, but will not have to start paying until 1st November.
- 8) **Highways**
 - a) Nothing to report
- 9) **Planning**
 - a) PF/15/00463 demolition of single storey side extension and erection of two storey side extension to Oak Farm Cottage, Suffield Road has been approved.

10) RFO and Clerk's Report

- a) Audit
 - i) Mazaars, our external auditors, have given us a good report. They have noted that our bank balance is higher than our precept and have advised that they would wish to see the balance more aligned to the precept, but historically this has always been the case.
- b) Bank Account
 - i) No change.

11) Any other business

- a) The Chairman offered the council's thanks to Steve Westlake and Cllr. Andy Ramsden for their efforts in renovating the village shop seat. The village sign will be done as soon as they have time.
- b) The Neech Loan Fund is still struggling to get applicants.
- c) An email has been received questioning the process adopted for the election of the new Parish Councillors i.e. lack of election at this level. The parish Clerk will respond to this email explaining the process.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

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Signed by Chairman

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Date