

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

Present were:-

Chairman Jim Papworth, Vice Chairman John Gouldsmith, Cllr. Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Tim Papworth and Cllr. Desmond Fern.

Apologies:-

PCSO Alex Spinks and Cllr. Chris Allaway

1) Minutes from the last Meeting

- a) The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 2nd February 2016 as a true and accurate record.

2) Matters Arising

- a) Karen and Andrew Abigail, the new owners of Ivy Cottage, Aylsham Road, took the meeting through the proposal for redeveloping their site. The meeting were generally concerned at the lack of common sense and mixed messages being demonstrated by NNDC on this application. Cllr. Glynn Williams stated that the application was unfortunately counter planning policy. Cllr. John Timewell was in support of the application as was the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Tim Papworth and seconded by Cllr. Des Fern that the Clerk should write to the planning department expressing support for the application and concern over how it was being handled, and when the application was being considered that a site visit was imperative.
- b) There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

3) PCSO Report

- a) In the absence of PCSO Spinks, the Clerk delivered the following report for 2/2/16 – 23/5/16
 - 2 x Assaults
 - 3 x Domestic non crime
 - 1 x Public order

4) Bryants Heath and Stowheath

- a) Stowheath
 - i) Carl Sayer of UCL did not find anything rare or special so trimming and felling can commence. The work will go out to tender for the value of the timber.
 - ii) Some spent cartridges have been found near the pheasant feeders.
- b) Bryants Heath
 - i) Cyril is still working on the heath.

5) Allotments

- a) There is a discrepancy in the rents for a number of the smaller plots, some paying £3.50 per 6 months and some £4. Cllr. Neil Thrush proposed that the rents for these allotments be raised from £3.50 to £4 per 6 months to bring them in line with the other smaller plots. Seconded by Cllr. John Newstead. Agreed.
- b) There are currently 4 plots available.

6) Highways

- a) The meeting suggested a meeting with Swanton Abbott and highways. The Clerk was instructed to contact them to attend the next meeting to discuss options.

7) Planning

- a) PF/16/0161 Barn Owl Cottage, 2 Hall Road – Erection of single and 2 storey extension to rear of dwelling and erection of detached cart shed – no objections
- b) PF/16/0109 The Farmhouse, Aylsham Road – conversion of barn to provide residential annex – no objections
- c) TPO/16/0916 Barn Owl Cottage, 2 Hall Road
- d) PF/16/0212 Weavers Cottage, Church Road – erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling - – no objections

8) RFO and Clerk's Report

- a) Current bank balance is £3226.62
- b) The Parish Clerk is going to apply for funding to enable the Council to comply with the Transparency Code. Funding is available through the Transparency Fund, will pay for a website, internet, training, PC etc. proposed by Cllr. Tim Papworth and seconded by Cllr. John Newstead. Agreed.
- c) The RFO presented the annual audit for approval and submission to Mazaars. This was signed by the Chairman. The internal audit was carried out by Maria Garafalo, who had also been used the previous year.
- d) A cheque for £96.72 payable to NNDC for emptying of the dog waste bin at Church Road was signed.

9) Any other business

- a) There was a discussion about the emptying of the dog waste bin on Weavers Way as it would appear that the contractors were reluctant to walk down the path to empty the bin. The Clerk was asked to email Cllr. John Timewell about this.
- b) Cllr John Timewell – County Councillor gave the following update:-
 - i) Devolution:-
 - a. It is thought that the outcome of devolution will mean that there will be two combined authorities, Cambridge and Peterborough, and Norfolk and Suffolk.
 - b. Both will have their own mayors.
 - c. Concern was voiced by the meeting that this would only serve to add yet another layer of beaurocracy which will have to be paid for.
 - d. The councils will start work to endorse the schedule on 2th June
 - e. There will be a public consultation period September to October
 - f. Final discussion will take place mid/late October
 - g. The deadline is November 4th.
- c) Cllr Glynn Williams – North Norfolk District Councillor gave the following update:-
 - i) Devolution:-
 - a. North Norfolk and Great Yarmouth have been sharing certain services over the past few months. The next full council meeting will take the decision on whether to continue the arrangement or not.
 - b. If the arrangement continues it does not mean that the councils will be merged.
 - c. Concerns were expressed at the parish meeting that there will be more tiers, the resulting effect on some services such as planning, and the implications at a Parish level.
- d) Revd. Keith Dally reported that the defibrillator would be fitted on the Village Hall wall on 2nd June 2016 and that training was organised for anyone who wanted to attend on 9th June at 7pm in the Village Hall.
- e) Revd. Keith Dally informed the meeting that on 11th June there would be a picnic celebration on the playing field between 11am and 3pm to celebrate the Queen's birthday, followed by an evening concert in Felmingham church by Double Octave.
- f) Cllr. Tim Papworth said that he was frequently being asked for the flag to be replaced on the top of the church tower. Unfortunately this can not be done due to health and safety (KD)
- g) Sue Dally updated the meeting on the plans for the village hall. Draft plans were being drawn up together with cost proposals. Another community consultation will follow. There were over 80 very positive responses to the questionnaire. The overall outcome was that the village hall should be more accessible and functional.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The AGM and next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

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Signed by Chairman

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Date