

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

### 1) Present were:-

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

### 2) Apologies:-

Cllr. J. Timewell

### 3) Minutes from the last Meeting

- a) The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 as a true and accurate record.

### 4) Matters Arising

- a) 11(b) From the most recent version of the plans seen, the area around Ruggs Hall may be affected and through to Suffield, but the Chairman stated that he had no major concerns.

### 5) Casual Vacancy

- a) There have been no expressions of interest in the casual vacancy. The Clerk also drew attention to the fact that after the AGM in May there would probably be a further vacancy.

### 6) Crime Report

- a) There is now a new system in place for recording crime and there appears to be a few teething problems in obtaining data relating to just Felmingham. The Clerk is to investigate this further.
- b) In November there was one incident of Public Order and one reported in the category of Violent and Sexual Offences in Heath Lane.
- c) Councillors expressed their concerns that crimes of the later description could be identified with a specific area.

### 7) Bryants Heath and Stowheath

- a) Cllr. Neil Thrush is still in the process of finding resources to build a team of volunteers to work on Bryants Heath. In the meantime, some work is continuing subject to the weather.
- b) Johnathan Cheatham has looked at felling and replanting of the identified trees from Stowheath and has concluded that this has to be carried out manually. This will happen later this year once the ground is drier.

### 8) Allotments

- a) The Council said that it was a pleasure to see the allotments being used.
- b) There remained concerns reference the apparent sewage plant leak. Anglian Water and the Environment Agency should be made aware and any correspondence should also be copied to Cllr. G Williams.

### 9) Highways

- a) Cllr. Jim Papworth, Cllr. J Newstead and the Clerk met with Justin Le May (Highways) on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.30 to agree the locations for three speed signs, prior to application for funding.
- b) Justin Le May has been moved and Felmingham is now under Aylsham highways office.
- c) The bid has been submitted. Results should be notified at the end of March 2017 and funding released May/June 2017.
- d) Lynn Thorpe, the new owner of Woodhaven, North Walsham Road expressed concern over the speed of traffic passing her house, making it difficult for her to pull out of the property. Woodhaven is not inside the 30mph limits. Councillors suggested using mirrors to improve visibility.
- e) The Clerk to write to Victory Housing and copy to the occupiers of 4 Highfield with regards to their hedge which is falling over on to the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk on the verge and not the pavement past their property.
- f) Pavement on North Walsham Road has been surveyed for repair works.
- g) Comment was passed on redundant asphalt being discarded on the grass verges creating a danger to hedge cutting.

**10) Planning**

- a) Village Hall – The Parish Council is a trustee of the Village Hall. Therefore the Parish Council needs to be kept informed on financial commitments with the redevelopment of the hall. The Clerk was asked to search back through the Parish minutes to find the minute relating to this.
- b) PF/16/1407 16 Highfields, side porch, Approved
- c) PF/16/1383 Ivy Cottage, revised plans, Approved – Mrs Karen expressed her thanks to the Parish Council for their support.
- d) PF/16/1197 10 Highfields, rear extension, Approved

**11) RFO and Clerk's Report**

- a) Website – Creation of the Parish Council website is progressing slowly.
- b) Bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> October (last bank statement) = £3052.59 + £1014.93
- c) Outstanding cheques Estates rent £300, Village Hall Planning Application Fee £97.50
- d) Parish precept was set at £1500 for 2017/18. Proposed by Cllr. J. Gouldsmith and seconded by Cllr. N. Thrush

**12) Any other business**

- a) 6 Highfields – problems reported earlier last year with regards to access by Anglian Water. Victory Housing have said that because the property was part of an exchange, that they were not required to go through the same process that they would if allocating a property to a new tenant, therefore it was up to the old tenants to inform the new tenants of these matters. The Council felt that this was unsatisfactory.
- b) Bryants Heath and Stow Heath are both in a nitrate vulnerable zone.
- c) There is to be a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the future of the Neech Loan Fund.
- d) The Parish Councillor vacancy will be put in the Kingsbeck news.

**Cllr. Glynn Williams Update**

- i) There will be no increase in District Council Tax for 2017/18, but Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police etc. are expected to increase theirs resulting in an overall increase.
- ii) The storm surge was not as bad as expected. New processes worked well which minimised damage and therefore costs. Compensation and repairs are paid through the Council Tax funds as well as insurance.
- iii) 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Scrutiny Committee at NNDC offices will be attended by the Police Commissioner. This is an open meeting that can be attended by the public. Concerns over the ASBO situation in North Norfolk.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall**

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Signed by Chairman

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Date