

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 19:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

1. Present were:-

Chairman Tim Papworth, Vice Chairman Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Gouldsmith, Cllr. Syd Arksey, Cllr. Desmond Fern, Cllr. Mike Pepperell, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. J Timewell

2. Apologies None

Cllr. J Timewell Report

- Council Tax budget preparations indicate a rise in Council Tax for 2018/19.
- RAF Coltishall site is now 84% let. Swift Air will be coming in to build aircraft and have applied to repair the runway. There will be approximately 100 jobs created.
- Business are being attracted to Norwich from Cambridgeshire following improvements to the A11 and A47
- The NDR (northern distributor route) is now almost complete. There is still a missing link on the western side. The County Council have been asked to submit a proposal to fill this missing link but routes are still uncertain.
- The Chairman raised the issue of the area in front of the bus shelter because agreement is needed from Norfolk County Council and asked Cllr. J Timewell to push to get the permission.

3. Minutes from the last Meeting

- a. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 24th October 2017 as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

- a. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Glynn Williams to thank him for all his hard work and support of the Parish.
- b. The Chairman was invited to a police meeting and tried to emphasis the rural problems since the meeting appeared to be focussed on problems around North Walsham.
- c. Still awaiting progress from Anglian Water re hard standing in front of the bus shelter.
- d. The SAM sign is now installed and operational, but the locations may need to be reviewed. The village hall committee need to be formally told that their contribution to the costs will not be needed as it came in under budget and we were awarded 75% not 50% towards the costs.

5. Bryants Heath and Stow heath

- a. Stow Heath
 - i. The trees have been felled
 - ii. The Chairman has paid the labourers in wood from the trees felled.
 - iii. Johnathan Cheatham has recommended 'light touch' trimming in April by an ecologically sensitive team. This is to be costed prior to commencement.
- b. Bryants Heath
 - i. Cllr. Neil Thrush reported that a 4x4 has been around the heath. The trunk that was across the access at the Bridge Farm end had been removed. This has now been put back
- c. The heath is looking good despite the gales and bad weather with no significant damage.

6. Allotments

- a. Anglian Water have only erected temporary fencing around the sewage works, but they have been onsite removing old tree stumps.
- b. There are currently 2 vacant plots, 15A and 15C.
- c. Cllr. N Thrush has asked for permission to keep bees on his allotment. This was granted. Clerk to formally put this in writing to him.

7. Highways

- a. Hedges have been trimmed on Binny's Farm corner improving visibility.
- b. There are a couple of pot holes on Hall Lane and Aylsham Road.
- c. A new sign has been erected on Goulders Lane.

8. Planning

- a. None

9. RFO and Clerk's Report

- a. Bank balance as at 31st December 2017 £4457.46
- b. Website – www.feminghampc.org.uk
- c. Pension – in the process of exempting Felmingham Parish Council, deadline end of Feb.
- d. Audit – it appears that the parish council will be able to be declared as exempt
- e. Speeding sign – Parish council have paid £750 and the Parish Partnership fund has contributes 75%, not 50% as expected. The contribution from the village hall will therefore not be required. There is still a small amount held in reserve for maintenance.
- f. Cllr. Syd Arksey offered to take up the role of GDPR officer for the council.
- g. The parish insurance is due for renewal on 1st June 2018. Quotes will be presented to the next meeting.

10. Any other business

- a. The Council asked the Clerk to investigate who was responsible for emptying the dog bins at the village hall, weavers way and church corner, costs of emptying and additional bins.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

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Signed by Chairman

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Date