

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 19.45 at Lodge Farm, Felmingham

1. **Present were** Chairman Tim Papworth, Vice Chairman Neil Thrush, Cllr John Goldsmith, Cllr John Newstead, Cllr Desmond Fern, Cllr Mike Pepperell, Cllr Syd Arksey, Cllr. John Timewell
2. **Apologies** Cllr Saul Penfold, Clerk Christine Westlake
3. **Minutes from the last Meetings**
 - a. The Chairman signed the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 23rd October 2018 as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - a. Bus Stop
 - i. The Chairman congratulated Cllr John Timewell on the action on the Bus Stop. Cllr John Timewell reported that County is presently having a change in the structure of officials and working on the budget. He also mentioned the Wensum Link (NDR) and suggested we all looked at the link online. The chairman thanked him for his ongoing support and making time to come to our meetings.
 - b. Highfields Footpath weed encroachment update
 - i. Rev Keith Dally had email about clearing the footpath along Highfields - Christine had written to Highways who had replied that it been put on their work program -Still waiting.
 - c. Other matters arising –
 - i. Hedges/Walls/Parked Cars are encroaching on the path. It was decided to ask Christine to write to the house owners and tenants stating that it was their responsibility to allow free access. Cllr Neil Thrush suggested we write to the District Council to bring it to their attention.
5. **Bryants Heath and Stow heath**
 - a. Bryants Heath
 - i. The chairman congratulated Cllr Neil Thrush on his ongoing work on the Heath. Cllr Neil Thrush reported that Natural England suggested that the pine trees need removing. Cllr Neil Thrush reported that he is arranging a meeting on the Heath on the 29th/30th January. Norfolk Wildlife is going to fund 6 sessions from September 2019. (Volunteers) Cllr Neil Thrush suggested a further 6 sessions with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust would make it 12 sessions. The Chairman offered Machinery to help if needed. The chairman expressed his concern of the wetlands /stream between both Heath Farms. Cllr Neil Thrush agreed to approach Mark Webster (TCV) for a plan. Due to the complex issue surrounding the high-level stewardship it could prove an issue. The committee then agreed to fund a further 3 sessions with the conservation volunteers.
 - ii. Boundary Query: It's been brought to the attention of the parish council that Heath Farm, Felmingham, may have crouched on the Heath boundary with their new fencing. The ownership of the track and access needs to be confirmed. After a discussion it was decided that a letter to Rachel Danvers should be tactfully written to discover who owns and has access rights and could the parish council see a copy of their deeds showing the boundary.
 - iii.
 - b. Stow Heath
 - i. The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with Mr Johnathon Cheetham and work would be starting in the next month if ground conditions were suitable for the environment.

6. Allotments

- a. Cllr Neil Thrush reported that there was one plot available.
- b. Rents have been paid except Mr Dryer. Has paid the last 4 years and really nothing has been done to his plot.
- c. No one on the waiting list.
- d. The Chairman suggested putting a notice in the village shop offering one large plot.
- e. Cllr Neil Thrush reported that Christine personally delivered the letters containing the revised agreements. Just waiting for a couple to respond. It was agreed maybe Christine might chase them up?.

7. Highways

Farthing Green (Church Road meets Aylsham Road) It was suggested that the triangle should be curbed as it is shrinking because too many HGV lorries finding the turning so tight. It was suggested that Highways should be approached because we do not want to lose it.

8. Planning

- a. No planning applications have been received.

9. RFO and Clerk's Report

- a. No report

10. Any other business

- a. North Walsham Scouts would like to do some work on Bryants Heath on a Sunday to earn their Community badge. The Chairman warned about it being a SSSI – no motorised vehicles permitted.
- b. Jean Thurtle was reported to be seriously ill and because she had been a stalwart of the community for many years the councillors decided it was appropriate to give her a bottle of whisky to thank her.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 2019 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

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Signed by Chairman

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Date