

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 19.45 at Felmingham Village Hall

1. **Present were** Chairman Tim Papworth, Vice Chairman Neil Thrush, Cllr John Newstead, Cllr Syd Arksey,
2. **Apologies** Cllr Des Fern, Revd. Keith Dally
3. **Minutes from the last Meeting**
 - a. There were no matters arising from the minutes of 22nd October 2019
 - b. The Chairman signed the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 22nd October 2019 as a true and accurate record.
4. **Heaths**
 - a. **Bryants Heath**
 - i. Norfolk Greenways have created some circular walks encompassing Weavers Way and Bryants Heath. These will be waymarked in April/May 2020 and promoted in early summer. There is some concern that there may be some minor impact on the SSSI sites on the Heath.
 - ii. The Parish Clerk was asked to confirm public liability insurance on the Heath.
 - iii. A rubbish bin is to be placed on the area being used as a bmx track for a trial period to encourage correct disposal of rubbish.
 - iv. Norfolk Wildlife trust have donated £400 to assist with funding the flailing of gorse and bracken. Richard English has given contact details of Cllr Neil Thrush to get a quote for the work. £35/hour for 12 hour day amounting to £504 including vat. Cllr Neil Thrush proposed that the Council paid the remaining £104. This was seconded by the Chairman.
 - v. The Sundew plants have been protected by using posts etc.
 - vi. A revised lease has been received by the Parish Council for the Hydrological Monitoring on the Heath . This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should seek legal advice on the lease renewal.
 - vii. Three quotes have been received for the restoration of the wetland areas by the removal of trees:-
 - 1) R Bell – cut and removal of timber and take timber as payment or £480 per day.
 - 2) Woodpecker Tree Services - £4000 cut, extract and stack timber.
 - 3) Billy Later – cut wood, take home and dry, to then sell back to the Parishioners at a reduced rate to cover labour. This work would be done at weekends as he is a full time employee of the Chairman at Papworth Farms Ltd.Cllr Neil Thrush proposed Billy Later, to be managed by Tim Papworth. This was seconded by Cllr. John Newstead.
 - b. **Stow Heath**
 - i. J Cheetham has been spoken with. He is still going to do the work, but it is a difficult site.
 - ii. The felling licence had expired but has now been renewed.
 - iii. Once felled we will be receiving money for the timber which will go towards replanting.
6. **Allotments**
 - a. There are a couple of issues which Cllr Neil Thrush will discuss with the Clerk outside of the meeting and report back.
7. **Highways**
 - a. Aylsham Road hedge at cucumber corner was kindly cut back by Mr Ayres.
 - b. Village boundary markers. This was discussed a couple of years ago and minuted. The Clerk is to research costs and report back at the next meeting re costs and possible funding.
 - c. A collision had occurred in the village involving Sanders buses. Cllr. Neil Thrush is to write to them concerning the care needed due to the width of the road.

8. Planning

- a. None

9. RFO and Clerk's Report

- a. Budget 2020/21, the budget papers will be emailed to Councillors immediately after the meeting, but there was no real variances from the previous year.
- b. Precept 2020/21 – There was a discussion about the level of precept. Based on the current balance in the account which has remained steady for many years, Cllr. Neil Thrush proposed a precept of £1500, no change. This was seconded by Cllr. Syd Arksey
- c. Bank balance - £4714.71 as at the end of September

10. Any other business

- a. Meeting dates were set as 14th January 2020 and 12th May 2020
- b. Structureflex have reported that they will provide drag bags to help with the clearance of Bryants Heath.

The meeting closed at 21.30.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

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Signed by Chairman

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Date