

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 19.45 at Felmingham Village Hall

1. **Present were** Chairman Tim Papworth, Vice Chairman Neil Thrush, Cllr John Newstead, Cllr Syd Arksey, Cllr Des Fern, Revd. Keith Dally
2. **Apologies** Cllr. John Timewell(County), Cllr. John Gouldsmith(Parish), Cllr. Greg Hayman(District)
3. **Minutes from the last Meeting**
The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of 22nd October 2019 as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters arising from Minutes**
 - a. 4a) The Parish Council has public liability of £12m.
 - b. 7c) Cllr. Neil Thrush has been unable to do this.
5. **Heaths**
 - a. **Bryants Heath**
 - i. The Parish Clerk reported the quote provided by Spire for legal advice on the renewal of the hydrological lease to be in the region of £850 - £1000 + vat + disbursements. The committee asked that the Clerk sought alternative quotes.
 - ii. Cllr Neil Thrush met with Alex Prendergast from Natural England to discuss the plans for the coming year. AP was very happy with the plans, suggesting a couple of minor changes.
 - iii. The Chairman highly commended Cllr Neil Thrush and his team on the work done.
 - iv. There was now a lot of water on the wetland areas, some of the pools were to be cleared to allow reestablishment of the natural habitat.
 - v. Next steps maybe to use the same company as before to flail an additional area.
 - vi. The volunteers have a further 3 sessions.
 - vii. Billy started cutting down the identified trees in the wetland areas in the first week in December. Non-useful timber is to be burnt. A contract has been drawn up and signed regarding the useful timber. The Parish Clerk request a copy of the contact for the records.
 - b. **Stow Heath**
 - i. No further progress.
 - ii. The felling licence has now been renewed to 2026.
6. **Allotments**
 - a. Mr Dyer is to be served notice on his allotment plot 6 on the ground of not having maintained it for the past couple of years causing a nuisance for adjoining allotment holders.
 - b. Mrs Suzanne Ward is to be asked her intentions for her allotment for the same reasons.
7. **Highways**
 - a. Village boundary markers. The Clerk reported likely costs and the meeting decided not to progress.
 - b. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. John Timewell with regards to funding for the preservation of the remains of Farthing Green.
8. **Planning**
 - a. None

9. RFO and Clerk's Report

- a. Budget 2020/21 papers had been emailed to Councillors.
- b. The issue of Felmingham Parish council not being VAT registered was raised by the clerk. A discussion followed and it was decided that, being such a small council, there was no need for the council to be registered.
- c. Bank balance - £4151.26 as at the end of December.

10. Any other business

- a. The village Hall had now completed their returns for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.
- b. A maintenance programme should be written for the seat outside the village shop and the bus shelter
- c. Cllr. John Timewell has contacted the Easton College and Norwich City College about the Parish's concerns regarding their proposed merger but has not yet received a response.

The meeting closed at 21.00.

The next meeting and AGM will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2020 at 7:45 in Felmingham Village Hall

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Signed by Chairman

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Date