

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 19.00 at Felmingham Village Hall

Present

Chairman Tim Papworth, Vice Chairman Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Mike Pepperell, Cllr. Syd Arksey

1. Welcome

- a. Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all that were there.

2. Apologies

- a. Cllr. Saul Penfold

3. Minutes

- a. Ordinary Meeting 12th October 2022
 - i. There were no matters arising.
 - ii. The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.
 - iii. The Clerk asked if it was felt that the minutes should still be stored in a hard copy format. Following discussion, the meeting decided that a hard copy should be kept for historical purposes

4. Heaths

a. Bryants Heath

- i. Neil Thrush reported that he was still working his way through the hydrological lease correspondence.
- ii. Volunteers from North East Norfolk Conservation Volunteers, together with other local parishioners were on the heath to continue clearing gorse.
- iii. Bryants Heath updates should be posted on the Parish website.

b. Stow Heath

- i. There are still concerns about ownership especially with the Land Registry. It was suggested that a clause should be added to the licence stating that the Parish Council holds ownership. The licence can then be signed with the Felbeck Trust.

5. Allotments

- i. Plot 19 will be vacated but still awaiting formal notification.
- ii. Cllr. Neil Thrush is to notify all allotment holders keeping poultry to keep their poultry indoors or remove from the allotments in line with the guidelines from DEFRA during the current Avian Flu outbreak.

6. Highways

- i. Cllr. John Newstead reported that the county Councillor Saul Penfold was still chasing funding to assist with the preservation of Farthing Green.

7. Planning

- a. Nothing to report

8. Village Hall Update

- i. The Village Hall is now breaking even.
- ii. Pre-Diabetes classes are to be held in the hall.
- iii. The Chairman suggested that the village hall may hold Young Farmers club meetings during the winter.

9. RFO and Clerk's Report

- a. The bank balance stood at £4120 at the end of September 2022.

- b. The value of the asset register should be increased by 10%.
- c. The proposed budget for 2023/24 was discussed and accepted
- d. The Chairman proposed that the precept should not be increased for 2023/24, which was seconded by Cllr. Neil Thrush. The precept will remain at £1850.

10. Any other business

- a. Following the receipt of a report from NNDC on the condition of the dog waste bins in the parish, it was decided that they will be left as they are for the time being.
- b. There was a discussion about the provision of a 'hot spot' being set up in the Parish but it was decided that this would not be pursued.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on 18th January 2023 at 7pm in the village hall.

Signed by Chairman

Date