

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 19.00 at Felmingham Village Hall

Present

Chairman Tim Papworth, Cllr. Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Syd Arksey, County Cllr. Saul Penfold, District Cllr. Peter Netherway .

Cllr. Peter Netherway was introduced to the meeting as the new District Councillor for the ward.

1. Minutes

- a. Ordinary Meeting 18th January 2023
 - i. Item 8 was to be updated to state that the first aid kit had been checked and updated.
 - ii. The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.

2. Heaths

a. Bryants Heath

- i. The funding applied for had been unsuccessful on this occasion but a new bid will be submitted for the next round of funding.
- ii. NEPC had done an excellent flailing job and provided very good value for money.
- iii. NENCV have been back working on the heath 3 or 4 times this year already and have submitted an invoice for payment
- iv. Liz and Pam have been a big help.
- v. Our contact with Natural England has moved on, but she will be replaced. Cllr. Neil Thrush has asked who the new one is.
- vi. The funding bid included a new management plan, superceding the old one. This poses the problem of which management plan should we be working to?
- vii. If we our next funding bid is successful, NEPC will be asked back again to roll the bracken.
- viii. Rachel Danvers, Heath Farm is still unhappy about the BMX activity on the heath.
- ix. Cllr. Neil Thrush gave the Clerk the NENCV invoice for payment and also requested a contribution towards his expenses be considered. The Chairman approved payment of his expenses from the amount remaining from the Clan Trust donation.

b. Stow Heath

- i. Felbeck Trust have not yet reported progress back to us. We will request quarterly updates to report to subsequent Parish meeting.

3. Allotments

- i. There is a good community on the allotments. All plots let and 3 names on the waiting list
- ii. A problem of tenants driving down the tracks.

4. Highways

- i. The number of water leaks are of concern.
- ii. Farthing Green preservation progress – it was suggested that as a bare minimum, there should be a prosperity marker.

5. Planning

- a. None to report

6. Village Hall Update

- i. The village hall had its best income of the year from the coronation weekend.
- ii. The Young Farmers club would like the bar on a Tuesday night for a meeting of a maximum of 20 people. The Chairman will tell them to get in touch with the Village Hall.

7. RFO and Clerk's Report

- a. The bank balance stands at £3939.
- b. The Clerk took the meeting through the audit paperwork which was agreed and signed by the Chairman, together with the exemption certificate.
- c. The insurance is due for renewal at the beginning of June. It was agreed that the current policy with Zurich be automatically renewed.
- d. Following the sad loss of Cllr. Gouldsmith, another signatory is need for the bank. The Clerk suggested that since she was Responsible Financial Officer it would make sense for her to be the third signatory. This would then enable her to sort out online banking and have a more immediate access to the Parish banking information. This would in no way compromise the security of the parish's banking activities. This was agreed.
- e. The re-declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator has been completed, submitted and acknowledged.
- f. The Clerk reminded all parish Councillors that they should have completed the nomination paperwork and returned it to North Norfolk District Council as part of the election process.
- g. Following the loss of Cllr. John Gouldsmith, the Parish Council has a vacancy.

8. Any other business

- a. The following meeting dates were agreed for the next year
 - i. 16th August 2023
 - ii. 18th October 2023 (budget and precept)
 - iii. 10th January 2024
 - iv. 15th May 2024 (AGM and audit)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Signed by Chairman

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Date