

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th August 2022 at 19.00 at Felmingham Village Hall

Present

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

1. Welcome

- a. Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all that were there.
- b. Trevor Williams and Val Stubbs from the Felbeck Trust were gave a short presentation about the Felbeck Trust and their proposed management scheme for Stow Heath.
 - i. The Trust was formed in 2015 to manage small sites to benefit wildlife.
 - ii. They work in partnership with the National Trust and NNDC (North Norfolk District Council).
 - iii. All work is carried out by volunteers.
 - iv. 80+ sites have been identified by NNDC as being suitable for the Trust to manage.
 - v. The Trust's aim is to manage small sites to improve wildlife.
 - vi. The Trust has £10,000,000 third party liability cover.
 - vii. Volunteers from the parish would be welcomed to work on Stow Heath but should no-one volunteer then the work would still be undertaken.
 - viii. Tim Papworth informed the meeting that the Stow Heath felling licence is still current.
 - ix. The Felbeck Trust aim to provide a mixed habitat of trees, the old established, healthy existing trees, and newly planted saplings.
 - x. Responsibility for the trees remains with the owner, but this could be managed jointly between Angie Sayer, the Parish Council and Felbeck Trust.
 - xi. All Councillors were happy with the adoption of this management proposal.
 - xii. A management pack will be provided.
 - xiii. The lease will be for 10 years and will be modelled on the one that the trust already has with NNDC.
 - xiv. Public access will be managed by having 2 or 3 open days a year, where the work being carried out and it's results can be shown and explained to visitors.

2. Apologies

- a. Cllr. Des Fern, Cllr. Saul Penfold

3. Minutes

- a. AGM 10th May 2022
 - i. There were no matters arising.
 - ii. The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.
- b. Ordinary Meeting 10th May 2022
 - i. There were no matters arising.
 - ii. The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.

4. Heaths

a. Bryants Heath

- i. Neil Thrush will continue to pursue the issues surrounding the hydrological lease.
- ii. Neil Thrush informed the meeting that the North East Norfolk Conservation Volunteers (NENCV) would be on the heath again at the end of August.
- iii. An invoice has been received for the 3 days work carried out by NENCV earlier in the year. Neil Thrush proposed the invoice (7) for £170 was paid. The Chairman agreed.
- iv. Elaine Walker of Natural England has submitted a funding bid on behalf of the Parish Council to carry out some flailing work.

b. Stow Heath

This was covered in the presentation given by Trevor Williams and Val Stubbs at the start of the meeting.

5. Allotments

- i. Plot 9 will be vacated at the end of October 2022.
- ii. Plot 23 has now been vacated and will be let to Scott Berry.

6. Highways

- i. The Clerk was asked to write to the current occupants of Larks Rise, North Walsham Road asking them to cut back their hedge overhanging the pavement along Goulders Lane.

7. Planning

- ii. The applicants of the planning application for Felmingham Old Rectory have been granted a time extension until November 2022.

8. Village Hall Update

- a. Mike Pepperell updated the meeting on the following: -
 - i. There is to be a parish yard sale on 27th August which will include defibrillator training and refreshments at the village hall. Funds raised from this event will go towards the updating of the front kitchen of the hall.
 - ii. Consideration is being given to multi gym equipment being installed outside of the village hall.
 - iii. Play equipment for older children is also being considered in the adjacent field to the swings.

9. RFO and Clerk's Report

- a. The bank balance stood at £3408 at the end of July 2022.
- b. The annual audit has been completed and ratified by the internal auditor, Maria Garafalo. Copies of the audit were distributed to the meeting and discussed. The Chairman proposed that they were signed, seconded by Cllr, Neil Thrush.

10. Any other business

- a. A donation from The Clan Trust of £500 had been received as a contribution towards the work being done on Bryants Heath. The Chairman explained that The Clan Trust's aim was to support the old, the young and agriculture.
- b. Pam Neil proposed that Cllr Neil Thrush and Liz Wilson should receive a contribution towards their expenses incurred during their work maintaining Bryants Heath. This was wholeheartedly agreed by all at the meeting and was seconded by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on 11th October 2022 at 7pm in the village hall. The budget, precept, and asset register will be discussed and a review of formal documents undertaken at this meeting.

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Signed by Chairman

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Date