

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 19.00 at Felmingham Village Hall

1) Welcome

Present - Vice Chairman Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Des Fern, Cllr. Syd Arksey, District Councillor Peter Netherway

- a) Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all that were there.
- b) County Councillor not present
- c) District Councillor update
 - i) North Norfolk District Council have approved their new 4 year plan.
 - ii) There is to be a full operational review of how NNDC operate.
 - iii) No update on Felmingham Rectory.

2) Apologies

- a) Cllr. Saul Penfold, Chairman Tim Papworth, Revd David Chamberlain

3) Minutes

a) Ordinary Meeting 16th August 2023

- i) (3a) – The £500 donation received from The Clan Trust is to be ring fenced for Bryants Heath expenditure only.
- ii) Following on from the discussions about a memorial bench specifically for the late John Gouldsmith, it was agreed that a bench should be purchased by the Village Hall, to be placed securely at the Village Hall and to be inscribed with “To remember all those who have served the village”. Cllr. Mike Pepperell proposed that the Parish Council contributed 50% of the cost to a maximum of £300. Seconded by Cllr. John Newstead.
- iii) The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Vice Chairman.

4) Heaths

a) Bryants Heath

- i) £1600 has finally been received from the Environment Agency to cover the legal fees and lease up to 2027.
- ii) £50 donation has been received from Norfolk Orienteering for the use of the heath.
- iii) Maintenance work will start again in November.

b) Stow Heath

- i) No update

5) Allotments

- a) Revised tenancy agreements have been sent out
- b) Four tenants have been sent reminders about their responsibilities as tenants

6) Highways

a) Farthing Green

- i) The quote for the preservation of Farthing Green was £9000!! Details of how this figure was reached is to be requested from Cllr. Saul Penfold
- ii) The meeting agreed that subject to a satisfactory explanation of the £9000, a bid for funding from the Parish Partnership fund is to be submitted for 50% of the cost, 25% funded by the Parish Council and 25% from Cllr. Saul Penfold's budget. If the bid is successful, the Parish Council will go ahead. This was proposed by Cllr. Neil Thrush and seconded by Cllr. John Newstead.

- b) The speed watch team have received a letter asking them “not to hide” when carrying out their speed watch duties.
- c) It has been suggested that the PCSOs could assist the speed watch teams so that they can legally issue speeding tickets.
- d) Cllr. Peter Netherway told the meeting that the reason for the recent meeting held in North Walsham was because of the death of Alfie Brown. The police only have 11 officers to use for speed watch. Another

meeting is on the cards in the new year to try and reverse some of the earlier decisions made about speeding management.

7) Planning

- a) Nothing to report

8) Village Hall Update

- i) The Village Hall is £2500 in profit.

9) RFO and Clerk's Report

- a) The bank balance stood at £4147 at the end of September
- b) The Clerk presented the asset register.
- c) The Clerk presented the proposed budget for 2024/25 which was agreed.
- d) Cllr. Mike Pepperell proposed that the precept remained at £1850 for 2024/25. This was seconded by Cllr. John Newstead.

10) Any other business

- a) Carol Coughtrey was co-opted onto the Parish Council
- b) Meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting will be on 3rd January 2024

Signed by Chairman

Date