

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 19.00 at Felmingham Village Hall

Present

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

- **Welcome**
 - Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all that were there.
- **Apologies**
 - Cllr. John Gouldsmith, Cllr. Greg Hayman
- **Minutes**
 - **Matters Arising**
 - Minute 4aiv – Cllr. Neil Thrush is to contact NNDC about the provision of a black refuse bin for collection of heath rubbish on the usual collection round
 - Minute 5a – has been actioned.
 - Minute 6a – Cllr. Mike Pepperell is to action provision of gritting bins.
 - Minute 5c – Safety of the oak tree on the entrance to the allotments is to be followed up by the Chairman and Cllr Saul to be kept informed.
 - **Signing**
 - The minutes of the Ordinary Parish meeting held on 12th October 2021 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.
- **Heaths**
 - **Bryants Heath**
 - Cllr Neil Thrush reported on the ongoing maintenance focussing on gorse clearance and thinning out of saplings
 - The North East Norfolk Conservation Volunteers will be back in early February to assist with gorse clearance.
 - Norfolk Junior Orienteering will be using the heath.
 - The Chairman has received correspondence from DEFRA advising that the heath is considered to be a nitrate vulnerable zone (NVZ).
 - **Stow Heath**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Allotments**
 - All plots are allocated
 - The tin shed and tractor at the entrance to the allotments have been cleared.

- The bottom left-hand corner has been cut back by Cllr. Neil Thrush and the Chairman.
- 7 names are on the waiting list ready to take over John Witham's remaining plots from May 1st.
- The Chairman suggested a fire beacon on the allotments on the land recently cleared to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. The idea was discussed, but it was decided not to go ahead due to H&S logistics.
- Aiden Checketts has requested permission for a shed which was granted.
- **Highways**
 - Pothole on Hylton Crossways, just before the railway crossing has been reported. Really bad potholes should also be reported to Cllr. Saul Penfold.
 - Potholes on Hall Road and at Beck Farm have been reported via the highway's website by Cllr. Mike Pepperell.
 - The speed camera (SAM) has been faulty. Cllr. Mike Pepperell has reported it to Westcotec and they will be picking it up.
 - SAM has detected a regular 60+mph past the village post office on a Wed/Thursday night. This will be reported to the police
 - Cllr. Saul Penfold reported that he has a budget for highways issues and the Chairman asked if this could be used to preserve Farthing Green before it completely disappears.
- **Planning**
 - An application had been received for maintenance work on a chestnut tree at Meadowsweet Cottage.
 - There was a discussion on the missing link for the NDR. It will be going ahead.
 - There was a discussion on the North Norfolk Local plan which at this stage is a technical consultation. The meeting highlighted the provision of water for new domestic development as this is already a problem for Anglian Water for the current requirements.
- **Village Hall Update**
 - The village hall was opened by Norman Lamb and the Chairman thanked Cllr. John Newstead for his work. The village hall is now fully up and running.
 - Carol at the Village shop has been given an award for her services to the village during the pandemic.
- **RFO and Clerk's Report**
 - The bank balance stood at £2805.12 at the end of December 2021.
- **Any other business**
 - Real fibre broadband to properties rather than just to the cabinet could become a reality for parishioners if the proposals made by the County Broadband Team go ahead. They are to be invited to the next meeting. All households should have been notified by the team.

- Norfolk County Council budget is expected to result in a rise of 3.99% this year. The budget is to be agreed at the end of February. There will be yet further cuts to Adult and Childrens services.

The meeting closed at 20.10

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7:00 in Felmingham Village Hall

Signed by Chairman

Date