

MINUTE 1505

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 12th day of FEBRUARY 2018 at the Methodist Chapel, Bell Street – commencing 7.30 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mrs Batten, Messrs Cooper, Lambert, Leamon, Rayner and Storey, Mrs Bane and Mrs Enefer-Harrison. Also present 4 members of the public and Squadron Leader Neild.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mrs Arnold and Mrs McGeeney.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, agreed and duly signed by the Chairwoman.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The meeting was suspended for 9 minutes to allow members of the public to speak.

MATTERS ARISING

1. RAF Feltwell – Squadron Leader Neild said there has been more night flying and the base entrance along Long Lane has been cleaned up following a complaint to the Clerk. He will investigate the loud bang which occurred around 6.30 pm earlier in the evening. Squadron Leader departed the meeting at 7.44 pm.
2. SNT – Various Police Connect emails have been received, one report of hare coursing in Feltwell.
3. Risk Assessment – Mrs Bane carried out the inspection and reported that the baby swings need cleaning, the monkey bars need a repaint and the wooden bench could do with staining. The lines on the tennis court also need repainting. Mrs Batten said these were all jobs that could be done when the weather warms up a bit. There were a few twigs and branches lying around due to the high winds recently but overall the field was clean and tidy. Clerk said the handyman had repaired the broken downpipe. Clerk will obtain quotes for annual inspection. Mr Storey to carry out next Playing Field inspection.
4. Balance Sheet – Both December and January balance sheets were presented. No queries. Clerk pointed out that due to the bank not amending the standing order to K&M Lighting as instructed, there was a discrepancy on the January balance sheet of £10.24. This should be rectified shortly.
5. Allotment Pest Control – No report received.
6. NALC – Weekly newsletters and updates have been circulated.
7. Skate Park – Mrs Bane said the start date is still to be confirmed and as there is a deficit of £2000, Canvas Spaces will work to a budget of £73,000. Hall Contracts at Lakenheath have offered to remove the fence FOC and Mr Lambert offered to store it. An email from Lorraine Gore, Executive Director of Financial Services at the Borough Council was read out suggesting that the Parish Council fund the VAT on the project using the precept instead of a loan since this was just a cash flow issue. This would save the parish interest charges on the loan and legal costs regarding the legal charge on the land to secure the loan. She would arrange for the precept to be paid on 3rd April 2018. Mr Lambert proposed the Parish Council fund the VAT, Mrs Enefer-Harrison seconded, all in favour.
8. Briefing sessions (i) Local Plan – Site Allocations & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (ii) 5 year land supply – No further news.

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MATTERS ARISING CONT.

9. Street Light Replacement – Clerk has ordered four new LED streetlights to be installed along Long Lane. These are the same spec as those previously installed at a price of £205 + VAT each.
10. Ranger Visit – The Rangers were not seen in the village therefore Clerk to request report.
11. Website – Clerk attended the Wordpress training but Mr Rayner was unable to due to work commitments. Between them, the website now has a lot more content but is still under construction. Mr Lambert thanked the Clerk and Mr Rayner for setting this up.
12. Hedge Cutting – No date as yet from Orbit, Clerk to chase.
13. Dog Bins – Dog bin has been installed.
14. Additional Post Boxes – Clerk said there are no costs incurred in applying for a new post box. Once the position is agreed, Royal Mail will raise a minor works number and a report will be written up and submitted to the local collections manager for their approval. If approved, Royal Mail will gain all permissions and undertake relevant utility searches. It can then take up to 16-18 weeks for the installation. Clerk to apply for new post box to be situated near the school entrance.
15. Breach of Planning – Nothing further has been received.
16. Advertisement Signs – All signs have been removed.
17. Paynes Lane Traffic – Still no response from NCC.
18. Brandon Bank Bridleways – Mrs Enefer-Harrison said she had met with the resident to view the bridleway. It is very overgrown and in her opinion needs a tree surgeon to undertake this work. Mr Storey suggested getting back in contact with David Mills from NCC to ask if he could advise who the landowner is so the Parish Council can contact them. Clerk to contact David Mills.
19. Highways – Pothole at the junction of The Beck with Oak Street has not been repaired yet. The one along Hythe Road has although there is now another opposite this.
20. Football Club Request – During Public Speaking, Mr Williams, U10 Football Manager, put forward his request and ideas for storage for the larger goals that are required now that his team have gone up to a 9v9 formation. Mrs Batten enquired whether he could sink concrete in the ground and chain the goals to it. Mr Lambert said he would prefer a container and Mr Williams said a 30ft container would be adequate. Mr Lambert suggesting visiting the field with Mr Williams to ascertain where a container could be sited and then a decision can be made at the next meeting. Meeting arranged for 9.30 am on Saturday 17th February. Mrs Batten and Mr Cooper said they would also be available to attend.
21. Feltwell War Memorial – Mrs Batten proposed allowing Feltwell Fundraisers to display crocheted and knitted poppy heads on the War Memorial railings a week before the Remembrance Service, all in favour.
22. Grass Maintenance Contract – There were no amendments to last year's Grass Maintenance Specification and the Clerk read out four tenders received for this season's contract. The contract was awarded to Hamill Landscaping & Maintenance Services from Mildenhall at £2320.00 + VAT as this was considered to be the best value for money due to the problems and dissatisfaction with CGM in the past. Clerk to request the first cut to be done the first week of April and arrange a meeting prior to the start date. Proposed by Mr Rayner, seconded Mrs Bane, all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING CONT.

23. National Playing Fields Association Membership 2018-19 – Clerk advised membership is up for renewal at £30 per year. Mrs Batten proposed renewing membership, all in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 24. Norfolk Police Connect – Various emails received and circulated
- 25. Op Randall Rural Crime – Newsletters received and circulated as appropriate
- 26. Norfolk Constabulary – Email – Denton Parish Newsletter (circulated 11/1/18 and 8/2/18)
- 27. Norfolk County Council – Various emails received and circulated
- 28. UKPN – Email – Invitation to Norwich Roadshow 5/2/18
- 29. Norfolk Playing Fields Association – Email – Newsletter
- 30. Fiona Walker, Chief of Staff to Elizabeth Truss MP – Email – Invitation to meeting with Elizabeth Truss MP and Secretary of State for Culture 23/2/18 at Weeting Village Hall
- 31. Kickstart Norfolk – Email – Funding Secure for Rural Norfolk & Relevant Suffolk Areas
- 32. Children's Services – Email – Early Help Bulletin
- 33. JACS (UK) Ltd – Email – Promotion of products, particularly white village gateways
- 34. Brochures – Parish Magazine

- 35. **CHEQUES** – Were signed for the following – J Martin £25.60, S Sargent £98.95, T George £39.35, Cash £5.00, Methodist Church £10.63, Viridor £126.36, Post Office (SSE – street lighting) £586.76, Post Office Ltd (SSE – Changing Rooms) £84.00, Berryman £16.92, Anglian Water £11.80, D G Waters & Sons £576.00. Standing orders to Mrs J Martin £813.19 and K&M Lighting £158.15, and direct debit to BT £48.68.

- 36. **PLANNING** – Mr D Heath – Side extension and porch at 32 Paynes Lane – APPROVED. Mr Lambert will attend the general update session on 6th March 2018.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 37. Highways – Several holes in the splay at Oakfields Estate entrance need attention. Roadsweeper was present 5th February but had to turn away due to gritters coming. Will be back in the village this week.

- 38. Senior Feltwell FC Team – Enquiry re hire charge for Changing Rooms should the team reform. Clerk to advise £20/time.

- 39. Parking Bell Street – Complaints have been received re the parking of vehicles along Bell Street being too close to the Oak Street junction making it very dangerous. Clerk to write to residents to ask if there is anywhere else they can park.

- 40. Mud on Road – Lots of mud on the road from fields near the top of Lodge Road believed to belong to E W Porter & Son. Mr Storey will speak with them.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.30 pm.
Meeting declared closed 8.45 pm.

On the 6/2/18, the following Planning was approved by 5 Councillors - Mr M Skedge, construction of garages and carports at Whitehouse Farm Barn, 42A and 44 Long Lane 6/2/18