

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

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mrs Batten, Messrs Cock, Cooper, Lambert, Rayner and Storey, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Bane and Mrs Enefer-Harrison. Also present 15 members of the public and Squadron Leader Neild.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mr Leamon and Mrs McGeeney.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mr Cock declared an interest in Planning.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The meeting was suspended for 10 minutes to allow members of the public to speak.

MATTERS ARISING

1. **RAF Feltwell** – Sq Leader Neild said night flying will continue to increase until May. The Chair enquired about the excessive water on the A1065 opposite the shooting range which Sq Leader said was due to an uncapped pipe belonging to the base and action is in place to rectify this. Date for personnel moving into Trenchard Square has been delayed due to extensive repair work to buildings damaged by excessive water leaks caused by the bad weather. The loud bang heard around 6.45 pm on 12th February was due to the 48th EOD team urgently conducting a demolition. The urgency of the stance was unusual but they will endeavour to inform the Parish Council about the use of the EOD range. This year sees the 100th Anniversary of the RAF and arrangements are being made for the Baton Relay to pass through Feltwell on the 29th June 2018, format to be confirmed. Sq Leader departed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

2. **SNT** – Various Police Connect emails have been received, none relating to Feltwell.

3. **Risk Assessment** – Mr Storey carried out the inspection yesterday morning and said he was pleased to see a lot of people on the field due to a football match. There are suckers growing from the tree stumps near the car park which are over 6ft high and need removing. The waste bin had been overturned. There is ivy growing up the concrete posts and also on the wall in the far corner which needs cutting at the bottom. Clerk to speak to Handyman. The outside of the perimeter fencing is overgrown with briars which need cutting back. Clerk to report to the Rangers. There are large conifers overhanging the wall near the play area by at least 2m and the grass is dying underneath. They are also causing the cap stones to come off and the wall is deteriorating. Clerk to write to owners of the trees about cutting these back. The nut is still missing on the teen shelter, Clerk to speak to Handyman. Clerk read out three quotations for the annual inspection, the cheapest being Wicksteed at £45.00 + VAT. Mrs Bane proposed Wicksteed, Mrs Arnold seconded, all in favour. Clerk to arrange. Mr Rayner to carry out next Playing Field inspection.

4. **Balance Sheet** – Discrepancy of £0.02 due to discrepancy between standing order and K&M Lighting invoice. This should be rectified next month.

5. **Allotment Pest Control** – January and February reports received and also the annual report.

6. **NALC** – Weekly newsletters and updates have been circulated.

7. **Skate Park** – Mrs Bane said due to the bad weather, the start date will now be 26th March. Canvas Spaces will relocate on this date and building work will commence 1st April.

MATTERS ARISING CONT.

Deficit now is £800 and local companies have been contacted. Mrs Bane asked if the Parish Council would consider funding the shortfall if the amount was not met. Mrs Batten asked the Parish Councillors to consider this request in time for the next meeting when Mrs Bane would know if this was still outstanding.

8. Briefing sessions (i) Local Plan – Site Allocations & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (ii) 5 year land supply – No further news.

9. Street Light Replacement – Four new LED streetlights are on order for Long Lane.

10. Ranger Visit – The Rangers are next in the village w/c 2 April 2018. Clerk will instruct them to clear and sweep alleyways as well as cutting the briars around the playing field perimeter.

11. Hedge Cutting – Orbit are in discussions with the resident regarding payment and will reinstate it when this has been resolved.

12. Additional Post Boxes – Royal Mail will replace the stolen post box along Wilton Road. Clerk will have information on the post box along The Beck at the next meeting.

13. Breach of Planning – Site visit has been carried out and the wall was deemed acceptable by Planning Enforcement although the householder has been invited to regularise it by applying for formal planning permission.

14. Paynes Lane Traffic – Still no response from NCC. Clerk to chase.

15. Brandon Bank Bridleways – Email received from David Mills stating that he is meeting the landowner on 13th March and will revert with an update after this.

16. Highways – Pothole at the junction of The Beck with Oak Street and on Hythe Road are both programmed for repair as is the splay at the Oakfields Estate entrance.

17. Football Club Request – Mrs Batten and Mr Lambert met with Mr Williams at the playing field to discuss the container. Stipulations are that it is purchased by the Football Club, it is situated near the scout hut but far enough away from it and also the fence to prevent children climbing on top and it must also be painted in keeping with the surroundings. Mrs Batten proposed permitting the Junior Football Club to have a container on the field subject to the above stipulations being adhered to, all in favour. Mr Storey said appreciation should be passed on to Mr Williams for the excellent upkeep of the football pitch.

18. Grass Maintenance Contract – Clerk said the first cut will take place during the first week of April and asked Mr Lambert and Mrs Batten to join her in a meeting with Mr Hamill prior to this to view St Nicholas's Churchyard and discuss access to it. Clerk to arrange.

19. Parking Bell Street – Clerk has written to owners of vehicles.

20. Review Allotment Terms of Reference – To remain as present, Chair proposed, all in favour.

21. Review Financial Standing Orders – Several Parish Councillors said they did not have copies of these and could not access those which the Clerk had emailed. This will be carried over to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

22. Norfolk Police Connect – Various emails received and circulated
23. Op Randall Rural Crime – Newsletters received and circulated as appropriate
24. Norfolk Constabulary – Email – Denton Parish Newsletters
25. Norfolk County Council – Various emails received and circulated
26. BCKLWN – Email – Public Consultation - Tree Strategy
27. Came & Company – Email – Advice re snow and ice, precautions and how to make a claim
28. TWR Accountants – Email – March 2018 Tax Tips & Newsletter
29. Vocals Magazine – Email – Offer to produce Parish Council Newsletters at a reduced rate
30. Civic Voice – Email - Invitation to attend the Chelmsford 'Sharing Success' Event on 24th April
31. Brochures – Parish Magazine, Broxap, Clerks & Councillors

32. **CHEQUES** – Were signed for the following – S Sargent £76.86, Cash £5.00, Methodist Church £10.63, Viridor £124.56, Post Office (SSE – street lighting) £514.63, Berryman £23.40, John Rolph £50.00 (Jan), National Playing Fields Association £30.00, NALC £66.00, John Rolph £50.00 (Feb). Standing orders to Mrs J Martin £813.19 and K&M Lighting £158.15, and direct debit to BT £49.25.

33. **PLANNING** – Mr & Mrs Rapin – Single storey extension at 52 Lodge Road – APPROVED; Feltwell Developments – Erection of 46 developments with associated garages and highway works at 10 Lodge Road AMENDED – This was extensively discussed and during Public Speaking several members of the public had raised their concerns. It was noted that some items had been addressed such as the Almshouse parking and the increase in social housing but others had not. Mrs Enefer-Harrison proposed refusing this application, Mrs Bane seconded, 5 councillors in favour of refusal, Mr Cock and Mr Storey abstained. Application to be refused for the following reasons:-

- It is still over-intensive
- The new positioning of the bus shelter is unsafe and needs to be further assessed
- The proposed access is too dangerous
- A pedestrian crossing/traffic lights is being assessed but must be installed
- A proper survey must be conducted to gain a true picture of traffic at during busy periods, i.e. in school term time and at drop off/pick up times
- No street light information has been provided. Details are required of where these are to be sited.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

34. Highways – Southery Road is peppered with potholes, some very deep, and the condition of the road is dangerous because drivers are swerving to miss them. Mr Storey said he had instructed NCC to repair not just the reported pothole, but all those in the vicinity of it.

35. Mulberry Close - Clerk read out complaint from a Mulberry Close resident concerned about the deteriorating condition of the grass verges caused by cars parking or turnaround on them. Clerk to report to Borough Council.

36. Litter – Mrs Enefer-Harrison said a great effort had been made by some residents to clear up the litter at the top of Lodge Road which had become exposed following hedge cutting. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Des Frost who organised this. She also said a lot of glass has been found on the pavement near the telephone box. Clerk to ask Handyman to clear this away.

37. Dogs' Mess – The amount of dogs' mess around the village is increasing again. Mr Storey said the Borough Council are taking this in hand and that any dog owner's seen to be leaving dog mess should be reported to them. Clerk to ask Borough if a mobile camera can be put up by the school.

ANOTHER OTHER BUSINESS CONT.

38. Allotment Walkabout: March – This was carried out by Mrs Bane who said there were no concerning issues.

39. Royal British Legion – During Public Speaking, John Linkin spoke of the Great Pilgrimage 90 which is a modern recreation of the 1928 Pilgrimage. From 5th to 9th August 2018, two representatives from Feltwell RBL will attend a Remembrance tour of the battlefields and Mr Linkin said that of the 58 names on Feltwell War Memorial, 15 are buried in the cemeteries of Menin Gate, Thiepval and Tyne Cot. He asked if the Parish Council would be happy for him to lay wreaths at these cemeteries on behalf of Feltwell.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30 pm.
Meeting declared closed 8.55 pm.
