

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 11th day of JUNE 2018 at the Methodist Chapel, Bell Street – commencing 7.30 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Messrs Lambert (Vice Chair), Cock, Leamon, 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 Mrs Batten (Chair), Mr Cooper and Mrs McGeeney.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

MINUTES: Mrs Arnold said that her record of attendance details had not been recorded in the minutes. These details were added and then the minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, agreed and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

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

MATTERS ARISING

In the Chair's absence, Mr Lambert (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.

1. RAF Feltwell – Squadron Leader said that following a surge in May of flying activity, this should now be fairly steady and below average for this time of year. There will be an RAF 100 Baton Relay in Feltwell on 29th June to celebrate 100 years of the RAF. The runners will be paced by cyclist Norman Gregory, a 96 year old Bomber Command veteran. They will go onto the base and then depart to the next stage at Lakenheath. Squadron Leader departed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

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

3. Risk Assessment – Mrs Enefer-Harrison carried out the risk assessment on Friday afternoon. She had found a man to be sleeping in the teen shelter, possibly a homeless person, and had contacted the Clerk. Mr Lambert had been over to speak with the gentleman but he had departed and has not been seen since. Mrs Enefer-Harrison reported some graffiti on the chalk wall belonging to Corner Lodge and also on the teen shelter. Clerk to ask Handyman to tend to these jobs and to pay special attention to the chalk wall since it does not belong to the Parish Council. Conifers are still overhanging this wall and killing the grass underneath, Clerk to write to owner. Mrs Enefer-Harrison said the skate park was neat and tidy and the field had been cut well. The play equipment was also in good order. Clerk has spoken with Highways and the greenery around the outside perimeter of the playing field belongs to the Parish Council so Clerk will ask Handyman to cut the briars back from the road. Mr Cooper to carry out next Playing Field inspection.

4. Balance Sheet – No queries.

5. Allotment Pest Control – No reports have been received for May or June.

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

MATTERS ARISING CONT.

7. Skate Park – Mrs Bane said the Open Day had been a big success and was well attended. Elizabeth Truss MP had opened it and Mrs Bane thanked those Councillors who also attended. Mr Storey praised Mrs Bane and Mrs Martin for doing a superb job, adding how pleasing it was to see so many people in attendance. During Public Speaking, two residents of Paynes Lane spoke of their experiences with people parking on the car park and playing loud music, and also of users swearing very loudly. Mrs Bane said that the gate is now locked every night at 8.30 pm but one resident felt this should be shut earlier. However, another resident believed this would only encourage people to park around the perimeter of the field or in the gate mouth which was not the answer either. It was generally thought that 6.30 pm was too early to lock the gate and that this was also unfair to other playing field users. A resident said that on one occasion her husband had found the skate park written on with chalk and that a lot of the turf had been thrown on it which he had cleaned off before use. There have also been reports of abundant amounts of litter being left on the skate park. She went on to say that the majority of people do respect it and that the anti-social behaviour was being caused by people who did not reside in Feltwell. She felt the skate park needed monitoring more closely. Mrs Bane said she had been in contact with the Headmistress of the Primary School and owners of the One Stop and the Londis in a bid to clamp down on litter. Mrs Bane proposed that a sign be added below the existing ROSPA sign, asking people to refrain from behaving anti-socially, to respect residents living nearby, and to pick up their litter, Mrs Enefer-Harrison seconded, all in favour. Mrs Bane proposed erecting another sign to be positioned at the car park entrance, advising people of gate opening and shutting times, Mrs Enefer-Harrison seconded, all in favour. Clerk to obtain prices, sign wording to be agreed at next meeting. Mrs Bane said there had been problems keeping the turf in good condition and that later in the year certain areas would be grass-seeded. Mr Lambert said he could supply the top soil.

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 – 11 new LED Indo Air Street Lights have been ordered but there is a delay due to stock shortage. Light at Newcombe Drive is not compatible with any of the redundant lanterns therefore a new LED light for this location was also purchased.

10. Ranger Visit – Clerk read out Rangers report from their last visit but there is no evidence that any of this work has been carried out. Mr Storey will speak with Andrew Wallace.

11. Hedge Cutting – Clerk will continue to chase.

12. Additional Post Boxes – Clerk said the application for the post box to be positioned outside the One Stop is with the Borough Council for location approval. Clerk to chase for information on the post box for Wilton Road.

13. Brandon Bank Bridleways – Mrs Enefer-Harrison said she had relayed the information back to the resident who was delighted with this response. Mr Lambert thanked Mrs Enefer-Harrison for her assistance with this.

14. Football Club Request – Mrs Bane said Mr Williams had informed her that the tractor will be removed from the store room when the roof of the container has been repaired.

MATTERS ARISING CONT.

15. Dogs' Mess – Clerk has received signs from the Borough Council. It was suggested they be attached to the perimeter walls of Oakfields Estate. No decision was made. Mr Storey advised of a consultation being carried out on how to deal with this issue by the Borough Council but Clerk said she had not received any details of this. Clerk said she had spoken with the BC and they had advised highlighting the faeces by circling it with an environmentally-friendly spray paint. Clerk said the paint is roughly £13/can plus delivery. Mr Rayner suggested asking the Litter Picker if she would be able to spray whilst on her litter rounds. Mrs Enefer-Harrison proposed purchasing one can of spray paint and asking the Litter Picker to undertake this task, Mr Cock seconded, all in favour. Clerk said she had spoken with the Borough Council who advised they cannot install CCTV cameras as the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 states that surveillance can only be used in situations where there is serious criminal activity and the breach of dog control order was not considered serious enough.

16. Allotment Walkabout: June – This annual inspection should be carried out by all members of the Allotment Committee but only Mrs Bane and Mr Cock were able to attend. Letters to be sent to several tenants re the condition of their allotments and to offer half plots to those struggling to tend a full plot. Allotment gardens will be inspected again at Mrs Batten's walkabout in July. Mr Storey said it had been brought to his attention that one tenant's chickens had been killed by foxes and he will monitor this situation.

17. Highways – Clerk said that Martin Edmunds had been to view the junction of Long Lane with Short Beck and it was in his opinion that this junction was not in need of repair. Mr Storey will speak to Mr Edmunds re this issue as the Parish Councillors strongly feel this junction needs attention. Drains along Lodge Road have not been repaired yet. Several reports of the roadsweeper in the village w/c 28th May.

18. Parish Partnership Scheme – Mr Storey said he had not yet given consideration as to whether his Location Member's Highway Budget could be spent on a flashing sign along The Beck but he would take a balanced view as to where this money should be spent.

19. Oak Garden – During Public Speaking, a resident had asked if more trees or flowers could be planted in the village, and at Oak Garden. Mr Lambert advised that the Parish Council do not own many of the greens and that these along with the verges and Oak Garden belong to the Borough Council and therefore permission should be sort from them.

20. Data Protection Bill – Ongoing.

21. Request for Playing Field Use – Clerk has received request from Maria Tennant to hold her Boxercise classes on the playing field during the summer months and that she was in receipt of her public liability certificate. Mrs Bane proposed that Ms Tennant be granted permission for her classes, Mrs Enefer-Harrison seconded, all in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

22. Norfolk Constabulary – Email – Denton Parish Newsletter

23. Op Randall Rural Crime – Newsletters received and circulated as appropriate
Norfolk County Council – Emails – Media Invitation: Official opening of Downham Market's new £1m fire station 16/5/18; Cromer Roadshow invitation 12/6/18

CORRESPONDENCE CONT.

- 24. West Norfolk Service Directory – Email - Early Help and Service Directory for June
- 25. TWR Accountants – Email – May 2018 Tax Tips & Newsletter
- 26. CAN - Email – Funding News; Training Newsletter; Jobs Newsletter; Sector Newsletter
- 27. Cambs & Peterborough County Council – Email - Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preliminary Draft Consultation – 16/5/18 to 26 /6/18
- 28. Charity Commission – Email – Newsletter May 2018
- 29. Anglian Water – “Have your say on the future of your water services”
- 30. Westminster Briefing – Update to Data Protection Policy
- 31. Brochures – Parish Magazine

32. **CHEQUES** – Were signed for the following – J Martin £160.86, S Sargent £96.96, T George £38.40, Cash £10.00, Methodist Church £17.00, Viridor £147.77, Luke Hamill (Grass Maintenance) £522.00, Wicksteed Leisure £ 54.00, K&M Lighting £246.00, Mr Lambert £5.00, Mr Reeves £250.00, Canvas Spaces £43,805.46. Standing orders to Mrs J Martin £813.19 and K&M Lighting £158.14, and direct debit to BT £48.60.

33. **PLANNING** – There were no planning applications.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

34. Highways – Clerk has received numerous emails from a High Street resident continually having problems with cars parking on the wrong side of the road opposite the One Stop. The resident has forwarded photographs to the Police. Yellow lines have been discussed in the past but the Clerk was advised by the PCSO that due to the nil accident history here, they were not viable. Road is breaking up outside 14 Bell Street, Clerk to report.

35. Hedges - Hedges belonging to 4 Hereward Way and 2 Oak Street need cutting back as they are encroaching onto the surrounding paths, Clerk to contact owners. Hedges and overhanging trees at the primary school also need cutting back from the path, Clerk to contact school. Hedge along Wilton Road needs cutting back, Clerk to contact Orbit.

36. Knowles Distribution – Mr Leamon will speak with this company as their lorries are coming through the village unnecessarily.

37. Street Sign – Street sign missing from Western Close. Clerk to contact Borough Council.

38. Village Fete – Mrs Bane asked if she and Mrs Martin could have permission to organise a village fete next year. Mrs Bane said she would have more details at July’s meeting regarding a possible date.

39. Feltwell Playgroup – Two representatives attending asked during Public Speaking if the Playgroup could be mentioned on the Parish Council’s website.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.30 pm.
Meeting declared closed 9.10 pm.

On the 5/6/18, Planning was approved for Mr M Coleman for construction of a single storey side extension at 15 Vincent Close by 8 Councillors.