

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 9th day of JULY 2018 at the Methodist Chapel, Bell Street – commencing 7.30 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Messrs Lambert (Vice Chair), Cooper, Leamon, Rayner and Storey, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Bane, Mrs Enefer-Harrison and Mrs McGeeney. Also present 18 members of the public, PC Richard Allan and PC Lee Anderton.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mrs Batten (Chair), Mr Cock and Squadron Leader Neild.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The meeting was suspended for 50 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 was not present therefore no report received.
2. SNT – Various Police Connect emails have been received, one relating to Feltwell; two youths attempting to start a fire with lighters at the playing field.
3. Risk Assessment – Mr Cooper carried out the risk assessment. He said the field was neat and tidy, and the skate park, play equipment and tennis court were in an acceptable condition. A child's bike minus the seat has been abandoned near the skate park. A lot of turf, grass and lumps of concrete have been dumped near the north-west corner near the entrance. At the same spot, the north wall has a large crack in it and some lumps are falling out. Clerk has written to the owner of Corner Lodge re the overhanging conifers. Clerk to ask Handyman to cut back further the briars overhanging Paynes Lane. Mrs McGeeney to carry out next Playing Field inspection.
4. Balance Sheet – No bank statement has been received as yet therefore the Clerk has been unable to produce a balance sheet. Clerk will email this to the Parish Councillors when it is completed.
5. Allotment Pest Control – May and June reports received.
6. NALC – Weekly newsletters and updates have been circulated.
7. Skate Park – PC Lee Anderton and PC Richard Allan had been invited to attend the meeting following reports of anti-social behaviour that some residents believe relate to the skate park. During Public Speaking, questions were posed to them from the public and the Clerk read out an email received from a resident. PC Allan said following reports of drug-dealing and taking at the playing field, all individuals have been spoken to. PC Allan stressed that the skate park is not the cause of the anti-social incidents, these happen at all playing fields and Feltwell is no different to anywhere else. He said that Feltwell is a good village with a good community and he praised the playing field facilities and said the skate park is a great asset. A resident said the skate park is good for the village, good for business and has lots of positives but that Mrs Bane and Mrs Martin cannot be expected to police it and said

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the Police should come as soon as a call is made. PC Anderton said that if resources allowed then that is what would happen but sometimes other matters more urgent take precedence. He urged people to use the contact number 101 if anything anti-social was taking place but said a more efficient method is via the website www.norfolk.police.uk as the 101 number can get very busy. In cases where individuals are approached but are confrontational, 999 should be dialled. Mrs Enefer-Harrison asked if photographic evidence could be used but PC Anderton said it could but must be supported by a statement. He said the Police need people to come forward and make statements because weight of evidence gets Public Order Offences issued. Clerk to put this information in the Parish Magazine. A Paynes Lane resident said she had been sworn at when asking drivers to turn down their music however another resident living nearby said she had not experienced any incidents involving cars or motorbikes on the car park. PC Anderton said that loud music can be viewed as a noise nuisance and should be reported to the Environmental Health. Mr Lambert thanked both PC Anderton and PC Allan and they departed the meeting at 8.23 pm. Mrs Bane read out a monthly report from a resident who is assisting with closing the car park gate which stated that there had been a few issues with litter and swearing. She said noise is not overly loud and mainly from people enjoying themselves. Clerk advised the price of the sign to ask people to refrain from acting anti-socially is £210 + VAT and a sign advising opening/closing times of the car park gate is £235 + VAT including posts or £155 + VAT without. It was agreed that the playing field should be monitored for a longer period before a sign is purchased and as an opening/ closing time could not be agreed for the car park gate, this will be carried over to the next meeting.

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 street lights have been installed and the light at Newcombe Drive has been replaced with an LED light.

10. Ranger Visit – As there is no evidence that any of the work from the last report has been carried out, Mr Storey to speak with Andrew Wallace. Next visit w/c 23rd July.

11. Hedge Cutting – Clerk will continue to chase.

12. Additional Post Boxes – No further news re One Stop and Clerk will continue to chase for information re Wilton Road.

13. Dogs' Mess – Notification of the consultation has been received and Clerk has circulated details via the village Facebook page, the website and the noticeboard. Spray paint has been purchased and the Litter Picker has kindly agreed to undertake the task of spraying a circle around the dog fouling. Signs still to be displayed when decision is made regarding location.

14. Allotment Walkabout: July – In both Mrs Batten's and Mr Cock's absence, Clerk reported that after sending out letters, 1 allotment had been tended to and another two tenants had advised they wished to keep their allotments and would tidy them up. Mr Storey to carry out August Allotment Walkabout.

15. Highways – Mr Storey said that Martin Edmunds will take a further look at the junction of Long Lane with Short Beck where it is dipping in the middle of the road.

16. Parish Partnership Scheme – Mr Storey said he had still not yet given consideration to whether his Location Member's Highway Budget could be spent on a flashing sign along The Beck and will consult with Andrew Wallace on this matter.

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Clerk said she had received correspondence from NCC stating that the Scheme will run again in the financial year 2019/20. Bids must be submitted by 7th December 2018.

17. Data Protection Bill – Ongoing.

18. Hedges – Hedge along Wilton Road belonging to Orbit has been cut back but the bottom of it has been left and protrudes too far onto the path. Clerk to contact Orbit.

19. Knowles Distribution – Mr Leamon has had no response.

20. Street Sign – Clerk has had no response from Borough Council re missing street sign from Western Close.

21. Village Fete – Mrs Bane said the proposed date for the fete is Saturday 15th June 2019. She introduced Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gray who were in attendance and said they would be leading the organisation of it. Mr Rayner had also offered to assist.

22. Feltwell Playgroup – During Public Speaking, a Playgroup representative had thanked the Parish Council for updating the website.

23. Street Light Maintenance Renewal Contract – Clerk has received three quotes, the cheapest from T T Jones Electrical at £521.50 + VAT for one year. The current supplier is considerably more expensive. Clerk has contacted three Parish Councils currently employing the services of T T Jones and all are satisfied with the service provided, however reports from another Parish Council who have used them in the past were not encouraging. Clerk is waiting for a price from T T Jones for installing an Indo Air lantern to compare to the other two companies and the decision will then be based on which company is the most cost effective all round. Due to the time constraints (current contract expires 13th August), Clerk will email all Councillors with the outcome.

CORRESPONDENCE

24. Norfolk Constabulary – Email – Norfolk Safer Community Awards

25. BCKLWN – Email - Dog Fouling and Litter Survey (circulated 25/6/18 and displayed on Noticeboard); Parish Council Election Costs - Uncontested Elections (circulated 30/6/18); Norwich Western Link consultation

26. NCC – Email - Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review: Initial Consultation & Statement of Community Involvement consultation

27. Norfolk Playing Fields Association - Invitation to 7th July Summer Party 2018

28. West Norfolk Service Directory – Email - Networking Event 18/7/18; July Newsletter

29. Campaign to Protect Rural Norfolk (CPRE) – Email – Enter CPRE Norfolk Awards

30. Morelock Signs – Email - Vehicle Activated Signs

31. RAF Lakenheath – Email – Invitation to the Wing Change of Command Ceremony

32. Civic Voice – War Memorial News

33. Brochures – Parish Magazine

34. **CHEQUES** – Were signed for the following – J Martin £123.63, S Sargent £86.06, T George £40.99, Cash £10.00, Methodist Church £14.88, HMRC £197.29, Viridor £129.00, K&M Lighting £2460.00, K&M Lighting £246.00, John Rolph £100.00, E.on £859.79, Canvas Spaces £42,000.00. Standing orders to Mrs J Martin £813.19 and K&M Lighting £158.14, and direct debit to BT £49.13.

35. PLANNING

Mr & Mrs A Wheatley – two storey side extension to 40 Addison Close – APPROVED;
Feltwell Developments – Erection of 46 developments with associated garages and highway works at 10 Lodge Road – REFUSED – ‘Informal’ pedestrian crossing is not acceptable nor is the proposed location which is on a bend where vision is impaired making this a dangerous place to cross a busy road. Permanent pedestrian crossing with traffic lights is required, possible location from 15 Oak Street across to 44 Oak Street. Driveway to property No.1 has direct access onto Lodge Road which will encourage visitors to this property, i.e. delivery vehicles etc, to park along Lodge Road which will be hazardous as this access is too close to the corner of Oak Street.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

36. Highways – Path is in unacceptable condition along High Street opposite the One Stop. Clerk has reported this in the past but will chase.

37. Alleyway – The alleyway from Falcon Drive to the Playing Field is in a terrible condition. Weeds are coming through the pavement making it extremely uneven and unsafe. This is an unadopted footpath therefore Highways will not deal with it.

38. Senior FC – The Clerk reported that the Senior Football Team have reformed and will use the Changing Rooms every Tuesday night for their training.

39 Music Festival – Mrs Bane read out a request from Mr John Stickley regarding a music festival scheduled for 23rd June 2019 in the village. This will take place over a weekend and Mr Stickley has asked permission for the playing field to be used as a location for campers during this event.

40. Playing Field Committee – Mrs Bane asked if the Parish Council would consider setting up a Playing Field Committee.

41. Apology – Mrs McGeeney apologised for her sister and sister-in-law taking their dogs for a walk on the playing field during their visit to her and said they had not seen the ‘No Dogs Permitted’ signs; she asked if these could be more prominent.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 13th August 2018 at 7.30 pm.
Meeting declared closed 9.07 pm.

Planning was approved for the following:-

26/7/18 Dunroamin Developments – Erection of seven dwellings and amendments to access of land adjoining Skye Gardens. Concern from one Parish Councillor was expressed regarding overdevelopment of site and increased traffic along Lodge Road

28/7/18 Mr & Mrs A Pullen – Construction of two dwellings at land accessed between 54 and 56 Wilton Road with concern from one Parish Councillor about the safety of the entrance and concern from another re backyard development