

**NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at North Frodingham, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr Brian Rookes, (Chair), Mrs A Bernard,(arrived at 19.55 hours), Mr D Stead, Mrs A Greaves, Mr D Bannister, Mrs M Gravil, Mr A Wilson, Mr J. Lund, Mr M Doyle, Mrs D Williamson.

**Apologies for absence:** None

**Visitors:** Ward Cllrs J Evison and J Owen, Special Inspector P. Wilson, Mrs J Sykes, Mr D Huzzard,

**Clerk:** Mrs J Harris

Mrs J Sykes had requested an opportunity to address Council and was duly included on the Agenda. Mrs Sykes chose to speak from the front of the meeting and read from a document she had prepared in advance; the content of which was a complaint against the Parish Council in general and the Parish Clerk in particular. Having not received any information about the potential content of the complaint, Council decided not to answer the matters until the next meeting, (June 12<sup>th</sup>) when it will be placed on the Agenda. Interested residents are invited to attend.

Mrs Sykes complaint was that:

- \* Council did not fully discuss the matter of the potential hen-laying pen at the Hatchery site on Grange Road.
- \* That it repeatedly got facts wrong – for this she referred to the Avocet Trust Planning Application at Green Lane Farm, where Council had been told there would be two autistic residents to start with a possibility of the number being doubled to four if space permitted.
- \* The Clerk was told that she was not permitted to talk about a planning application with the applicant.
- \* That Council had failed to follow the Complaints Procedure regarding a written complaint, received before the March meeting that had been sent to the Chairman. This was despite the fact that the Chairman had asked that the Hatchery application be reviewed at the meeting in March to allow discussion of the matters included in the complaint.

Mrs Sykes included several comments about the conduct of the Parish Council which included an accusation of dereliction of duty and quoted, at length, from the Code of Conduct.

The Chairman decided at this point to close this part of the meeting with a reminder that each Parish Councillor, after election, works entirely without remuneration, or recognition, because he or she wishes to serve the local community to the best of his or her ability.

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the meeting held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 having been printed and circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.** There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests raised

**Matters arising:**

- a) From the April A.G.M. and monthly meeting Minutes: No matters were raised
- b) From the April correspondence: No matters were raised.

**Progress Reports:**

- a) Police & ASB report: Special Inspector P. Wilson made special mention of the increasing number of scams operating in the Drifffield area. These concentrated on informing, by telephone, a potential victim that they were to receive some form of financial benefit, from an inheritance, a tax rebate or similar. The objective to gain knowledge of the individual's bank account which would rapidly be emptied.
- b) Social Centre: Cllr Greaves said that she felt intimidated by the comments made by Mrs Sykes; after encouragement from the Chairman she proceeded to report satisfactory inspections of the Electrical system and the Playground equipment. That new seats for the older swings were to be purchased and that the Committee had obtained two tickets for the Jane McDonald Show, at Bridlington Spa, to be raffled for the Social Centre. She asked whether the Parish Council would consider donating a similar-value prize for the raffle. This latter point was deferred to the next meeting for discussion.
- c) Litter bin: The Clerk suggested that Council take the Ward Cllrs suggestion and refer the topic of a waste bin to the Village Taskforce Walkabout.

**Administration:**

- a) War Memorial: Two residents had offered suggestions for the commemoration of the end of the First World War. Mr John Judson had offered to sow field poppies to the rear of the memorial. Mr N Brown had offered to create 23 metal poppies, (similar to those in London) and cement them into a permanent display, (a sample was available for Council to see)

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Council decided to accept both offers with the proviso that the poppy seed pods be removed before splitting to avoid having them spread into the school field.

**Planning Applications:**

- a) Notices of Decision: \* NONE
- b) New Application: \* Certificate of lawfulness for continued use of various ponds for fishing by visiting anglers, at Emmotland Ponds, Howes lane. Applicant Mr A Kitchen; Application Type: Certificate of Lawful Development – Existing. Cllr Evison explained that what was necessary was confirmation that the ponds had been used as a commercial fishing venture for more than ten years. Cllr Lund said they were fully operational nine years ago when he bought Coneygarth Farm. Nobody present was able to confirm the exact date that the business was established but all agreed that it had been in existence for many years. Council recommended renewal of the Certificate of Lawfulness.
- c) Notice of Appeal \* NONE

**Accounts:**

- Debit: \* Mr M. Kay for work on Millennium Garden during April, Cheque number 100754, £51.00  
Mr M Wilson for Cemetery and Church grass during April, cheque number 100755, £165  
  
Cllr Bannister proposed payment of the invoices, Cllr Williamson seconded and all agreed.
- Credit: \* 50% of Precept has been received from ERYC £3750
- Other: \* Annual Audit – The Internal Auditor report having been completed, the Audit has been submitted and the Chairman signed off the Accounts ledger.

**External meetings:**

- \* ERYC Community Transport event, Bishop Burton Hall, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.15 am. Cllr Doyle reported a very good meeting with seven interesting speakers. The outcome was agreement to set five priorities to ensure that a functioning system was maintained. Cllr Evison had spoken of the success of local transport schemes, which had met the needs of 140,000 residents over the past year. Cllr Doyle commented on the poor response he had received to his local survey of bus use in N. Frodingham and suggested we should try and increase usage if we wanted to keep our service.  
He also suggested that we could and should include transport plans in our Village Plan.
- \* *Parish Council Liaison Meeting, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Room 1 County Hall, Beverley, 6.00 pm or Wed.17<sup>th</sup> Bay View Lounge, Bridlington Spa, 6.00 pm: Cllr Bernard to Beverley, Cllr Rookes and Clerk to Bridlington.*
- \* *Village Taskforce Walkabout, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 9.30 am outside Blue Post Inn. Cllrs Bernard and Rookes to attend. Cllr Wilson to do some preparatory work.*
- \* *East & North Yorkshire Waterways Partnership Joint Forum, 12<sup>th</sup> June, Cass Hall, Driffield 14.00-16.00 hours. Cllr Greaves to attend.*

**Documents for/in circulation:**

- \* NONE

**General / sundry correspondence:**

- \* From Zurich Insurance – There will be an increase in Premium Tax from 10% to 12% from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017
- \* From the NOW Community Action Group, against Beeford CAD Plant, with a request for financial support. Ward Cllr Evison has undertaken to establish whether Council can make such a donation. Matter referred to the June meeting
- \* From ERYC Tourism Dept. Re, Channel 4 Village of the Year 2017 competition. Council decided NOT to apply for Village of the Year.

**Councillors reports:**

- Cllr Grivil reported that she too had been the target of a telephone scam.
- Cllr Williamson asked that the fly-tipping in the field along Bridlington Balk be reported to the ERYC
- Cllr Lund asked that we ensure we get our allotted number of verge cuts this year.

**There being no further discussion, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm. The Chair thanked everyone for attending, and confirmed that the next meeting would be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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