

NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in North Frodingham, Monday 10th December 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr Brian Rookes, (Chair), Mrs A. Bernard, Mr D Stead, Mrs A Greaves, Mr J Lund, Mr M Duff, Mrs J Syers.

Apologies for absence: Mrs M. Gravit, Mr M Doyle, Mr A Wilson. Email messages of good wishes for Christmas and the New Year were read out from all Ward Councillors

Visitors: Special Inspector PCSO P. Wilson,

Clerk: Mrs J Harris

Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12th November, having been printed and circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

From the November Minutes: There were no matters raised regarding the Minutes

From the November correspondence: there were no matters raised about the correspondence

Progress Reports and Updates:

- a) Police & ASB report: Special Inspector PCSO P. Wilson gave warning about opportunistic thefts of Christmas presents left on show in vehicles; about the increase in telephone scams with particular reference to those from a bogus BT caller warning about impending line stoppages. She reported that a business in Frodingham had been broken into last month with the loss of tools and other equipment.
- b) Social Centre: Cllr Greaves reported a fairly successful Christmas Fair, but said that too few people had attended. It would appear that the use of Social Media to advertise the events was proving successful with younger residents, but perhaps missing out on older residents. The attendance of the fire brigade complete with engine had proved to be very popular with the youngsters.
- c) Village Plan: There has been no further progress with the Village Action Plan, this will be delayed until the New Year.
- d) A new Chapel renovation quote has been received and work is expected to start after the Christmas holiday.
- e) Hempholme River Bank: No information has been received in response to the Chairman's letter to the Environment Agency.
- f) A Letter from Greg Knight MP re Old Howe breach was read to Council. So far the E.A. has not decided what to do about the breach in Old Howe banks or the closure of the bridge over the waterway. According to a spokesman from ERYC there is still a dispute about ownership of the bridge which is delaying repair. Meanwhile walkers are still crossing over the river using the stone barrier.
- g) Allotment clearance: The allotment has been cleared. The Council is now in the process of deciding conditions for the letting of the land before advertising its availability in Village Voice.

Administration:

- a) Latest Register of Electors received – a copy for each Emergency Box has been prepared and the key holders to shred or burn the old copies.

Planning Applications:

- a) Notices of Decision:
 - * Outline erection five dwellings on site of old Star Inn. APPROVED. This decision provoked some angry comments from the Councillors present as it seems to be yet another example of ERYC Planners totally ignoring the wishes of the local Parish Council. Permission to build five more dwellings on the site of the Old Star Inn breaks the ERYC Local Plan Strategy by permitting building outside the development boundary and ignoring the guidelines for a non-selected settlement of 1-3 new dwellings per annum. It will increase the number of vehicles that have access to Main Street at its narrowest point; will overshadow small terrace houses and will not provide 'affordable housing' for our young people. The question remains - what was the point of producing a Local Plan, after much discussion and finally agreement, if the planners simply ignore it.
- b) New Application:
 - * NONE
- c) Notice of Appeal
 - * NONE

Accounts:

- Debit:
- * Grass/hedge cutting church/cemetery: Cheque number 100806 value £60.00
 - * Cherrys Country Hardware for mower repair. Cheque no. 100805 value £83.99
 - * Millennium Garden – November no invoice had been received.

Both accounts were proposed for payment by Cllr. Lund, seconded by Cllr. Bernard and approved by all present.

- * Cheque value £70.00 to Social Centre for Xmas Fair – paid and receipted

- Credit:
- * NIL

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Other:

- * A letter to requesting Twilight Bus support for 2019 was read to Council. It was proposed, Cllr. Stead, seconded by Cllr. Syers that £400.00 should be sent to Driffield School. There was no dissent from those present.
- * Parish Precept request: Council, having been furnished with a projection of costs to the end of the financial year and an estimate for the 2019/20 year discussed the level of precept that would be required. It was decided that North Frodingham Parish Council should request the same level of funding as there were several factors that may occur over the next twelve months. For example an overall increase in costs as an outcome of BREXIT, and/or the need to purchase a new ride-on mower. The Chair signed a Precept request for £7,500. Cllr Duff asked about the amount being carried forward and was informed that £8-9 thousand was ring-fenced against the possibility of having to pay a salary to a new Parish Clerk at sometime in the future.

External meetings

* ERYC Local Plan Review consultation, Tues. 27th November, Cllr Bernard had intended to attend this meeting at Bridlington but it was cancelled at the last minute.

* ERYC Rural Partnership 22nd November, the Clerk attended in lieu of Cllr Doyle. It was a well-attended AGM with several interesting speeches. There was nothing new in the content although some of the case studies including that of the refurbishment of Foston Village Hall were quite interesting. There were 16 stands available including one about the Centenary Fund on which Frodingham featured quite strongly.

* Local Links Networking & Information 14th December 10.30 am Brid Sports & Community Club. Cllr Doyle to attend

Documents for/in circulation:

NONE

General / sundry correspondence:

- * Thank you received for invitation to Centenary Tea
- * Letter from NHS outlining the new weekend and evening service for GP appointments. Details of this are to be publicised in Village Voice and on the website.

Councillors reports:

Cllr Lund informed Council that he is to have a meeting, at his home, with Greg Knight and hopefully Timothy Kirkup to discuss the Old Howe. It is possible that James Copeland, of the NFU may also attend. On January 18th 2019.

Cllr Stead reported that there is still standing water at the junction of Cross Road and Grange Road. It may be that a hydrant is leaking. The Clerk is to ask Yorkshire Water to investigate.

He also asked whether Council had ever considered erecting a bus shelter in the village. Cllr Rookes said there had been one but it had been removed because it had been vandalised. Council may reconsider this in light of the modern constructions now available.

Cllr Bernard complained at the increasing amount of dog mess now appearing on the verges of lanes. This occurs every year as the dark evenings close in with dog walkers less worried about being seen not clearing up after their animals.

Cllr Syers reported the surface water drain outside Cross Farm is still being tilted up as HGV pass. Someone usually knocks it back into place but until this is done it presents a hazard to pedestrians.

At the end of the meeting Cllr Rookes read to Council a letter of resignation from Cllr Mandy Gravil, effective immediately. Cllr Gravil had found that an increasing workload had been making it difficult for her to give as much time to Parish Council business as she would wish. She therefore felt it right to resign her position.

Cllr Rookes expressed a sincere thank you to Mrs Gravil and on behalf of the Council wished to thank her for her contributions over the past years.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm. The Chair thanked everyone for attending wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year, and confirmed that the next meeting, would be held on the 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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