

NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at North Frodingham Village Hall 7.30 pm Monday 9th December 2019.

Present: Mrs A Bernard (Chair), Mrs P Bigger, Mrs A Mahl, Mr B Rookes, Mrs J Syers, Mr D Stead, Mr M Doyle, Mrs A Greaves, Mr M Duff and Mr C Silcock.

Visitors: Ward Cllr Jane Evison

1. Apologies for absence Miss S Watson.
2. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2019 signed as a true record.
3. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: None declared
4. Matters arising from the November Minutes:
 - A salt bin request to ERYC for Foston Lane has been cancelled pending further discussion as it would require planning consent for being in a conservation area.
 - ERYC have been informed of our decision to remove the BT Kiosk and they have also been informed of our decisions regarding Councillor Remuneration and of our adoption of the Councillor Code of Conduct.
 - The grant to the PTFA of £72 was paid to their representative.
 - The pothole outside 47 South Townside Road, mentioned by Cllr Rookes was photographed and reported to Highways Department (twice).
 - With regard to the upkeep of the Foston Lane track leading to the public right of way, Clerk has received a map from ERYC which tends to indicate that the track is adopted by ERYC. Attempts will be made in the new year to press ERYC to maintain the track to ensure access to right of way.
5. Administration
 - a/. **Social Centre Report:** Cllr. Greaves informed that the Christmas Fair was a success and raised £471. New Boiler now fitted.
 - b/. **Flooding and Drainage:** To discuss water levels around North Frodingham and decide course of action. This was mentioned by councillors at last meeting as a concern and North Frodingham was subject to a flood warning in the week after the last meeting. Concerns raised that Environment Agency were not doing enough in our area to alleviate flooding. Ward Councillor Jane Evison supported our concerns and advised to seek answers from all agencies involved as to what strategy will be employed to manage flooding.
Action: Clerk to write to EA, ERYC and MP (when elected).
 - c/. **Emergency Planning:** To receive report from Emergency Planning Committee and discuss. Cllr. Duff reported that two meetings of the committee had taken place since the last full council meeting and that the intention is to achieve Level 2 of the Humber Emergency Planning Service requirements. More discussion is required as to equipment needed and where to store.
Action: Emergency Planning Committee to continue review.
 - d/. **Twilight Bus Service:** To consider request for funding for Twilight Bus Service. We have received a request for funding from Driffild School to go towards the Twilight Bus Service which enables pupils at the school, who live in North Frodingham, to engage in after school activities and still be brought safely home. The school indicate that last year we donated £400 and 19 journeys by pupils were made. The cost per journey is therefore approximately £21. The council felt that this was a small number of journeys made and wondered what reasons that service not being utilised. More research required prior to decision.
Action: Clerk to utilise social media for research

e/. **Salt Bins:** To consider previous requests for additional Salt Bins in Foston Lane and South Townside Road. Each bin would cost £357 plus VAT plus ERYC state each bin would require two to three maintenance visits costing £42 plus VAT per bin, per visit. The bin lifespan estimated at 5 years. Planning consent is required for Foston Lane as it is in a Conservation Area. General discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of salt bins and Chair revealed that we currently have 6 in the village. With regard to South Townside Road it was pointed out that two salt bins existed already in that area. Cllr Stead stated that he had previously fallen in that area and felt that it was necessary. He proposed a motion to purchase salt bin which was seconded by Cllr Mahl but was not supported in a vote by full council. Cllr Syers made a similar proposal for Foston Lane which was seconded by Cllr Greaves but not supported in a vote by full council.

f/. **Large Vehicles:** To consider complaint by local resident regarding excessive size of vehicles using Brandesburton Road, Cross Lane and Grange Road. The resident claims that the damage caused to the village cross (Grade 2 listed) was caused by vehicle towing caravan on a trailer. Resident was advised by Highways Department to inform Parish Council. This matter was discussed by council and consideration was given to large vehicles being necessary for transportation of goods that benefit all. This matter was put on social media with limited interest. Some wanted a weight limit whilst another point expressed that in some way these roads alleviate some heavy traffic from our most used roads. Ward Cllr Evison pointed out that most of the rural road system is probably not suitable for the level and size of traffic currently used. It was decided that there was insufficient evidence at this stage to consult Highways planning in order to seek changes to road usage.

Action: Clerk to inform complainant.

6. Planning Applications:

- a/. Notice of Decision Erection of garage and hobbies room at The Old Piggeries, Brandesburton Road – APPROVED with conditions.
- b/. New Application
- c/. Notice of Appeal

7. Accounts:

Debit: Autela Payroll Services - £47.08
 HMRC - £149.40
 Clerk Salary - £172.80

Proposed Cllr Duff and seconded by Cllr Rookes and voted for unanimously.

Credit:

Other: Clerk (Responsible Finance Officer) had prepared a Precept Budget report and proposed that council resolve to keep Precept unchanged at £7500 for 2020/21 and to accept budget statement from RFO who pointed out that our reserves need to be reduced to 100% of precept but this will take time and consideration being given to village projects and the powers we have to fund improvements.. The budget report was circulated to all a week prior to the meeting and will be placed on website for review.

Full Council resolved unanimously to accept Budget report and Precept request.

8. External Meetings

No external meetings for next month.

9. Correspondence and Documents of Interest:

- Safe and Sound Grant – Grant available via Police for home security. Advertised on Facebook. Criteria – aged over 60 or disabled, a homeowner or private sector tenant/Housing Association tenant. In addition, applicants must not have combined household capital/savings* of more than £23,250 and an application to the fund must not have been made by the applicant in the last two years. *Capital / Savings excludes the property you live in, fixtures and fittings within the property and vehicles you own. If you wish to apply to the fund please contact the East Riding Council or pop into Driffild Police Station on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 0900 and 1700 so that a community officer can visit you regarding home security or offer you general crime prevention advice.

10. Councillors Reports:

- Cllr Rookes indicated that the public right of way over Foston Bridge is still not open.
- Cllr Stead indicated a generally increasing level of potholes.
- Cllr Syers indicated the ongoing concern of dog mess in the village and felt that poor street lighting contributed to it.
- Cllr Mahl asked if Council had ever laid a wreath for Remembrance Day. The general view was that we had not. Consider for next year.
- Cllr Bigger asked whether the village had ever displayed a Christmas Tree. Consider the possibility for next year as questions over risk assessment and power supply need to be considered.
- Cllr Bernard indicated that we should consider requesting funding from the Lissett Wind Farm for green improvements to village. This opened up a broader discussion on village improvements resulting in a committee being formed to consider such matters.

Cllrs Silcock, Bernard and Doyle agreed to set up Village Improvement Committee,

The meeting was closed at 8.47pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and confirmed that the next meeting would be held on the 13th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

13/1/2020

RB Bernard