

NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at North Frodingham Village Hall 7.30 pm Monday 11th November 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, Mr C Silcock and Miss S Watson.

Visitors: Ward Cllr Paul Lisseter

1. Apologies for absence None. Chair welcomed the two new Councillors, Carl Silcock and Sophie Watson. These additions now give the Council a full complement of Councillors.
2. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 14th October 2019 signed as a true record.
3. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: None declared
4. Matters arising from the October Minutes: A salt bin suggested by Cllr. Syers has been requested from ERYC for Foston Lane junction with Main Street and we await their reply. The pothole reported by Cllr. Stead at Grange Road at the junction with Cross Road has been filled in. Cllr. Bernard viewed the damage to the Village Cross but no further action to be taken regarding the slight damage.
5. Administration

a/. **Social Centre Report:** Cllr. Greaves reports that the Social Centre Committee needs more people to become actively involved. She also states that the Committee is experiencing problems with their banking and changing of the banking mandate. Finally, it is hoped that more people come forward as stall holders for the Christmas Fayre and more prize donations are needed.

b/. **Allotment:** We have two quotes to cut back hedging. We have been advised that cutting back trees at this time of year may result in their death. Clerk visited Prof. Mortimer and she is pleased that the fence will be coming down. Her main goal would be to buy the plot and if that were the case, she would remove the conifer trees/hedge and replace with other tree/hedging. She also stated that if we were not prepared to sell, she would still rent the allotment from us pending the proposed tree pruning being completed.

Joy has found evidence within past minutes that the allotment was put out to tender by the Parish Council in March 1899 so we have some evidence of long-term renting. Clerk established that in order to sell the allotment, permission would need to be obtained from Secretary of State.

It was decided that as pruning the trees may cause them harm that a decision on the allotment would be deferred until 2020.

c/. **BT Telephone Kiosk:** BT proposes to remove Phone kiosk from Frodingham. 3 choices – Allow removal, appeal removal or Adopt Kiosk for local use. Clerk indicated that a proposed contract from BT indicates that we could either take over the supply of electricity ourselves which would incur Standing Charges or allow BT to continue to supply power. However, they advise that some of the wiring may not be to current standards and may need updating at Council expense. In addition, the contract states that they can remove the supply at any time. Any up-keep or repair expenses would be at the Councils expense. BT state that phone has only been used 4 times in the past year therefore making an appeal to keep difficult to justify. After discussion a vote on the kiosk future took place.

Resolved to allow BT to remove kiosk

d/. **Councillor Renumeration:** After a request from ERYC to establish whether the Council members felt that Councillors and the Chair should be paid an allowance for their work it was resolved by vote that no such allowance should be paid except for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. The Chair indicated that she could not remember any councillor claiming expenses.

Resolved that Clerk will contact ERYC and inform.

- e/. **Councillor Code of Conduct:** ERYC have produced an updated Councillor Code of Conduct which was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Proposed to accept by Cllr Doyle and seconded by Cllr Silcock and was voted upon.

Resolved to adopt the current ERYC Code of Conduct. Clerk to inform ERYC.

- f/. **Donation Request:** Consider request for donation of £72 to PTFA for purchase of Christmas selection boxes for school children. Proposed to donate grant by Cllr Rookes and seconded by Cllr Stead and voted for unanimously. However, Clerk admitted to making an error with the cheque and only showing the amount of £70. He fined himself £2 for the error and will add to the grant to the PTFA.

Resolved to pay grant to North Frodingham PTFA.

- g/. **Tree Maintenance:** To resolve to adopt a two-yearly maintenance plan to ensure our tree stock is kept healthy and safe. Clerk had conducted research with insurer and established that we would be covered provided we adequately and professionally reviewed the condition of our tree stock. Proposed to accept a two-year ongoing plan by Cllr Stead and seconded by Cllr Silcock and voted for unanimously.

Resolved to adopt two-year tree management plan.

6. Planning Applications:

- a/. Notice of Decision Land South of 22 Main Street, erection of 4 dwellings. After discussion it was decided that Council could not offer any material objections to the proposed plans. However, concerns were raised about the amount of parking spaces provided to prevent parking spilling out into Main Street and also concerns raised about the watercourse at the south end of the plot in case water run-off from the built over land caused flooding. The concerns of other residents have been noted and council will assist with their concerns if required.

Action: Clerk to respond to Planning as Consultee.

- b/. New Application
c/. Notice of Appeal

7. Accounts:

- Debit:
- Mike Kay – Millenium Garden grass cutting (Sept and Oct) - £72.00 (Cheque 100840)
 - M.Wilson – Cemetery Grass cutting and weed control - £75.00 (Cheque 100841)
 - North Frodingham PTFA – Xmas Grant £70 (Cheque 100842)
 - Clerks Salary - £252.20 (Cheque 100843)

Proposed Cllr Doyle and seconded by Cllr Silcock and voted for unanimously.

- EVAQ8 – 4 Emergency Grab Bags - £667.20 (£556.00 ex VAT – item price £139.00 each plus VAT) – This item was withdrawn to allow a committee to be formed to review the necessity of emergency packs, the amount required and the locations to keep them. Cllrs. Mahl, Duff, Rookes and Bigger offered to set up committee and decide course of action

- Credit:
- Memorial Stones for two burials - £90
- Other:

8. External Meetings

No external meetings for next month.

9. Correspondence and Documents of Interest:

- Dementia Friendly Village – Details circulated to Councillors
- Positive Action Grant (Youth) - Details circulated to Councillors and passed to Youth leaders in North Frodingham

10. Councillors Reports:

- Cllrs Greaves and Mahl expressed concern at water levels around the village.

- Cllr Syers reports the public footpath at the bottom of Foston Land is unpassable due to being overgrown – **Action: Clerk to establish who should maintain.**
- Cllr Stead makes request for salt bin at South Townside Road near entrance to uneven road leading to playing fields. **Action: Clerk to establish costs and procedures for applying from ERYC.**
- Cllr Rookes informs of pothole in Mount Pleasant Road. **Action: Clerk to take image of hole and forward to Highways**

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and confirmed that the next meeting would be held on the 9th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

AB Stead

9/12/2019